



Bethel Township Board of Trustees
November 25, 2025 6:00 PM
Workshop Meeting Agenda

CALL TO ORDER Time: _____ Presiding: _____
Roll call: _____ Fire Chief Cahill: _____ Fiscal Officer Ross: _____
Trustee vanHaaren: _____ Trustee Reese: _____ Trustee Dick: _____
Assistant to the Fiscal Officer Fortunato: _____

PUBLIC COMMENTS on items on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration & Zoning

1. Mr. Smith resigned to become Zoning Director for the City of Riverside, effective Nov 21, 2025.

Fire/EMS

2. Resolution to fix phone stipends for battalion chiefs between their promotion date and the latest phone stipend resolution
3. Fire Chief Cahill and Battalion Chief Arnold set to resign end of the year

Road Dept/Cemeteries

4. None

Fiscal Office

5. Appropriation of funds for the Sanitary Engineering Dept (Repaving Agreement)
 - a. Move \$11,424.90 to 1000-820-132-0000 (Principal Payments)
6. Appropriation of funds for Zoning Secretary work
 - a. Move \$750.00 to 1000-130-132-0000 (Zoning Administrator's Staff)
7. 2026 temporary appropriations

Trustee Items

8. Telecommunications Tower on Palmer
9. Reimbursement limits for the OTA conference
10. Peter Griggs updated rates for 2026
11. Reduction of inside millage

OLD BUSINESS:***Administration***

1. Cybersecurity policy
2. Budget – 5 year plan
3. Inventory
4. Group home moratorium
5. Short-term rental lodging tax

Zoning

6. GIS updates
7. Updates to zoning resolution text
8. Nuisance cases
9. Offering zoning compliance for legacy zoning/spot zoning – on hold until zoning text is updated

Fire/EMS

10. Training program for new recruits
11. Expired helmets – waiting on County prosecutor for waiver
12. Surplus equipment sales – medic is on hold, may donate to County rescue program
13. Fire Dept discussion with Elizabeth Twp

Road Dept/Cemeteries

14. Newbury & Windham drainage
15. Scarff Rd sink hole
16. Wiley Industrial Park storm sewer system – obtain quotes, ask County Eng Dept.
17. Fence at West Charleston & Bethel West cemeteries
 - a. get rid of brush and limbs
 - b. fence only around dirt needed for grave sitesv
18. Tractor and side mower
19. Wiley Industrial Park tire issue, dismantled vehicles – EPA involved
20. Surplus equipment sales – old mowers – will work with Fire Dept to create a complete list
21. Friendship Park digital mapping – Admin Smith to contact Metro Parks

Fiscal Office

22. None

Trustee Items

23. Meeting room / shelter
24. House Bill 113 – amend ORC regarding annexation and add section 3311.222
 - a. Introduced Feb 18, 2025, refer to committee Feb 26, 2025
 - b. Proponent testimony provided April 30, 2025.
 - c. Opponent testimony provided June 11, 2025.
 - d. Bill is in process of being modified.
25. Position for an anti-annexation employee – working on position description
26. Trustee goals and objectives – no new news
27. Review/update our Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual – no updates at this time

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS on any topic

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. Except as otherwise provided by law, no public body shall hold an executive session for the discipline of an elected official for conduct related to the performance of the elected official's official duties or for the elected official's removal from office.
2. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:
 - (a) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.
 - (b) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

If a public body holds an executive session to consider any of the matters listed in divisions (G)(2) to (8) of this section, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved matters listed in those divisions are to be considered at the executive session.

Motion to enter executive session, (1) for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, and, (2) which is necessary to consider negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Motioned by Trustee _____ Seconded by Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee Dick: _____ Trustee vanHaaren: _____ Trustee Reese: _____

Time in Executive Session: _____
Return to regular session time: _____

ADJOURNMENT motioned by Trustee _____ Seconded by Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee Dick: _____ Trustee vanHaaren: _____ Trustee Reese: _____
Time: _____

Tax Reduction Recommendation



County of Miami

MATTHEW W. GEARHARDT
AUDITOR

Bethel Township
Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer
8735 S. Second Street
Tipp City, OH 45371

Ms. Ross,

Our office, in conjunction with the Miami County Budget Commission, has reviewed your political subdivision in terms of the estimated Tax Year 2025 tax revenue increase from unvoted inside millage to determine the necessity of reducing each subdivisions property tax millage. Below is our recommendation for Tax Year 2025.

Tax Year 2024 General Fund Inside Millage: **.20 mills**

Tax Year 2025 General Fund Inside Millage: **.16 mills**

Reduction Amount: **0.04 mills**

Tax Year 2024 Estimated Revenue was **\$39,682.57**

Tax Year 2025 Estimated Revenue is **\$40,723.35**

Estimated amount of revenue not collected by reducing millage **\$10,180.84**

This is a firm recommendation that can be taken to your governing body where they (the governing body) may act supporting the tax rate reduction. The governing body may also choose to make a more significant reduction amount. Please respond to our office no later than December 5th, 2025, with confirmation from your entity if any action is taken. The County Budget Commission is prepared to take action to reduce the tax millage determined to finalize our Tax Year 2025 tax rate submission to the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Please contact Angela Hubbard or myself if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Gearhardt
Miami County Auditor