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Infrastructure Improvements a Key to Fighting Annexation

Access to water and sanitary sewer service are two of the best ways to prevent municipalities from annexing unincorporated land (i.e. Townships) and improve the health of our population by providing better onsite sanitary conditions. Currently, the Brandt Sewer Project has been completed, and the Phoneton Sewer Project is more than half way completed.

With the sewer projects nearing completion, water becomes the next vital component of infrastructure improvements to help fight annexation and to improve public health. With this in mind, in 2006, the Bethel Township Board of Trustees commissioned a study to explore the cost and feasibility for water in the southern portion of the township. Currently water is available to Bethel Local Schools and within Brandt. Water in Bethel Township is provided by Miami County, which purchases water from Clark County. The water enters the County's system on Palmer Road, midway between US Rte 40 and Singer Road.

In 2007, K.E. McCartney and Associates presented to Miami County Commissioners and Bethel Township a water study for the southern portion of the township. The study was split into two projects. Project 1 would create a loop with the existing Brandt water lines, by going south on Palmer, east on Singer, looping through Hasket Lane and joining up with the water lines on Mann Road. Project 2 would extend the Brandt water lines to Phoneton, looping through Shroyer and Dinsmore and connecting to existing water lines in Wiley. For a complete map of Project 1 and Project 2, please see the township's website at www.betheltownship.org.

The preliminary cost estimate provided in the 2007 study, for Project 1 was \$1.69 million and \$2.25 million for Project 2. At the time, this was more money than the township had available. In the last few years, Bethel Township has been extremely fortunate to have grant monies offset a large portion of the costs for the recent Brandt Sewer project and the current Phoneton Sewer project. With sanitary sewer now available along almost the entire southern part of the township, the trustees are focusing on additional infrastructure improvements to minimize the risk of annexation of township land. We will be conducting localized income surveys in the coming months to see if parts of the township can qualify for grants or low interest loans to help offset the cost of the water system. Additionally, we are working with the USDA Rural Community Assistance Program to determine the best options for funding. The 3.8 mil levy money is available to act as matching funds, offset assessments and/or provide primary funding.

The 3.8 mil levy was originally passed in 2003 with several goals in mind. One of these goals was to minimize the risk of annexation by providing infrastructure to the southern end of the township.

Recycling Center

The Bethel Township Recycling Center is used by many residents. There are currently two large recycling dumpsters. One is for cardboard and the other is for other recyclables: plastics, paper, metal cans, aluminum cans. There is a separate bin for glass. Please do not throw your trash into the recycling center. Pizza boxes, metal lids and plastic bags are not recyclable items with WMI.



Beggars Night

Wednesday, October 31, 6pm - 8pm

Don't Forget to Vote!!

Tuesday, November 6th

Polls are open

6:30am-7:30pm

Zoning Update

Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC):

The Zoning Commission did not meet for the months of July or August.

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

Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in regular for the month of July to hear the following case:

V-06-12: A request from Robert Adams, 2500 US Route 40, Tipp City, OH, 45371. The applicant requests a variance under Article 5.05 of the Bethel Township Zoning Resolution to increase the maximum size of permitted accessory structure to twenty four hundred (2400) square feet and to allow for an accessory structure to be built on a lot without a principle permitted structure. Approved

The BZA did not meet for the month of August or September. 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.



Are you interested in serving as a volunteer on the Board of Zoning Appeals or Zoning Commission for the 2013?

If so, please contact Andy Ehrhart, Planning & Zoning Director for the Township, at 845-8472 or andy.ehrhart@betheltownship.org for further details regarding volunteer opportunities with this Trustee appointed Boards.

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-09-12	8740 State Route 201	Commercial Storage Building
ZC-10-12	8545 Heilman	Residential Covered Deck
ZC-11-12	5090 Ross	In Ground Pool
ZC-12-12	8545 Heilman	Residential Addition
ZC-13-12	4228 Ross	Residential Addition
ZC-14-12	7580 State Route 571	Accessory Building
ZC-15-12	7650 Windham	Residential Addition
ZC-16-12	4095 Gibson	Commercial Addition
ZC-17-12	9785 Julie	Commercial Addition
ZC-18-12	8390 US Route 40	Commercial Banquet Facility
ZC-19-12	2534 US Route 40	Accessory Building
ZC-20-12	2409 West Charleston	New Residence



Fire and EMS Runs to Date:

Runs from 06/07-09/14/2012:

EMS 140 Fire 47 Total 187

Runs Year to Date:

EMS 308 Fire 93 Total 401



**Fire Department Open House in Brandt
October 7th from 1PM-3PM**

Coffee and Conversation

All Bethel Township Residents are invited to attend a “Coffee and Conversation” at the West Charleston Church of the Brethren (4817 SR 202, just north of 571) on **Wednesday, November 14, from 10 a.m.—11 a.m.** On hand will be five Bethel Township businesses who will share a little bit about their business, the economic climate and the pros and cons of doing business in Miami County. A light snack will be served. It’s fun, free and informative! For questions, please contact Sonia Ewald at 667.2083.



Board of Trustees Meeting Updates: June-August 2012

June 12, 2012:

The Board approved the hiring of two (2) part-time seasonal Road Department employees for the summer, and also promoted Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Davis to the interim rank of Lieutenant. The Board also reviewed a list of obsolete protective fire gear that does not meet the minimum protection standards of the National Fire Protection Associations and declared it surplus.

June 26, 2012:

The Board approved the purchase of new radio communication equipment for the Fire Department. 95% of the cost of these new radios comes from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that was awarded to the Township earlier this year. The Board also approved the submission of three (3) grants for the Fire Department. The grants would provide for a new medic unit, protective equipment and training for personal, and supplies to repaint the bays in the firehouse along with installation of new energy efficient lighting.

July 10, 2012:

The Board adopted their 2013 tax budget format as required by the Ohio Revised Code. The Board also accepted the resignation of Lt. Matt Bakan from the Fire Department. Lt. Bakan was offered a full-time position with the Trotwood Fire Department.

July 24, 2012:

The Board accepted the resignation of Lt. Chris Kyer from the Fire Department. Lt. Kyer was offered a full-time paramedics position with Miami Valley Hospital’s Careflight program. The Board also approved two (2) leaves of absence for members of the Fire Department and entered into an agreement for the hook ups of the firehouse and township building to the Brandt Sanitary Sewer.

August 14, 2012:

The Board contracted with D.J.L. Material of Akron, Ohio for crack sealing material and supply for 2012. The cost per pound of crack sealant is 0.85¢ per pound and includes the use of the trailer, drum melter and application equipment. Road Department personnel will begin crack sealing in late September/early October. The Board also voted to promote Richard Morrett to lieutenant and establish the promotional list for the next year for the Fire Department. In additions, the Board accepted the resignation of two (2) firefighters and declared two (2) tables as surplus. These tables were donated to Miami County Soil & Water to be utilized at the fairgrounds.

August 28, 2012:

The Board passed two (2) resolutions of gratitude for interim Lt. Jason Davis and outgoing Miami County Development Director Jacob Hoover for their service to the community. The Board also approved resolutions to assess two (2) properties for the Township cutting their nuisance tall grass this past spring and summer. The Trustees selected Frank Gates/Avizent to handle Workers Compensation claims for the upcoming year. The Board also accepted Lt. Charlie Pacheco’s resignation and promotion on David Force to lieutenant. Charlie resigned after accepting full-time employment with the Trotwood Fire Department. The Board also reinstated two (2) members of the Fire Department who had request

Miami County Engineering Replaces Palmer Road Bridge

Britt Havenar, Chief Deputy Engineer: This summer the Miami County Highway Department completed the replacement of Palmer Road Bridge # 3.00, located 1,000 feet north of Ross Road. The new bridge replaces a well-worn steel girder structure, built in 1959. As a result of the annual bridge inspection program and a recent load rating project, it was determined that the steel girders on the structure had deteriorated so badly that the bridge should be considered for a significant reduction in load limit or be replaced. Because traffic counts showed this section of Palmer Road carries approximately 1,700 vehicles per day and the old bridge width was narrow by today's standards, it was decided that replacement of the bridge represented the best long-term investment of county funds.

Replacement of the bridge involved factors that increased the complexity of the project resulting in an extended completion time. Due to the geography of the sight, a deeper than usual excavation (14 foot) was necessary to reach the creek bed and pour the concrete footers. On top of the footers, 12 foot vertical abutment walls were formed up and the length of the walls was increased to 36 feet to conform to current standards. Due to the height and width of the walls, this job required the use of more reinforcing steel (rebar) than is typical for most of our projects. Once formed up, each wall was filled with 80 tons of concrete, which had to be pumped, rather than poured, from mixing trucks due to the configuration of the excavation. All of these factors, in combination with the usual issues involving utility conflicts and weather, contributed to a 12 week estimate for completion.

The new bridge has an overall length of 30 feet and an overall width of 36 feet (approximately 15 feet wider). The project, though involving a high degree of complexity, was completed by Miami County crews at an estimated savings of more than 50% than had the job been subcontracted to outside contractors. The funds to pay for the bridge came from the Miami County Bridge Levy. This 0.45 mil county wide levy generates about \$900,000 a year and funds are used strictly for bridge repair and replacement work. The overall cost of the Palmer Road #3.00 replacement was just over \$100,000.

Even though bridge and road closures are inconvenient, they are occasionally necessary to maintain our system in the best possible condition. As with all of our projects, we appreciate the public's patience and persistence while the Palmer Road bridge project was being completed.



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personal leaves of absence from the Department.

Workshop Meetings were held on June 5th, July 17th and August 21st.

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.

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

Beggar's Night: Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00PM



Be on the lookout for little ghosts and goblins as they come knocking at your door from 6:00 to 8:00PM on Beggars Night, Wednesday, October 31.

Do's and Don'ts for Trick or Treat:

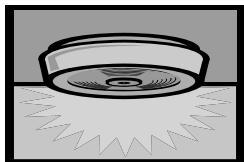
Don't:

- Wear masks or any costume that would interfere with vision or walking
- Go into a home of someone you do not know.
- Eat any candy or other items until it has been checked over by an adult.

Do:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Go in groups with at least one adult.
- Go to houses with lights on.
- Make sure shoes fit and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Use common sense. If something feels wrong, it probably is.

The Bethel Township Fire Department will have treats for all ghosts and goblins. Treats will be passed out at the Fire House in Brandt and by members of the department as they travel various neighborhoods. The safety of our Beggar's is of utmost importance ...remind your little ones to make sure that the Fire Engine or Medic Unit comes to a complete stop before approaching to get their treat.



Daylight Savings Time Reminder...

Sunday, November 4th daylight savings time takes effect. Remember to change the batteries in all smoke detectors in your home.



Election Day Reminder is Tuesday, November 6

Reminder... there are now only two voting locations for Bethel Township. The voting precincts Bethel East and Bethel South East will vote at the First Baptist Church, 8870 SR 571, New Carlisle. Bethel West and Bethel South Central voting precincts will vote at the new West Charleston Church of the Brethren located at 4817 SR 202, Tipp City.

If you have any questions concerning where you vote, please call the Miami County Board of Elections at 937-440-3900.

Winter Snow and Ice Removal Tips

With the coming of winter, Bethel Township would like to offer a few tips during snow and ice removal:

- Stay back from the rear of the plow trucks.
- Do not place objects near the roadways that could potentially be struck during snow and ice removal.
- Do not pass a snow plow unless absolutely necessary and don't assume that the snow plow operator can see you.
- Delay non-essential travel until after the roads have been cleared.
- When clearing your driveway, do not push the snow out into the street. This can create a danger to motorists.
- To avoid clearing your driveway entrance repeatedly, wait until the plow trucks has completed clearing the roadway. When clearing your driveway entrance, pile snow to the left side of your driveway as you face your house. This will prevent the plow from dragging the snow back across your driveway apron.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October

- 3 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 19 November Zoning Meeting(s) deadline
- 23 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM

November

- 6 Election Day
- 7 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 13 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 December Zoning Meeting deadline
- 20 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM

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- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 27 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM

December

- 5 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 11 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 January 2013 Zoning 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.