

March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
Bethel Township Trustees
3333 Lake Road
7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Nancy Brown

In Attendance: Trustees Nancy Brown, Chris Crowley and Alec Ashbaugh, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Township Administrator Rhonda Ledford and Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny

Announcements: Trustee Brown announced that the 1st Quarter Clark County Township Association Meeting will be held Thursday, March 28th at The Windy Knoll Banquet Center, starting at 6:00 for social time and dinner served at 6:30. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Attendees need to notify Rhonda Ledford by Tuesday, March 19.

Trustee Brown offered the floor to Dave Marshall of Enon, who is running for Clark County Commissioner. A former teacher and Wright State University graduate, Mr. Marshall plans to focus on federal, state and local projects.

Citizens' Comments related to the agenda: None.

24-03-12-01 Trustee Crowley moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-12-02 Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 67740 through 67792, and ACH deductions 313-2024 through 379-2024 in the amount of \$92,961.62. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to wait until the next meeting to review and accept the meeting minutes from February 27, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

24-03-12-03 Trustee Crowley made the motion to approve administrator Rhonda Ledford to purchase new chairs and two new chair carts for the Donnelsville Cabin at a cost of approximately \$1200.00 for 48 chairs and \$500.00 for two chair racks, and to be paid for with ARPA Funds. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

ROAD:

24-03-12-04 Trustee Ashbaugh made the motion to move into executive session at 7:15pm to discuss the hiring of personnel for the Bethel Township Road Department. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-12-05 Trustee Brown made motion to return to regular session at 7:45pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-12-06 Trustee Brown made the motion to hire the following individuals for part-time employment, not exceeding 28 hours per week, at the rate of \$18.00 an hour. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

1. John Lemin
2. Scott Smith
3. Robert Mitchell
4. Austin Stewart

24-03-12-07 Trustee Crowley made the motion to raise one existing Road Crew Dan Burner to \$18.00 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown mentioned that the discussion on roads for the CDGB Grant will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00am at Clark County.

Trustee Brown mentioned trustees riding township roads to determine which were in most need of repair. These included Lambs Lan, Snyder, Funderburg, Wilts Lan, Wineland and others. Trustee Brown suggested having _____ ride with Trustee Ashbaugh to narrow down the list.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATION:

24-03-12-08 Trustee Ashbaugh made a motion to declare the following property a nuisance and to be abated through the Clark County Auditor's Office. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

109 E. Main St., Medway with excessive debris in the yard. (Trustee Ashbaugh witnessed the resident cleaning today, but back yard remains cluttered with debris.)
Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Rhonda Ledford suggested that individuals who attend RSVP events requiring payment should pay for the fees out of pocket if the individual is unable to attend for any reason. Trustee Brown stated that this topic would need to be passed as an official policy at the next meeting.

POLICE: (Stats for February)

Calls: 83 Assists: 13 Reports: 17 Traffic Stops: 17 Citations: 8
Arrests: 19 Follow-ups: 0 Traffic Crashes: 3 Stolen Vehicles: 0

Trustee Crowley suggested holding the motion to pass the resolution to pay Jeff Wyler \$1,429.25 for repairs on two sensors and an air filter on the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe as the vehicle has been returned to the shop for the same issue. Trustee Crowley suggested that payment be held until a final repair invoice is submitted.

Rhonda Ledford mentioned that Deputy Payne requires a "Ticket printer" replaced in his cruiser from P&R Communications. Trustee Crowley stated that he believed the township was being charged for services such as this when other townships are covered by the Clark County Sheriffs Office. Trustee Crowley said he will look into this.

Trustee Ashbaugh mentioned that an emergency meeting was held on March 8, 2024 at 1:00pm take advantage of an opportunity to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Peoria, IL at a price

of approximately \$65,000. This vehicle will be the Deputies vehicle upon being equipped with radio equipment from P&R Communications.

FIRE:

24-03-12-09 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to accept the mutual aid agreement between the Secretary of Air Force (WPAFB) and the Bethel Township Fire Department under 42 U.S.C. (United States Code) 1856a. This agreement is between both parties for securing mutual aid in fire protection services as described in the agreement. The effective date is October 13, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-12-10 Trustee Crowley made motion to reimburse Nathan P. Scolastico for \$1622.55 for his EMT training at Sinclair Community College. Mr. Scolastico has signed a two-year agreement between himself and Bethel Township. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-12-11 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to accept the quote from Floors By Kevin in the amount of \$1700.00 to strip, mop, and wax all four bathrooms and the ceramic tile entryway to Station #51. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

SPECIAL & WORK SESSIONS:

24-03-12-12 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work session on March 19th at 6:30pm. Discussion will be "Roads". Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown inquired about "Spring Clean-Up Program". Rhonda Ledford reminded that the township did not participate in the program last year due to expense. Trustee Crowley suggested using a newer company that may rent dumpsters cheaper.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

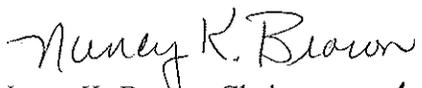
Mr. Copas expressed that he would like to see the Meeting minutes posted on Facebook or social media. Mrs. Ledford said that they were in the process of getting a new Township website and the minutes would be posted there. The website will hopefully be running in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

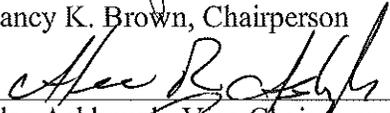
Rhonda Ledford stated that she still needs a short bio from all of the elected officials.

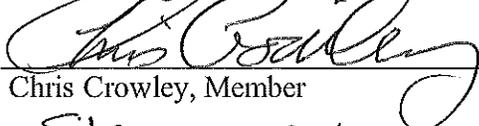
Mr. Don Wallace inquired if the trustees would consider writing a letter to the administrators of George Rogers Clark Park to encourage the eradication of honeysuckle in the park. Trustee Crowley said that the eradication process takes two to three years.

Mr. Wallace mentioned that he would like to see the township have enough personnel to staff all crews. Rhonda Ledford responded that under the supervision of Chief Snyder, the fire department was fully staffed at a level they had not been in many years.

24-03-12-13 Trustee Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. 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