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Bethel Township Trustees

Phoneton Sewer Project: Message from Sheriff Cox



During the first week of July, Miami County Sheriff Charles Cox was alerted to a scam concerning driveway repair in the Phoneton Sewer Project area. Sheriff Cox issued the following PRESS RELEASE:

The Miami County Sheriff's Office would like to alert Bethel Township residents of a scam involving driveway repair. A local contractor has been contacting residents in Bethel who had their driveways damaged during the installation of the sanitary line in the SR 202/Phoneton area. The contractor offers to repair the damage and bills the resident telling the resident they can take the receipt to the county for reimbursement. The Sheriff's Office has contacted the local contractor and warned them that should any more complaints be received, a fraud complaint would be initiated.

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Fire Department Receives FEMA Firefighter Grant



In mid-March, the Board of Trustees was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the Bethel Township Fire Department had been awarded a 2011 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$111,000.00 for the purchase of new equipment and training. The grant requires 5% matching funds by the Township, which amounts to \$5,500.00.

The grant requested assistance in purchasing:

- 800Mhz radios for all eight (8) Department vehicles and an additional 14 portable radios for on scene communication at a total cost of 65,600.00. These new radios will allow for better communication with the Miami County 911 Center in Troy, on scene communication, as well as communication when providing or receiving mutual aid from surrounding communities.
- \$15,000.00 for the purchase of 10 complete sets of new protective equipment for firefighters. Funds will be used to buy helmets, boots, and protective jackets and pants.

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School Levies on the August 7, 2012 Ballot

On Tuesday, August 7th, Bethel Local Schools will have two levies on the ballot. The first is a 2 mil levy for Permanent Improvements. This levy is a renewal, thus no new taxes. The second levy is a 7 mil levy for Operating Expenses. This levy is a replacement of an existing 7 mil levy in order to adjust for inflation and reduced funding from the state. For a \$100,000 home, it will result in an increase of \$4.44 per month, should the levy pass. Larry Smith, superintendent of Bethel Local Schools explained "The administration has actively and successfully worked to reduce costs over the past few years. We eliminated eleven staff positions, increased the activity fee for students and many other measures. However, every school district in Ohio has seen significant cuts to funding from the state and at the same time, everyone's costs for fuel, healthcare, light bulbs and even paper continue to rise".

If you would like additional information on the school levies, contact Lori Sebastian, levy Chairwoman, at 667.4893 or Larry Smith at 845.9414 or visit the website www.bethellevy.org



Don't Forget to Vote on Tuesday, August 7th! Polls are open from 6:30AM until 7:30PM.

Zoning Update

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-04-12	Multiple Locations	Pump Stations for Sanitary Sewer
ZC-05-12	5070 S. Dayton Brandt	Pole Barn
ZC-07-12	2976 US Route 40	Addition to Residence
ZC-08-12	6404 Palmer	Above Ground Pool

To help save on printing costs and postage, if you would like to receive the Bethel Current Newsletter via email, just send your email address to:



bethelcurrent@betheltownship.org

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 did not meet for the months of April or May.

The Zoning Commission met in regular session for the month of June 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). This request was **TABLED**.

The ZC meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room.

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Zoning Summer Reminders

Now that all the snow is gone and rains are slowing down, it's time to enjoy the summer. Here are some reminders from the Planning & Zoning Department:

- Grass and weeds. Properties need to be free of overgrown grasses and weeds. Grass and weeds that exceed 12 inches in height should be reported to the Planning and Zoning Department so that a process can be started to have the grass cut by the owner or ultimately by a pre-determined contractor of the township.
- Junk cars: Bethel Township allows one vehicle that is not operating, not licensed or apparently inoperable. More than one vehicle constitutes a violation of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution.
- Swimming pools: All swimming pools (including above ground and temporary pools that have a depth greater than twenty four (24) inches) are required to have a fence or barrier of at least four (4) feet around the entire pool area. If the pool wall is four (4) feet or greater, the pool wall may count as a barrier. Any steps or decks leading to an above ground pool must either be retracting or have a gate of at least 4 feet.

Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

Runs from 03/16-06/06/2012:

EMS 99 Fire 20 Total 119

Runs Year to Date:

EMS 168 Fire 46 Total 212



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Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in regular for the months of April and June to hear the following cases:

V-03-12: A request from Jessie & Irene Centers, 2976 US Route 40, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests a variance under Article 5.05 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution to allow for the construction of a 6'x25' addition to a single family residence on property located in a Residential (R-1A) zoning district. **Approved**

V-04-12: A request from Paul Galloway, 8445 Heilman Dr., New Carlisle, OH, 45344. The applicant requests a variance under Article 5.05 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution to reduce the side yard setback from the required fifteen feet (15') to approximately nine feet (9') on a property located in a General Agricultural (A-2) zoning district. **Pending**

V-05-12: A request from John Cooley, 7580 State Route 571, New Carlisle, OH, 45344. The applicant requests a variance under Article 5.05 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution to increase the maximum size of permitted accessory structure from the required twenty four hundred (2400) square feet to approximately thirty four hundred and forty (3440) square feet located in a Domestic Agricultural (A-1) zoning district. **Pending**

The BZA did not meet for the month of May. No cases were filed.

The BZA meets on the forth 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.

Board of Trustees Meeting Updates: May 2012

May 8, 2012:

The Board of Trustees approved resolutions:

- Appointed a new Paramedic to the Fire Department
- Accepted the resignation of a Fire Department member
- Appointed a student intern for the summer of 2012

May 22, 2012:

The Board of Trustees had ten (10) items on their agenda. The Trustees authorized the amending of the Brandt Sanitary Sewer Agreement with the Miami County Commissioners. The Board also authorized the payment of the Township's Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation premium and selected Careworks of Ohio to serve as the Township's managed care organization for worker's compensation claims for the next year. Additionally, the Board declared four (4) properties to be tall grass nuisances.

A workshop meeting was held on June 15th.

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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Fire Department Receives FEMA Firefighter Grant

The grant also requested funding of additional training for Department members that includes:

- 25 State of Ohio Fire Certification in either Level I or Level II at a cost of \$20,000.00.
- State of Ohio Level I, II, III and/or IV Certification for all eleven officers within the Department at a cost of \$10,400.00.

Assistant Fire Chief Josh Schiebrel updated the Trustees recently on the status of the grant saying, “We are in the process of purchasing and programming the new radios, meeting with protective gear manufacturers to select the protective gear that best meets the Department needs, as well as scheduling Department members for classes this summer and fall at this time.”

Currently, Township staff is preparing a 2012 FEMA AFG application for the purchase of new heart monitors/defibrillators and additional EMS training. The Department should know by early 2013 if they have received this grant.

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Phoneton Sewer Project: Message from Sheriff Cox

The county has authorized only the following two contractors to complete the driveway repairs: Smith Paving out of Norwalk, Ohio and Friestetler Paving out of Sidney. No other vendors are authorized to complete the repairs at county expense.

Should resident have any questions or concerns please contact the Miami County Sanitary Engineer’s Office at 440-5653 or Mike Gebhart, Bethel Township Administrator, at 845-8472.



The Miami County Sheriff’s Office has a new Facebook page. Their Facebook page can be found by typing in the keywords: Miami County Sheriff’s Office Troy Ohio. Be sure to “like” the page for the latest news from Sheriff Cox, crime prevention tips, and crime alerts.



- Mark Nesko, Flick Road resident, for providing the cars used in the pre-Prom Careflight mock accident for Juniors and Seniors the week before this year’s Prom. Mr. Nesko also provides cars for the Bethel Township Fire Department for motor vehicle accident training.
- John Watson, Mann Road resident, for his efforts in repairing the Township’s roadside mowing equipment. Mr. Watson’s efforts in straightening the solid steel mowing deck head saved the Township several thousand dollars in repairs.

Thank you to both gentlemen for their support of the Township!



Crews from Tom’s Construction work to install sanitary sewer lines on SR201 just north of Dayton-Brandt Road.

Phoneton Sanitary Sewer Update

Work continues on the Phoneton Sewer Project. All five (5) phases are on schedule or slightly ahead of schedule. Crews from Tom’s Construction are working on the force main line running up SR201 to the Bethel Local School Building. By the start of the new school year in August, the school’s sanitary sewer line should be operational.

If you have any questions concerning the Miami County Commissioners Phoneton Sewer Project, please contact the Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department at (937) 440-5653.

DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERYDAY ITEMS IN OUR HOMES, SUCH AS PAINT, POLISHERS, AND FERTILIZERS CAN BE DANGEROUS?

A FEW SIMPLE CHANGES IN HOW YOU STORE AND DISPOSE OF THESE ITEMS WILL SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY, WHILE PROTECTING OUR LOCAL STREAMS...

Items we use every day can be a hazard to all of us and our water, if we don't take care of them properly. Dumping them down storm drains, sinks, toilets or putting them out with the trash can dramatically affect the health of our rivers and the animals living in and around them.

Working on the house, the yard, or the car often requires us to use hazardous materials.

The type of products we select for our projects, and how we use them, can make a difference in our homes and environment. Getting the job done right does not have to put your safety or your wallet at risk.



USAGE

- Carefully read and follow label directions. Use a mask and gloves if the instructions say you should.
- Apply no more than the recommended amount to reduce the risk of harming your family and to protect nature.
- Plan your projects in advance and purchase only the products you need to get the job done. You will save money and keep your home safe.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean up spills. Washing toxic materials into the storm drain will send them - untreated - into the nearest stream.

STORAGE

- Keep all toxic materials out of the reach of children and pets.
- Try to buy only the amount that you need short-term so you don't have to store it or dispose of it later.
- Store household hazardous wastes in a cool dry storage area.
- All toxic chemicals should be stored in their original container with their original label if possible. Cover labels with transparent tape to keep them from falling off or fading.
- Solvents should be securely stored outside your home.

- Outdoor storage containers should be water-tight, rodent-proof, and protected from tampering.
- Protect products from freezing, when necessary.

DISPOSAL

- Don't pour anything but clean water down a storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch. Storm drains flow straight to the nearest stream without treating the materials they carry.
- Don't put any household hazardous waste in the trash. Cleaning up a contaminated landfill is really costly when compared with proper disposal.
- Contact your county Solid Waste Management District for information on free household hazardous waste collection days or sites.
- Repair any leaks from your vehicles right away. Use a drip oil pan to catch leaks if repairs are delayed.
- Leftover paint can be dried out with kitty litter or sawdust and thrown away in the regular trash, as long as it's a solid.
- Check with your local recycling center to see if they'll accept household batteries. 1.5 V or higher should have the terminals taped before disposal.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July

- 4 Independence Day Holiday, Twp Offices Closed
- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 20 August Meeting deadline
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

August

- 2 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 7 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 September Meeting deadline
Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 21 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM

August (cont'd)

- 23 Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

September

- 6 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 11 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 October Meeting deadline
- 21 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 25 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 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.