

August 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Bethel Township Trustees
3333 Lake Road
7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Trustees Chris Crowley, Alec Ashbaugh, Nancy Brown, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Bethel Township Fire Marshall Mike Gordone, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, Township Administrator Rhonda Ledford.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowey moved to pay the bills, check numbers 67977 through 68210, and ACH deductions 1155-2024 through 1222-2024 in the amount of \$211,448.73. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown moved to dispense with the reading and accepted the minutes from the meeting of August 13, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Crowley made a motion to affirm that there is money in the budget to hire a part-time fiscal officer assistant for Stacey McKenzie. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustees Ashbaugh and Crowley discussed the fencing at Evan's Cattle Farm and the Funderburg Cemetery. Per their discussion with the farmer (Meyers), he will allow time for the township to move the fence back, and he will have part of the fence removed.

Stacey McKenzie will check with the County auditor about providing a tax-deduction letter for Mr. Meyers related to the donation of the removed fence to Bethel Township.

Road:

The contract price for road salt this year will be \$67.55 per ton, and it has been awarded to Morton. Bethel Township has reserved 250 tons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

Police:

Stats for July 2024 for both deputies were read as:

Calls: 87	Assists: 15	Reports: 11	Traffic Stops: 23	Citations: 9	Warnings: 14
Arrests: 26	Twp. Follow-ups: 2	Traffic Crash: 1	Stolen Vehicles: 1		

Fire:

Trustee Crowley motioned to reimburse \$1,572.21 to Veronica Fox for tuition and fees for the summer semester paramedic course at Clark State Community-College. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to place "old" Rescue 51 (1999 International 4900-DT466E, VIN# 1HTSDAAL4YH256976) on Gov Deals for auction, at the request and suggestion of Chief Snyder. Chief Snyder will list the vehicle with a reasonable reserve option. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Road:

Trustee Ashbaugh made a motion to approve the Bethel Township Road Department to move forward with the training for crack & seal emulsions with D.J.L. Material & Supply, Inc. The motion included the purchase of one skid of material at a quote of .90 cents per pound, with a total of \$2025.00. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley made a motion to accept the resignation from Dan Berner effective August 28, 2024 with gratitude for his years of continued service. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

The motion to approve Lavy Enterprises quote # 101865 for \$4,989.68 for the purchase and installation of a gearbox and pumps for the arm mower was tabled for additional review and investigation. Road Supervisor Stastny will look into how much a new arm would cost as compared to expensive repair on the existing arm.

Road Supervisor Stastny mentioned that the 1993 Chevy is again not working and requested guidance from the trustees as to what our next steps will be for an inoperable vehicle.

Stastny also mentioned that the 2002 pick up is also dangerous to operate with multiple fluid leaks, electrical malfunctions and excessive rust. (A tail light is rusted out so badly that it is taped onto the vehicle.)

Stastny discussed the ongoing issue on Cooper Dr. stating residents have approached him asking if we are going to clean or ignore, or leave the problem to the land owners. Trustee Crowley said they are trying to find a solution. Trustee Brown suggested inviting the affected residents to a meeting to discuss responsibilities.

Stastny brought up that no decision had been given about how much pay would be offered to a new full time road crew position, stating that it had been difficult to invite current part time employees to apply when they do not know what they will be paid. Trustee Crowley said that they can discuss pay at an executive session at the September 3rd meeting.

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Crowley moved to set a work session on September 3, 2024 at 6:30pm to discuss compensation of road crew personnel, followed by a Special Session to discuss hiring Full Time Road Crew. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Citizens Comments:

The doors at the Donnelsville shelter have been fixed by Dayton Metal Door and are operating properly.

Phones: Two lines (937-839-9476 and 9477) have been disconnected effective last week. There is still no indication as to where those phone lines were going.

Guardrail on Lake Rd.: Trustee Ashbaugh said that Bob McClure told him that they would be installing the guardrail in the next couple of weeks.

The streetlamp damaged by a non-insured driver will have to be turned over to insurance for repair and/or replacement, per Trustee Crowley.

Resident Sam George inquired about the price of salt in 2022 compared to 2023. Administrator Ledford researched and addressed the question after the meeting.

Over 35 year-resident near 34 W. Birch Rd. in Medway complained of ongoing health concerns due to excessive garbage and rodents at that residence. Resident stated that he has had responses from the Sheriffs office, the County Health Department and Township Trustees, but the problems continue. Township Administrator Ledford stated that the property has been declared a nuisance for more than 20 years.


Trustee Brown invited Clark County Assistant Prosecutor Andrew Pickering (Who was present at the meeting) to make suggestions. He made the suggestion to take (additional) photos and contact the Health Department, as they would be the only authority to take any legal action that would force the residents to act and make change.


Resident at Marimont and Oaklawn returned to complain about the vehicles traveling at excessive speed and running the stop sign through that area. She inquired about rumble strips as she had seen in other communities, but Trustee Brown said that rumble strips create noise complaints, and speed bumps are problematic for fire and road crews.

Resident Steve Copas suggested an occasional law enforcement presence, highlighting that by their statistics, they only make one traffic stop for every 13 hours on the road.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the work session. At 8:50pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson


Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson


Chris Crowley, Member


Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer