



**Bethel Township Board of Trustees**  
**June 24, 2025 6:00 PM**  
**Workshop Meeting Agenda V2**

**CALL TO ORDER** Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Presiding: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roll call: Administrator Smith: \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Chief Cahill: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer Ross: Absent  
Trustee vanHaaren: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Reese: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Dick: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant to the Fiscal Officer Fortunato: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** on items on the Agenda

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Administration***

1. None

***Zoning***

2. Property nuisances – summons to court
3. Fee schedule of penalties for violating zoning code – ORC 519.99 & ORC 519.24

***Fire***

4. Staffing – new hires

***Road Dept***

5. West Charleston Road repairs

***Fiscal Office***

6. Meeting minutes: 6/3/2025 business
7. Budget
8. Healthcare insurance

***Trustee Items***

9. None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Administration***

1. Budget – 5 year plan
2. Board retreat – July 18<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm at the Tipp Center
3. Walnut Street dead end – Administrator Smith waiting on Atty Lopez
4. Archive Social – oh hold

***Zoning***

5. Hook up GIS computer to the network, update GIS – Administrator Smith working with the County
6. Updates to zoning resolution text

***Fire Dept***

7. Training program for new recruits
8. Expired helmets – waiting on County prosecutor for waiver
9. Surplus equipment sales – list is prepared, will combine with road dept surplus
10. Fire Dept discussion with Elizabeth Twp

### **Road Dept**

11. Seasonal worker
12. No parking signs for Lisa and Gibson
13. Surplus equipment sales – old mowers – will work with Fire Dept to create a complete list
14. Friendship Park digital mapping – on hold until Board retreat

### **Fiscal Office**

15. Healthcare insurance – switch to Aetna

### **Trustee Items**

16. Short-term rental lodging tax - Administrator Smith to research if zoning regulations are required before a tax can be imposed
17. Meeting room / shelter
18. **RESOLUTION #25-06-050:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NATUREWORKS GRANT APPLICATION  
Motioned by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Trustee Dick: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee vanHaaren: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Reese: \_\_\_\_\_
19. **RESOLUTION #25-06-051:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$207,460 TO THE 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT A SHELTER & PICKLEBALL COURTS AT FRIENDSHIP PARK  
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20. 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.
21. Position for an anti-annexation employee – no new news
22. Trustee goals and objectives – no new news
23. Review/update our Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual – no updates at this time

### **OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

1. Bus Drivers wanted sign
2. Cost savings:
  - a. Switch from Waste Management (\$630.18/month) to Havenar Waste Removal (ex-firefighters, \$95/month) for a savings of \$6,422.16 (\$7562.16 vs \$1140)
  - b. Discontinue rental of acetylene and/or oxygen tanks from AirGas for Road Dept for a savings of \$106.77/month or \$1281.24/year
  - c. Received a check from Cintas for \$102.85 for mats that we did not have but were being billed over the last 3 years. In addition, purchased our own mats (\$432.47) and cancelled the service (savings of \$1,248/year).

### **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) 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 (2) for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Motioned by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Trustee Dick: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee vanHaaren: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Reese: \_\_\_\_\_

Time in Executive Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to regular session time: \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPOINTMENT

1. **RESOLUTION #25-06-052:** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JIM LESKOWICH ALTERNATE TO THE BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2030

Motioned by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Trustee Dick: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee vanHaaren: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Reese: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Swearing in of Zoning Board member(s)

**ADJOURNMENT** motioned by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Trustee Dick: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee vanHaaren: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Reese: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_



#### RESOLUTION #25-06-050

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NATUREWORKS GRANT APPLICATION

The Bethel Township Board of Trustees, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio met in regular session on the 4th day of June, 2025 with the following Trustees being present: Kama Dick, Julie Reese, and Beth vanHaaren.

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **moved for the adoption** of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio Nature Works grant program; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel Township Trustees, Miami County desires financial assistance under the Nature Works Grant Program. **THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County, approves filing this application for financial assistance.

**SECTION 1.** That Trustee Julie Reese is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

**SECTION 2.** That the Board of Bethel Township Trustees does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **seconded** the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

**Vote:** Trustee Kama Dick \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Julie Reese \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Beth vanHaaren \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer  
Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio



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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$207,460 TO THE 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT A SHELTER & PICKLEBALL COURTS AT FRIENDSHIP PARK**

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Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **moved for the adoption** of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Bethel Township do not have a shelter space at Friendship Park; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees believe that there need to be more options for community activities for Township citizens; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has applied for a grant to partially pay for a combination shelter and two pickleball courts; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, this will require a supplemental appropriation of \$207,460 and the Board of Trustees must approve the supplemental appropriation. **THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County, approves the supplemental appropriation of two hundred seven thousand four hundred and sixty dollars and zero cents (\$207,460.00) into the General-Capital Outlay-Buildings-Friendship Park Shelter/Courts account number 1000-760-720-3810 to be solely used to construct a shelter house with two pickleball courts at Friendship Park.

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ **seconded** the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

**Vote:** Trustee Kama Dick \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Julie Reese \_\_\_\_\_

Trustee Beth vanHaaren \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer  
Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio



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Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Section 519.13 of the Ohio Revised Code prescribes that each Township that administers its own zoning resolution shall appoint a township Board of Zoning Appeals composed of five members and up to two alternates; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) has an opening for an alternate; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Jim Leskowich has expressed interest in the alternate position for the Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals and has been interviewed by the Planning and Zoning Director and the Township Trustees. **THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County that Jim Leskowich be appointed to fill the term of alternate to the Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals commencing June 24, 2025 and expiring December 31, 2030.

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

**Vote:** Trustee Kama Dick \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Julie Reese \_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee Beth vanHaaren \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer  
Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio