

**August 13, 2024 Work Session Meeting**  
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 Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, Township Administrator Rhonda Ledford.

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

Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68113 through 68169, and ACH deductions 1072-2024 through 1154-2024 in the amount of \$160,227.47. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accepted the minutes from the meeting of July 24, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Trustee Ashbaugh makes a motion to approve consulting with John Carlisle for development advice in Bethel Township. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Mr. Carlisle will charge \$125.00 per hour.

Resident Don Wallace asked if there was a curriculum vitae (CV) available for review and Trustee Brown stated that they did not have one, and that Mr. Carlisle was recommended by Joe Garrett.

**Road:**

Trustee Ashbaugh discussed road grant deadline that was missed during vacations and illnesses of the trustees. Trustees agreed to be more diligent next year when the grant window opens.

**Police:**

Trustees discussed that we have one bid on the damaged cruiser that was involved in a pursuit. Insurance agent is involved.

Trustee Brown made a motion to repair the estimated \$14,591.33 in damages, with Township deductible cost of \$250.00. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Trustee Crowley made motion to approve discontinuing service with AT&T for numbers 937-849-9476 and 937-849-9477, as they were unable to locate these numbers within the Township building, as well as three hot spots for the medics as they are no longer needed since the new laptops have been installed within the medics. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to reallocate money within the appropriations for the following: Adding \$50,000.00 to line 1000-190-310-0000 Other Professional & Technical Services to be

pulled from line item 100-930-930-0000 Contingencies. This will include money for continued IT services through the Bridge Group and upcoming legal and professional services. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

2024-08-13-01 – Trustee Crowley made motion to pass a resolution to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan provided to us by the Clark County Solid Waste District. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

2024-08-13-02 – Trustee Brown made resolution to levy special assessment to pay for lighting districts within Bethel Township: Medway- \$21.75 per parcel, Park Layne- \$10.50 per parcel, Dale Ridge- \$28.50, Oakridge- \$76.64 per parcel.) Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### **Fire:**

Trustees discussed electrical system at Station #54 by Captain Carpenter. Capt. Carpenter requested permission to have unused 3-phase power reduced to 240v as 3-phase was only used for the siren that is no longer operational. Trustees agreed that Capt. Carpenter could call Ohio Edison and make the necessary arrangements.

Trustee Crowley made the motion to accept the resignation of Drew Thompson from the Bethel Township Fire Department effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown made motion to accept the verbal resignation of Malachi Cromlish (provided to Chief Snyder) from the Bethel Township Fire Department effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley made a motion to reimburse Brayden Peake for a paramedic class, fees and books from Edison State Community College in the amount of \$1,647.44. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown made a motion to reimburse Paige Printz for paramedic class, fees and books from Sinclair Community College for \$813.08. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Chief Snyder discussed that contractors had come out to look at the roof and awning damaged by the storm in July. We should have third estimate by the end of the week.

### **Road:**

Trustee Crowley made a motion to approve a “Then and Now” for G&C Tree Services in the amount of \$800.00 for the emergency removal of a downed tree at Pine and Lincoln. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh made a motion to accept the verbal-only resignation from Chad Neff from the Bethel Township Road Department effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Road Crew Supervisor Bryan Stastny discussed numerous topics including:

- Stastny is still not receiving calls from Clark County Dispatch. Trustee Crowley suggested email.
- The search for a front deck mower continues.
- The 1993 Chevy vehicle is becoming increasingly unsafe to operate.

- 2002 Chevy has an electrical short that is draining the battery. Cricket Lee says that finding the short will be a time-consuming process.
- Stastny inquired about "24 hour notice No Parking during Snow Emergency" signs throughout the township. Trustee Crowley suggested that signs would not be adhered to anyway. Trustee Brown suggested warning residents on the Facebook social media page.
- Stastny asked if there would be a cutoff on leaf pick-up this year. Trustee Brown said it would depend on the weather and suggested flexibility.
- Stastny observed a young girl (perhaps 7 or 8 years old) picking up trash in Raynor Park, and wondered if the Township could locate and recognize her community service efforts. Administrator Ledford said she will see if she could find out who the girl was.
- Stastny also inquired about hiring addition personnel to replace individuals leaving the township road crew. Trustee Brown said she would prefer that we hire from within, and although a full-time position has to be publicly posted, the part time employees would be considered.

### **Special & Work Sessions:**

Trustee Brown moved to set a special session on August 20, 2024 at 5:30pm to discuss Full Time Road Crew and Development. Seconded by Trustee Crowley.

### **Citizens Comments:**

Administrator Ledford said resident Mr. Massie contacted with concerns about a poorly patched manhole cover on Wineland and Sycamore. Road Supervisor Stastny said he went to look at it and contacted Bills Boggs at Clark County to properly repair.

Trustee Crowley moved to adjourn the work session. At 8:32pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Nancy Brown, Chairperson

Alec R. Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson

Chris Crowley, Member

Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

