



**Bethel Township Board of Trustees
January 28, 2025
Workshop Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER: Time: 6:00 PM

Presiding: Trustee Reese

Roll call: Administrator Smith: Present

Fire Chief Cahill: Present

Fiscal Officer Ross: Present

Trustee Dick: Present

Trustee Reese: Present

Trustee vanHaaren: Absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS on items on the Agenda:

1. Jeff Morford - annexation

ADMINISTRATION & ZONING ITEMS DISCUSSED: NONE

FIRE DEPT ITEMS DISCUSSED: NONE

ROAD DEPT ITEMS DISCUSSED: NONE

FISCAL OFFICE ITEMS DISCUSSED: Meeting minutes for Jan 7 meeting and minutes strategy.

TRUSTEE ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. MCTA/OTA dues: resolution will be on next agenda
2. Hiring of an attorney specializing in election law for 2025

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

Administration

1. Budget – 5 year plan
2. Board retreat – Administrator Smith to find a suitable date
3. Walnut Street dead end – Administrator Smith to research
4. Archive Social - further consideration?

Zoning

5. Hook up GIS computer to the network, update GIS – Administrator Smith is researching

Fire Dept

6. Surplus equipment sales – list is prepared, will work with road crew to get complete list
7. Purchase(s) using remaining ARPA funds – all ARPA funds have been spent
8. Fire Dept discussion with Elizabeth Twp – conversations continue between Bethel Twp, Elizabeth Twp, and Tipp City; updated alarm cards have been submitted

Road Dept

9. Tree removal on Singer Rd. – no new news
10. West Charleston Road repairs – will need consent of landowners to proceed
11. Surplus equipment sales – old mowers – will work with Fire Dept to create a complete list
12. Friendship Park digital mapping – on hold, low priority

Trustee Items

13. Position for an anti-annexation employee – Trustee Reese discussing with Administrator Smith
14. Joint meeting with zoning boards to update zoning resolution text – Administrator Smith to find a suitable date
15. Trustee goals and objectives – no new news
16. Review/update our Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual – no updates at this time

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Cell phone reimbursement policy

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Samed Mamad – zoning question

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to enter executive session, which is necessary to protect the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project, for the purpose to consult with an attorney regarding negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance and for the purpose to discuss appointment, dismissal, discipline, or promotion of a public employee or official.

Motioned by Trustee Dick

Seconded by Trustee Reese

Vote: Trustee Dick YES

Trustee vanHaaren Absent

Trustee Reese YES

Time in Executive Session: 6:38 PM

Return to regular session time: 9:13 PM

ADJOURNMENT motioned by Trustee Dick

Seconded by Trustee Reese

Vote: Trustee Dick YES

Trustee vanHaaren Absent

Trustee Reese YES

Time: 9:14 PM

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Digital audio recording of the meeting containing discussion and public comments, if any.

Minutes prepared by Trustee Reese


Julie Reese, Trustee, President


Kama Dick, Trustee, Vice President

Abstained

Beth van Haaren, Trustee


Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer