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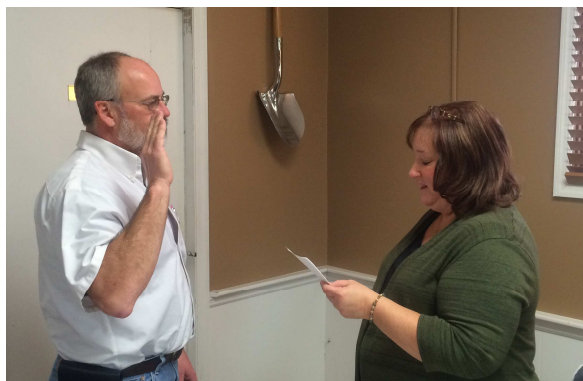
Trustee Cliff Wray Retires

From Trustee Cliff Wray: I would like to take a moment to thank the staff, current trustees, and most of all the citizens of Bethel Township. During my 11 years of serving the community, there have been ups, downs, and everything in between. As a community we have fought against annexation, brought water and sewer to areas in need of these services, maintained our roads, and provided excellent fire and EMS services. All this has been accomplished with the support of you, the citizens of Bethel. I have had the privilege of serving as an elected Trustee and being able to guide these services but it is now time for me to retire. I realize that change is inevitable, but maintaining our history, borders, and concerns of the citizens is paramount to future successes. As I retire from the position I trust that my fellow Trustees and staff will continue to be proactive in serving the needs and desires of a community that truly has embraced the "Bethel way of life". As I look forward to new chapters in my life, I wish all the best to the new chapters in the Township. Good luck to appointed Trustee Gary Biggs and, once again, a big THANK YOU to all of the residents of Bethel Township. Cliff Wray



Cliff Wray retires after 11 years of service to Bethel Township. Cliff is flanked by the other two trustees, Beth van Haaren and Jerry Hirt. We wish Cliff much success as he begins the next phase of his life and are very appreciative of his dedication to the township.

Trustees appoint Gary Biggs to fill vacant trustee position



Gary Biggs is sworn in to office by Debbie Watson, Fiscal Officer for Bethel Township.

Bethel Township Trustees are pleased to announce that Gary Biggs has been selected to fill the trustee position vacated by the retirement of Cliff Wray. Gary brings a wealth of experience to the Board of Trustees. He is currently the plant manager for Concrete Sealants and has held a variety of positions at the company since starting there in 1978. Additionally, Gary has served on the Bethel Zoning Board of Appeals for the last 10 years and also spent six years on the Miami County Fair Board.

Gary and his wife, Valerie live on Palmer Road. They have two daughters and four, soon to be five grandchildren. Please join us in welcoming Gary to the Board of Trustees.

Zoning Update

Zoning Certificates Issued:

ZC-25-14	8276 Palmer	New Residence
ZC-26-14	6582 US 40	24x32 Pole Barn
ZC-27-14	4455 Gibson Drive	Gas Station/Subway
ZC-28-14	9960 Haskett LN	Garage
ZC-29-14	7100 Studebaker Rd	Addition
ZC-30-14	7137 Singer Rd	New Residence
ZC-31-14	5219 St Rt 202	30x40 Pole Barn
ZC-32-14	8390 US 40	Gazebo
ZC-33-14	8080 St Rt 201	Addition
ZC-34-14	Church Street	New Residence
ZC-35-14	9161 St Rt 201	Storage Units
ZC-36-14	6389 Palmer Rd	Deck

BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the months of October, November, or December. 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 Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in October to hear the following case:

Case V-10-14: A request from Larry Dire of 5248 Ottawa Dr. Fairborn Ohio 45324. The applicant requests a variance to build an accessory structure prior to a primary structure located at 6582 E. US RT 40, Tipp City, OH 45371. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-086056. **Passed 5-0**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did not meet for the month of November. The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did meet in December to hear the following case:

Case V-11-14: A request from Daniel Berner of 28 Sunset Dr. Medway Ohio 45319. The applicant requests a variance to decrease the rear yard setback for the primary structure from the required fifty (50) feet to five (5) feet for an addition located at 7625 E. New Carlisle Rd, New Carlisle, OH 45344. The property is identified at Miami County Parcel ID # A01-064600. **Passed 4-0**

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.



Thirteen people applied for the position of Township Trustees. All the applicants were well qualified and all interviewed extremely well. The trustees, the fiscal officer and the township administrator had the daunting task of selecting one from the many for the position. We would like to extend our thanks and our appreciation to everyone who applied. The township is very lucky to have so many talented and committed citizens.

Fire and EMS 2014:

Runs from 1/1/14—12/31/14:

EMS 433 Fire 159 Total 592

Compared to 2013

EMS 342 (+27%) Fire 84 (+89%)

Total 426 (+39%)



Winter Road Tips

The winter months are upon us and bring with them the challenges of driving in conditions that are not easy on anyone. The Bethel Township Road Department will make every effort to keep roadways as safe as possible for the traveling public during times of snow and ice. The township purchases the road salt from Miami County. This year, Miami County is mixing all the road salt with grit, which will stretch the supply of salt but is not as effective at melting the ice on the roadways. As always, please use caution when driving in icy and snowy conditions.

Plowing responsibilities

The Bethel Township Road Department maintains approximately 26 miles of the 75 miles of roadway within the township. Other government agencies or private concerns maintain the other 49 miles.

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (937) 339-1921 maintains all state routes: 201, 202, 40 and 571.
- The Miami County Engineer's Office (937) 440-5656 maintains County roads: Studebaker, Rudy, Ross, Scarff (north of New Carlisle Road) , Palmer and Dayton-Brandt
- Mobile home parks have streets maintained by the owners of the park.
- Private drives and lanes are not maintained by the Township.

Recycling

Many township residents are making good use of the township recycling bins, located to the west of the Fire Station in Brandt. The bins are generally emptied on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Below is a list of acceptable recycling material:

- Plastics, 1-7
- Aluminum Cans & Aluminum Foil
- Metal Cans—soup cans, vegetable cans
- Paper—office paper, magazines, flyers, phone books, newspaper
- Cardboard—corrugated boxes, food boxes. Please make sure there is no food waste on the cardboard —ie NO PIZZA BOXES!



Currently our current recycling vendor, Waste Management, does not accept glass for recycling.

The township has a separate green bin, labeled “GLASS” for residents to use. We take the glass to the county recycling station in Troy. If you have any questions on the type of glass that can be accepted, please contact the township at 845.8472. Thank you for helping Bethel Township do its part for the environment.

Not all glass can be recycled. Below is a list of items that should NOT be placed in the recycling bin:

- Mirror or Window glass
- Crystal
- Plastic or metal lids
- Heat resistant glass, such as Pyrex
- Any glass contaminated w/stones, dirt or food waste
- Ceramics - dishware, bakeware and decorative items

Recycling Facts:

- Recycling a pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for 26 hours.
- Americans recycle only 5% of all the plastics produced in this country.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT WWW.BETHELTOWNSHIP.ORG

January

- 7 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 12 Fire Department Open House 1PM—3PM
- 13 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 20 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 27 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM

February

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

March

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