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Board honors Robert Yocum

At their March 13, 2012, meeting, the Board of Trustees honored Robert Yocum for his service to Bethel Township as a member of the Fire Department. Robert served with the Fire Department for a total of 27 years. The Township honored Robert with a framed Resolution of Gratitude and an engraved clock, with his years of service, which were presented to him during the meeting. Robert continues to be the Road Superintendent for the township.



Assistant Fire Chief Andy Ehrhart with retiring firefighter, Robert Yocum.

Phoneton Sewer Update

If you have traveled through Phoneton in the last few weeks, you have probably seen the large excavating equipment, the huge piles of dirt, gravel and sand and more than likely, you have had to wait a bit as construction crews moved across the road. The Phoneton Sewer Project was split into five separate contracts with the work being done by three different companies. The unusually mild spring weather has made working conditions ideal, which will hopefully shorten the duration of the project. The construction in and around Phoneton should be complete by mid September. Construction will start in Wiley Industrial Park in May and along SR 201 from Brandt to Bethel Local Schools in June. Estimated completion date for the entire project is late fall, 2012, with hook-ups in early 2013. Any questions you may have on this project can be directed to Jill Rhoades at Miami County Sanitary Engineering, 440-5654.



Construction crews dig a trench for the gravity sewer line on Dinsmore Drive in March, 2012.

Zoning Update

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-01-12	8970 State Route 201	Sign
ZC-02-12	7415 New Carlisle	New Residence
ZC-03-12	7755 Staley	New Residence

Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC):

The Zoning Commission met in workshop session for the month of January to discuss potential changes to Article 20 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution.

The Zoning Commission met in regular session for the month of March to consider changes to Article 20 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution and to hear the following case:

Hearing on request of Thomas C. Rhea for zoning change at 9330 Bellefontaine Rd. from Business (B-1) to Agricultural (A-1).

The Zoning Commission did not meet for the month of February. The ZC meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room. The BZA meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room.

Public notice for both the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are posted in the news section of the Township web site at www.betheltownship.org, and in the Troy Daily News. Additionally, residents within 300' of the requesting property are notified by first class mail as per the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution and the Ohio Revised Code.

Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in regular for the months of January, February, and March to hear the following cases:

CU-01-12: A request from Chris Jackson, 1995 E. Ross Road, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests conditional use approval to expand the recreational use to allow for overnight camping, on property located in the Flood Plane (F-1) zoning district. **Approved.**

CU-02-12: A request from Bryan & Karen Weber, 8390 US Route 40, New Carlisle, OH, 45344. The applicants request conditional use approval to host events (weddings, etc.) and construct a two (2) story barn, parking lot and tent area associated with this use. The property is located in an Agricultural (A-1) zoning district. **Approved.**

V-01-12: A request from Tim Hawkins, 5070 South Dayton Brandt Road, New Carlisle, OH, 45344. The applicant requests a variance under Article 30.05C of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution to allow for the construction of a 32'x40' garage to be located in the front yard of an irregularly shaped lot on property located in a Residential (R-1AAA) zoning district. **Approved**

V-02-12: A request from Stephen Eike, 8326 State Route 201, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests a variance to decrease the rear yard setback from the required fifty (50) feet to approximately forty (40) feet to allow for an addition to a single family residence located located in a Residential (R-1AAA) zoning district. **Approved**

Zoning Enforcement

Summertime Reminder—Swimming Pools

During the unusually hot summer last year, residents looked for ways to cool off and enjoy the outdoors. A popular choice was to invest in a swimming pool. The Zoning Department would like to remind everyone that pools that hold more than 36 inches of water are regulated by the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution. Pools that are regulated (inground, above ground, or those that are considered temporary) have rules that govern placement, fencing/ access, and also require a permit.

- Placement must be in the side or rear yard and be no closer to the side property line than 10 feet and no closer to the rear line than 5 feet.
- Access to the pool must be restricted by a barrier of at least 4 feet in height. The barrier can be a fence or the side wall of the pool and any stairs must be able to be raised or gated off.

The zoning office will be sending out a letter to property owners who had pools were noted last season reminding them of the regulations. Please contact Andy Ehrhart, Planning & Zoning Director at 937-845-8472 with any questions.

Brandt Sewer Update

After many months of digging, the Brandt Sewer Project is almost complete. There are several areas which will need to be graded and re-seeded as well as some final work on the pump station just to the east of 201. The final restoration will be completed by the end of May, 2012. However, the gravity sewer lines within Brandt are operational and many homes and businesses have already been connected. Final assessments will be completed in mid-August, when all the engineering changes have been accepted. Miami County Sanitary Engineering (MCSE) received two grants for the Brandt sewer project which will substantially lower the overall costs to both Phase I and Phase II, and thus the assessments to residents. Additionally, the township contributed 3.8 mil levy monies to offset some of the cost of the force main from Rte 235 to Brandt (Phase I). Any questions you may have on the project can be directed to Jill Rhoades, MCSE at 440-5654.

Fire & EMS

At their January 24, 2012, the Board of Trustees recognized eight (8) members of the Fire Department, who had achieved their five, ten, fifteen or twenty-seven year service awards during 2011. The recipients are:

Five Year Service Award:

Lt. Chris Kyer, FF/Paramedic

Ten Year Service Award:

John Meyer, FF

Lt. Shawn Cline, FF/Paramedic

Lt. James Sebastian, FF/EMT-B

Jim Ake, FF/Paramedic

Fifteen Year Service Award:

Capt. Terry Weldon, FF/Paramedic

Asst. Chief Josh Scheibrel, FF/EMT-B

Twenty-Seven Year Service Award:

Robert Yocum, FF

Thank you to all the members of the Bethel Township Fire Department for their service to the community.

Home Alone Program

Bethel Township Fire Department would like to remind residents of the "Home Alone Program". This is a telephone calling system, a service designed for older adults, disabled persons, shut-ins who live alone or anyone else in our Township who needs to be checked on a daily basis. It is funded by the Bethel Township Trustees and operated, free of charge, by the Bethel Township Fire Department.

This community calling program includes reminders and call reassurance programs for township residents at home. If there is no response to the call, an action plan will be generated that was worked out in advance with the family and the subscriber.

For additional information on the program or to subscribe, please contact Michael Gebhart at Bethel Township, 845.8472 or email him @ Michael.gebhart@betheltownship.org.

E-Newsletter

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Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

Runs from 01/01-03/15/2012

EMS 67 Fire 26 Total 93

Year End Report, # of Runs

	2010	2011	% Change
EMS	401	414	3.2%
FIRE	170	135	-20.5%



Board of Trustees Meeting Updates: January-March 2012

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January 10, 2012:

The first Board of Trustees meeting, of the year, is always an organizational meeting. The Board elected Trustee van Haaren to serve as the President of the Board for 2012 and Trustee Wray to serve as the Vice President of the Board. The Board also made appointments of Trustees and Staff to serve on various community and regional Boards, as well as appointments of township residents to the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Resolutions 12-01-001 thru 12-01-022 were passed during this meeting and can be viewed as part of the approved meeting minutes on the Township's website.

January 24, 2012:

Eight members of the Bethel Township Fire Department were recognized for their service to the community for 5, 10, 15 and 27 years of service. Each member received a signed and framed Resolution of Gratitude from the Board. The Board also renewed their agreement with Upper Valley Medical Center for employee support services and selected the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) to provide property and casualty insurance for the Township from January 30, 2012 thru January 29, 2013. Resolutions 12-01-023 thru 12-01-034 were passed during this meeting and can be viewed as part of the approved meeting minutes on the Township's website.

February 14, 2012:

At their February 14th meeting, the Board renewed the supplemental contracts for Assistant Fire Chief's Jay Zimmerman, Andy Ehrhart and Josh Schiebrel, as well as Captain Terry Weldon. These contracts expire annually in December and there were no increases in pay. The Trustees also accepted the resignation of two members of the Fire Department and approved the Department's request to apply for a State of Ohio Fire Marshall's grant for additional fire gear. Resolutions 12-02-035 thru 12-02-045 were passed during this meeting and can be viewed as part of the approved meeting minutes on the Township's website.

February 28, 2012:

The Trustees recognized Robert Yocum for his 27 years of service to the community as a member of the Bethel Township Fire Department. Mr. Yocum received an engraved mantle clock and a framed Resolution of Gratitude. He will remain as the Township's full time Road Superintendent. The Board also approved the updating of the Fire Department's Standard Operating Guidelines and authorized the acceptance of an approximately \$105,000.00 grant from FEMA to purchase new radios and firefighting protective clothing, as well as educational training. This was a significant grant and the Township only has to provide 5% matching funds or less than \$5,300.00. Resolutions 12-02-046 thru 12-02-050 were passed during this meeting and can be viewed as part of the approved meeting minutes on the Township's website.

March 13, 2012:

This meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda items. The Board did not meet.

March 27, 2012:

The Board accepted the 2012 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Budget Commission and approved the FY2012 Budget. Also, during this meeting, the Trustees authorized staff to apply for two grants for training and equipment purchases. Grant 1 was for EMS training and supplies for the Fire Department that requires no matching funds from the Township. The second grant is for an Ohio EPA diesel engine emission reduction program. If awarded, this grant would pay 80% of the cost to replace a 17 year old dump/plow truck. The Board also approved the purchase of new radios as part of the FEMA grant. Resolutions 12-03-051 thru 12-03-058 were passed during this meeting and can be viewed as part of the approved meeting minutes on the Township's website.

Workshop Meetings were held on January 17th, February 7th, February 21st and March 20th.

All Board of Trustee meetings, including workshop meetings are open to the public. The Board meets in regular session on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Township Meeting House in Brandt located at 8735 S. Second Street. Please see the calendar of events on the last page of this newsletter or check the Bethel Township website at www.betheltownship.org for meeting dates and times for both regular.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April

- 4 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 20 May Meeting deadline
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

May

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 8 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 18 June Meeting deadline
- 22 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

June

- 6 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 July Meeting deadline
- 19 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 26 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM

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.
All meetings are subject to cancellation.

