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On the Ballot November 3, 2015

On the ballot in November, will be several items for township voters to consider.

Bethel School Board: There are two seats up for election in November. Four people are running for these positions: Greg Brueckman, Jacob King, Lory Sebastian and Todd Wright. Three of the candidates are write in candidates. School board members serve a four year term and there are five school board members.

Township Trustee: There are two township positions that are up for election. Deborah Watson is running for fiscal officer and Gary Biggs is running for trustee. They are running unopposed. All positions are four year terms, the township board is made up of three trustees and a fiscal officer.

2.1 mil Road & Bridge Levy: This is a new levy. The funds from this township levy can only be used for road maintenance—repaving, pothole repair, plowing, roadside mowing & tree trimming, berming, crack sealing, etc. and repair and purchase of road equipment. It will cost a homeowner \$73.50 per year for a \$100,000 home, or \$0.20 per day. This levy is a five year levy. For additional information, see the article on page 3.

2.5 mil Renewal Tax Levy: This is a Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities levy. This five-year levy generates \$5,325,662.40 per year, which is 39.08% of the Riverside's Developmental Disabilities operating budget. Services provided with these funds for nearly 900 people in Miami County include case management, early intervention services, physical and occupational therapies, recreational activities, community housing coordination, community employment training and placement, adult day services, and transportation. This levy will cost a homeowner about \$87.50 per year for a \$100,000 home or \$0.24 per day. This is voted on by all Miami County voters.

0.45 mil Renewal Tax Levy: This is for Miami County bridge construction and repairs. All Miami County voters will vote on this levy, which was originally approved by voters in 1951. The levy generates about \$900,000 a year and will cost a homeowner about \$15.75 per year for a \$100,000 home or \$0.04 per day. This is a five year levy.

In addition, there are three statewide issues on the ballot. If you have additional questions about what is on the ballot on November 3rd, please contact the Miami County Board of Elections at 440-3900.

Road Repaving

Scarff Road, between 571 and New Carlisle was repaved in September at a cost of \$119,000 for a little over 1 mile of road. The last time this section of Scarff was paved was in 1993. As many drivers can attest, the road was past due for repaving. Due to an extremely tight budget, this is the only road that the township will repave this year. Pothole repair and crack sealing will continue to be done throughout the fall. The county repaved Scarff Road from New Carlisle Road to Dayton Brandt and a short section of Studebaker between 201 and Dayton-Brandt. All roads will be striped by the county in October.

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, Oct. 10,
2-4 pm

Come join us at the Fire Station in Brandt and climb in a fire engine, see a care flight demo, eat some delicious food, jump in the bouncy house and meet the men and women who are our fire-fighters, paramedics and EMT's. It's free!!!



Beggars Night

Thursday, October 29
6 pm to 8 pm

Don't Forget to Vote!!

Tuesday, November 3

Polls are open
6:30 am to 7:30 pm

Zoning Certificates Issued:

C-20-15	5600 SR 201	New Residence	ZC-21-15	4580 Rudy Rd	New Barn
ZC-22-15	4855 SR 571	Addition to residence	ZC-23-15	9969 S Palmer Rd	New Residence
ZC-24-15	8182 SR 201	Addition to Residence	ZC-25-15	7745 Agenbroad Rd	8x4 Sign
ZC-26-15	7745 Agenbroad Rd	Rain Shelter and Staff Accessory Structure			

BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC): The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the months of July or September. The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did meet in August to review the following case:

Case ZA-02-15: A request from Emma Underwood of 6665, Strongsville OH 44136, to rezone the property located at 6665 and 6659 US 40 from B-1 General Business District to R-1AAA Single Family Residential. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-086026 and A01-086027. **Approved 5-0**

BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA): The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in July to hear the following case:

Case CU-03-15: A request from Thomas Burrows, 9885 Palmer Rd, New Carlisle, OH, 45344. The applicant requests conditional use approval to allow for a second residence to be placed on the property located at 9885 Palmer Rd, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-020400. **Approved 3-0**

The Bethel Township BZA did meet for the month of August to hear the following cases:

Case V-04-15: A request from David and Kristin Niemeyer, 4300 Ginghamburg W. Charleston Rd, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests an increase in front yard fence size from four (4) ft. to six (6) ft. The property is identified as Miami County Parcel ID # A01-075100. **Approved 4-0**

Case V-05-15: A request from Emma Underwood, 6665 US 40, Tipp City, OH 45371. The applicant requests that the minimum lot size for R-1AAA single family residential be reduced from the required to 31,250 sq. ft. to 10, 018 sq. ft. for properties located at 6665 and 6659 US 40, Tipp City OH 45371. The properties are identified as Miami County parcel ID # A01-086026 and A01-086027. **Approved 4-0**

Case V-06-15: A request from Honor Smith of N 3412 Hwy M-35, Menominee MI 49858. The applicant requests a triple variance to increase the total maximum size of accessory structure from Sixteen Hundred (1600) sq ft to Twenty Five Hundred (2500) sq ft, to build an accessory structure prior to the construction of a primary residence, and to live in a camper until the house is complete. The property is identified as Miami County parcel ID # A01055430. **Approved 3-1**

Case CU-02-15: A request from Three Springs Lake, 7745 Agenbroad Rd, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests conditional use approval to allow for a pay lake and camp ground to be allowed on the property located at 7745 Agenbroad Rd, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-059400. **Approved 2-1**

The Bethel Township BZA did meet for the month of September to hear the following cases:

Case CU-04-15: A request from Kent Miller, 2300 US 40, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests conditional use approval to allow for a multifamily residence to be allowed on the property located at 2300/2301 US Route 40, Bethel Township, Miami County, OH. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-001650. **Approved 4-0**

Case V-07-15: A request from Dean Shoup of 7730 Windham Rd, Tipp City, OH 45371. The applicant requests a variance to increase the total maximum size of accessory structure from One thousand Two Hundred (1200) sq ft to One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Six (1265) sq ft to make an addition to an existing accessory structure. The property is identified as Miami County parcel ID # A01-087138. **Approved 4-0**

Case V-08-15: A request from Robert and Cynthia Adams of 2500 US 40, Tipp City, OH 45371. The applicant requests a triple variance to increase the total maximum size of accessory structure from twenty-four Hundred (2400) sq ft to Forty-eight Hundred (4800) sq ft, increase the amount of accessory structures on the parcel from two (2) to three (3), and to increase the permitted height from fifteen (15) ft to twenty-four (24) ft located at 2534 US 40. The property is identified as Miami County parcel ID # A01-001500. **Approved 4-0**

A request from a Larry Dare for a time extension to build a house located at 6582 US 40 Tipp City Ohio 45371. The property is identified as Miami County parcel ID # A01-086056. **Approved 4-0**

2.1 mil Road and Bridge Levy on the Ballot

This November, a 2.1 mil Road & Bridge Levy will be on the ballot. This is a new levy and a township only levy. Bethel Township currently does not have any road levies. The funds from this levy can only be used for road repairs and equipment: pavement repair, resurfacing, roadside mowing, culvert maintenance and replacement, overhanging tree trimming, snow/ice removal, and berm maintenance, road crew salaries, insurance, fuel, salt, asphalt, etc. The township employs one full time road worker and several part time seasonal road workers. The 2.1 mil Road and Bridge Levy will cost a homeowner \$73.50 per year for a \$100,000 home, or \$0.20 per day. It will generate \$280,266 annually. This will allow us to repave roads on a 15 year cycle, rather than every 100 years and maintain and replace our equipment in a conservative manner without having to borrow money.

Despite all our frugal spending measures, costs (fuel, salt, insurance, asphalt, repaving) continue to increase. The four funds (Road and Bridge Fund, Gasoline Tax, Motor Vehicle Tax and the Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax) that generate the current monies have been fairly steady and there have been no raises in salary for the road department workers since 2008. Due to shifts in the state government spending, the township has lost over \$192,000 in annual revenue that was used for fuel, vehicle maintenance, road department salaries, building repair, insurance and other things. Our equipment is aging—and while we do many repairs and maintenance in house, all vehicles have a life expectancy and at some point will need to be replaced. Frugal spending combined with conservative estimating suggest that the township, with current funding, could repave one mile of road approximately every four years. This makes the “paving cycle” for all 25 miles possible only every 100 years. Clearly, this is not an acceptable option.

The trustees are very conscious of the need to keep taxes as low as possible. Every effort is made to reduce costs and to keep expenses at a minimum. With the substantial loss of annual tax revenue to the general fund (both state and local) over the last few years, combined with the increase in asphalt, salt, insurance, salaries, vehicle and fuel costs, we feel a 2.1 mil Road & Bridge Levy is the best solution to proactively maintain the integrity and safety of our roads and our community. If you have questions about this issue, please contact any of the trustees (all contact information is on the back of the newsletter) or Andy Ehrhart, Township Administrator at 845-8472.

Bethel Hope Needs YOU!

Bethel Hope is a non-profit, all volunteer organization created for the purpose of assisting our less fortunate neighbors in Bethel Township, Miami County. It is located in the Brandt United Methodist Church at 6805 US Route 40 in Brandt. Our phone number is 845-1711. The office is open each Thursday from 11 AM until 4 PM. Applicants must make an appointment before coming and proof of residence is required. Leave a message on the answering machine and someone will call you back. Any Bethel resident needing help is welcome to come in.

Bethel Hope maintains a food pantry stocked with non-perishable food items. It can also provide bill payments for rent, utilities, prescription drugs, and some other needs. Bethel Hope exists to assist families get through times of hardship. Donations of food and personal care items are always welcome. If you are able and willing to donate, please call the office to learn the current needs. Items in short supply are usually items which are less common (fruit cups, pie filling, canned spinach are examples). Common items such as green beans, corn, and peas, are nearly always in good supply. Monetary donations to Bethel Hope will be used to pay the bills of our neighbor families in need.

At Thanksgiving, Bethel Hope will assemble Thanksgiving dinner baskets to distribute to the less fortunate among us. Special donations of bread, pies, and potatoes will be needed. In December, Bethel Hope will collect gifts for children in needy families. The gifts will be distributed at a Christmas party complete with a meal, caroling, and Santa.

Please call us to get involved. We need your help to create a continued impact in our community.

Friendship Park Bathrooms: Bethel Township is the recipient of a \$36,000 Community Block Development Grant for the purpose of constructing a bathroom in Friendship Park. We are very appreciative of Miami County’s efforts to secure this grant for us. As the construction begins, we will keep the community informed of the progress.

Fire and EMS Runs 2015:

6/20—9/20: EMS 96 Fire 26 Total 122

YTD: EMS 319 Fire 113 Total 432





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October

- 7 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 Fire Department Open House 2 —4 PM
- 12 Columbus Day—Township Offices Closed
- 13 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 20 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 27 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 29 Beggar’s Night 6 PM—8 PM

November

- 3 **Election Day polls open 6:30 AM—7:30 PM**
- 4 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 19 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM

- 26 Thanksgiving—Township Offices Closed

December

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 8 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 17 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 22 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 24 Christmas Eve—Township Offices Closed
- 25 Christmas Day—Township Offices Closed

Please note:

The Board of Trustees meets in Workshop Session on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month @ 8:30AM in the Township Building in Brandt. Please check the Township’s website at www.betheltownship.org for Workshop Session cancellations.

All meetings are held in the Bethel Township Community Room, 8735 S. Second Street-Brandt unless otherwise noted.