Bethel Township Board of Trustees
November 2, 2026 6:00 PM
Workshop Meeting Agenda

CALL TO ORDER Time: _____ Presiding: _____

Roll call: Twp Admin Fortunato: _____ Interim Chief Weldon: _____

Fiscal Officer Ross: _____ Asst to the FO Sauder: _____

Trustee Wilkerson: _____ Trustee Reese: _____ Trustee Dick: _____

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC on items on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration

1. Fees to offset pubic records requests
2. Hire Attys for the year
3. Insurance risk assessment meeting - summary

Zoning

4. Professional Planner
5. Beautification Award
6. Code Enforcement - abatements
7. Compensation for zoning board members
8. New zoning text amendment proposals

Fire/EMS

9. New hires
10. Fire levy: mail-in voting now, due by 7:30pm November 3rd, early voting is over, in person tomorrow, November 3rd 6:30am – 7:30pm

Road Dept/Cemeteries

11. Stop signs on Lisa Drive
12. Stop sign is down at corner of Second St and Church St

Fiscal Office

13. Money in correct account to pay for furniture for Fiscal Office

Trustee Items

14. Policy updates

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. None

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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2. Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Motioned by Trustee _____ Seconded by Trustee _____

Vote: Trustee Dick: _____ Trustee Wilkerson: _____ Trustee Reese: _____

Time in Executive Session: _____

Return to regular session time: _____

ACTION ITEMS

1. **RESOLUTION #26-11-110:** A RESOLUTION EMPLOYING THE TOWNSHIP'S ATTORNEYS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2026

   Motioned by Trustee _____ Seconded by Trustee _____

   Vote: Trustee Dick: _____ Trustee Wilkerson: _____ Trustee Reese: _____

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Motion to enter executive session for the purposes (1) to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of a public employee or official, and (2) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Motioned by Trustee _____ Seconded by Trustee _____

Vote: Trustee Dick: _____ Trustee Wilkerson: _____ Trustee Reese: _____

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ADJOURNMENT motioned by Trustee _____ Seconded by Trustee _____

Vote: Trustee Dick: _____ Trustee Wilkerson: _____ Trustee Reese: _____

Time: _____

Bethel TOWNSHIP
MIAMI COUNTY - OHIO

RESOLUTION #26-11-110

A RESOLUTION EMPLOYING THE TOWNSHIP'S ATTORNEYS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2026

The Bethel Township Board of Trustees, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio met in regular session on the 2nd day of November, 2026 with the following Trustees being present: Kama Dick, Julie Reese, and Josh Wilkerson.

Trustee _____ **moved for the adoption** of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bethel Township Board of Township Trustees ("Board") is authorized by Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code to employ attorneys on an annual basis other than the prosecuting attorney to represent the Township and its officers, boards, and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them on legal matters; **AND**

WHEREAS, Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code provides that no such attorney may be employed except on the order of the Board, duly entered upon its Journal, in which the compensation to be paid for the attorney's legal services shall be fixed; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to appoint attorneys to counsel and represent the Township on an annual basis for calendar year 2026 in such matters as the Board or its designee may refer to them. **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board has appropriated the sum of $25,000.00 for legal services for 2026. **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County, that:

SECTION 1. The law firm of Pickrel, Schaeffer, and Ebeling Co., L.P.A. ("Firm"), is hereby employed on an annual basis for calendar year 2026 as the Township's legal counsel to represent the Township and its officers, boards, and commissions in their official capacities. And to advise them in connection with such matters as may be referred to Counsel by or on behalf of the Board or its designee. The Township Administrator or a designee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County shall serve as the direct contact point between legal counsel and the Board.

SECTION 2. The compensation for such counsel during 2026 shall be paid as follows, billed in tenths of an hour: $326..25 per hour for partner time; $310.00 per hour for Mr. Stokely's or equivalent skills/knowledge time; not to exceed $187.50 per paralegal time; plus out-of-pocket expense reimbursements; provided that the total compensation shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars and zero cents ($20,000.00) without further action by this Board.

SECTION 3. The Firm may be discharged at any time by majority vote of the Board and by notifying the Firm in writing.

SECTION 4. The Township Administrator or designee is authorized and directed to sign the Agreement for Legal Services provided by the Firm on behalf of the Bethel Township Trustees.

SECTION 5. The Township Fiscal Officer is directed to send a copy of this signed Resolution and the signed Agreement for Legal Services to the Firm.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

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

Vote: Trustee Kama Dick _____ _____

Trustee Julie Reese _____ _____

Trustee Josh Wilkerson _____ _____

Attest: _____

Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer
Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio