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Phoneton Water Project

Bethel Township, in conjunction with Miami County Sanitary Engineering has completed the engineering and design work on the Phoneton Water Project, which will extend water from Brandt to Phoneton. To date, the township has paid a little over \$270,000 in design and engineering fees to Access Engineering for this project. In addition to these funds, the Township has committed \$1 million towards the cost of the \$2.5 million project to offset the cost of the assessments. The money for this came from the 3.8 mill levy fund, which is designated for infrastructure improvements among other things. Currently, the project is awaiting approval of the assessment process by the Miami County Commissioners. The estimated assessment for the 153 properties that will have access to the water line is \$400 per year for 20 years. The assessment is placed on the property's tax bill. This assessment is consistent with that paid by property owners in Brandt for the 2010 sewer project. Thanks to large grants from the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Public Works Commission, Phoneton Sewer Project in 2013 was completely funded as was the Brandt Water Project in 2003. It remains a priority for the township is to extend water and sewer lines across the southern portion of the township. Infrastructure is one of the best tools we have to fight future annexation as well as improving the health and safety of our rivers, streams and drinking water.

4.9 mill Fire & EMS Levy on the Ballot in November

This November, the Township will be replacing a fire levy on the ballot. The current 2.0 mill levy has been in place since 1999 and has been renewed every 5 years since then. The Fire Department has responded to the community by lowering response times, having personnel "on station" 24 hours a day/seven days a week, maintaining equipment so that it exceeds its expected lifespan, attending public service events, being present at all home athletic events at Bethel Schools and serving our community with skill and compassion.

The total 2015 expenditures for the fire department were \$571,949 and there were no significant capital expenses. Revenue in for the fire department comes from three sources: The current 2.0 mill levy, a 1.5 mill permanent levy and EMS billing—these funds generated \$535,287 in 2015, meaning we used approximately \$37,000 from the prior year balance to make up the difference.

Keeping up with ever growing demands in equipment, training, and overall expenses is an expensive endeavor. Just to outfit one of our fire personnel in protective equipment is \$5,000 to \$7,000, not including air packs and other related equipment. Cost of the fire trucks and medics are very high as well; a standard fire truck costs approximately \$350,000 and the cost of a standard medic is approximately \$160,000.

The REPLACEMENT 4.9 mill levy on the ballot in November will replace the current 2.0 mill levy. It will cost an additional \$115.35 per year based on a \$100,000 home. Funds from this levy will pay for replacement of a 13 year old ambulance, repairs to the breathing air system, gear for the firefighters, fuel, insurance and training as well as payroll for our personnel.

The trustees are very conscious of the need to keep taxes as low as possible. Every effort is made to reduce costs and to keep expenses at a minimum. With the substantial loss of annual tax revenue to the general fund (both state and local) over the last few years, we can no longer use the general fund to offset some of the costs of the fire department. The Fire Department has seen increases in insurance, utilities, training, vehicle and fuel costs, all of which chip away at our already strained budget. We realize that residents desire to maintain the high level of service, response time and skill in our fire department. The trustees strongly feel that a 4.9 mill levy is the best way to maintain the integrity and safety of your fire department, emergency medical team and the Township.



Zoning Update

ZC-01-16	5195 Westland	Shed
ZC-02-16	6955 Wonder Way	New Residence
ZC-03-16	4475 S. Dayton Brandt	Pool
ZC-04-16	2292 West Charleston	New Residence
ZC-05-16	6189 S. Dayton Brandt	Accessory Structure
ZC-06-16	7118 S. Dayton Brandt	New Residence
ZC-07-16	7182 S. Dayton Brandt	New Residence & Barn
ZC-08-16	4125 S. Dayton Brandt	Pool
ZC-09-16	2879 US Route 40	Pool
ZC-10-16	6505 Scarff Road	Shed
ZC-11-17	7517 State Route 202	Sign

BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did meet in January to review the following case:

Case ZA-05-15: A request from Thomas Burrowes, 9885 Palmer Rd to split off and rezone 2 acres from 147.73 acres at property located at 9885 Palmer Rd New Carlisle Ohio, 45344 from A-2 General Agriculture to R-1AAA Single Family Residential on residential purposes. The property is identified as Miami County Parcel ID # A01-020400 **Approved**

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the months of February or March.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA):

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in January to hear the following cases:

Case V-01-16: A request from Rolling and Sliding Doors of Dayton, 8755 State Route 201 Tipp City, Ohio, 45371. The applicant requests a variance to erect a sign within the right of way. The property is identified as Miami County Parcel ID # A01-052270. **Approved**

Case CU-01-16: A request from Roger Watercutter, 5775 State Route 571 Tipp City, Ohio, 45371. The applicant requests a conditional use for a residence to be located within the floodplain. The property is identified as Miami County Parcel ID # A01-032920. **Approved**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met for the month of February to hear the following case:

Case V-02-15: A request from Mike West of 70 Snider Rd, New Carlisle OH 45344. The applicant requests a triple variance to increase the total maximum size of accessory structure from Sixteen Hundred (1600) sq ft to One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-Two (1632) sq. ft, to build an accessory structure prior to the construction of a primary residence, and to increase the maximum height of an accessory structure can be from Fifteen (15) ft to Seventeen (17) ft. The property is identified as Miami County parcel ID # A01055430 7182 Dayton Brandt Road. **Approved**

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) did not meet for the month of March.

The ZC meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm and 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.

Fire and EMS 2016:

Runs from 1/1/16—3/25/16:

EMS 65 Fire 33 Total 98

Spring Fire Tips

- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords.
- Prepare for storm related outages (make sure flashlights have batteries, bottled water is stocked and available).
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.

Friendship Park

The new bathroom is ready for use at Friendship Park. The bathroom will be open 8 a.m.—8 p.m. every day. Please, help us keep our new bathroom in clean, safe and useable condition. If you see a problem with the bathroom, contact the township at 845-8472.



From the Road Department

Cemetery Cleanup—Spring clean up in all Township Cemeteries will start on April 18th. Bethel Township maintains 5 cemeteries—Bethel East, Bethel West, West Charleston and Honey Creek (all of which are off SR 202) and Saylor Cemetery (which is along SR 571). Decorations in all cemeteries must be removed by April 17th and may be replaced in the cemeteries after May 15th. Fall cleanup will begin mid October, all decorations must be removed by October 15th.

Any live flowers, artificial flowers or decorations may be removed by the cemetery crews when deemed unsightly, at anytime during the year or if they cause a problem with mowing and maintenance of the Cemetery.

If you have any questions on the cemeteries or the spring clean up, please call the township at 845.8472.

Ditches: Spring brings warm weather and rain. The Road Department requests that the residents of Bethel Township keep ditches on your property open and clean. Per the Ohio Revised Code, “private property owners are responsible, at their own expense, to clean and maintain all drainage ditches and natural water courses located on their land, to provide for the free flow of excess surface water and drainage across their property.” Keeping ditches clean helps the storm water to move in the ditch and away from your property, which in turn may reduce your risk of flooding. It also minimizes clogging of tiles under your driveway and under the roads, catch basins and other storm water tiles. Storm drains and ditches are for water movement only, they are not designed to remove grass, gravel, leaves or any other type of waste materials.

Recycling Update

Recycling bins at the township are being used by many, many residents. It is now spring time and many more of us will be bringing our cans, cardboard and paper to the bins. Please take a look at the list below to see what is accepted. For our recycling, clean glass containers *must* go in the separate bins. We do accept small batteries (no car batteries please) in the separate containers.

- 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 —i.e. 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
- Large plastic or metal toys or furniture
- Tires
- Heat resistant glass, such as Pyrex
- Any glass contaminated w/stones, dirt or food waste
- Ceramics - dishware, bakeware and decorative items
- Lightbulbs
- Plastic bags



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April

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

May

- 4 Historical Society
- 10 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 17 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 24 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 30 Memorial Day—Township Offices Closed

June

- 1 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 14 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 21 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30 PM
Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 28 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.