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## CARES Act Funding for the Township

Towards the end of 2020, Bethel Township received funding from the CARES Act to be spent on items directly related to the COVID 19 pandemic. This funding for local governments came with multiple federal guidelines and reporting to ensure that the funds were spent only on items that could be linked to the pandemic. Bethel Township staff assessed the needs and checked with other government agencies to determine the best uses for these funds. The decision was made to focus on several areas that could use attention during these difficult times. The areas of focus were Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), staff safety, building cleanliness, technology, staff vehicle and hazard pay for frontline EMS providers.

**PPE:** Obviously, there was a need for an accepted level of medical precautions to be used in dealing with EMS patients and human interaction. We purchased N-95 masks, surgical masks, gowns, respirators, etc. The minimal level of protection that our crews were required to use on every EMS call was N-95 mask, eye protection, and exam gloves.

**Staff Safety:** Keeping our staff healthy and ready to serve the community was and still is of the utmost importance. Funds were utilized to provide for a second uniform for fire staff, purchase of a gear washer and dryer (to remove pathogens from exposed fire gear), small food supply for when crews were required not to leave the building for their entire shift and individual lockers for them to store their own personal items in. A major item that was purchased was a second LUCAS device. This device is used to provide mechanical, hands free CPR. This limits our “hands on” contact with patients that are in cardiac arrest. This allowed us to equip both medics with an important life saving device. Our crew ready room was remodeled to create four individual workstations for training, reporting and interdepartmental communication. A new washer and dryer was installed in the crew living quarters. This allowed for the creation of a “clean zone” to keep uniforms, towels, etc. washed in a controlled environment away from potential bio-hazards in the bay area.

**Building Cleanliness:** Cleaning the Township offices and fire department went from a daily activity to multiple times daily. In addition to all crew members sanitizing surfaces, a professionally applied ionizing spray solution is being used once a week. We have also purchased ultraviolet lighting that will be used to disinfect crew living areas, offices, and patient compartments in the ambulances. All the carpet was removed from the fire station and offices and replaced with vinyl plank flooring. The entire living area and offices were repainted with Sherwin Williams super paint that is resistant to viruses and bacteria.

**Technology:** Remote meetings, distance learning, zoom calls were quickly becoming the norm. The Township made changes in hardware and software subscriptions to keep up with this growing trend. Purchases for tablets, webcams, computers, and networking were needed to be able to communicate in this new environment.

**Staff Vehicle:** As part of the remaining funding, a staff vehicle was purchased. The Township purchased a 2020 F-150 taking advantage of fleet pricing. This vehicle will reduce cross contamination between fire personnel and other township staff.

**Hazard Pay:** During the pandemic, the Township has been fortunate to have dedicated fire and regular staff that have continued to conduct normal operations to the community. The Fire Department first responders have shown tremendous dedication coming to work and being ready to respond to COVID and non-COVID calls. The Township Trustees thought it important to grant Hazard Pay to these front-line workers. There were two pay periods for this: March through August and September through December. The Township would like to again thank our dedicated first-responders.

At this time approximately 75% of the Fire Department staff has received the first round Moderna vaccine. This not only keeps the Fire staff safe but makes it safer for our patients as well.



## Zoning Update

### Zoning Certificate Applications October—December, 2020

- ZC-44-20 / 9655 Haskett Ln/ Porch cover
- ZC-45-20 / 4110 E US RT 40/ Accessory Building
- ZC-46-20 / 2332 US RT 40/ Accessory Building
- ZC-48-20 / 6515 ST RT 40/ Accessory Building
- ZC-49-20 / 6375 Studebaker Rd / Accessory Building
- ZC-50-20 / 7338 Agenbroad / Accessory Building

#### BETHEL TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION (ZC):

The Bethel Township Zoning Commission (ZC) did not meet for the month of November or December. They did meet in regular session in October to hear the following cases:

**Case ZA-11-20:** Star City Concrete (4490 E US 40) to combine and rezone 2 parcels from B-3 Neighborhood Business and A-1 Domestic Agriculture to B-1 General Business. Parcel 1 is .21 acres zoned B-3 neighborhood business and is Miami County parcel ID A01-086229. Parcel 2 (adjacent) is .979 acres zoned A-1 Domestic Agriculture and is Miami County Parcel ID A01-009820. **PASSED**

**Case: ZA-12-20:** A request from 8.13 Acquisition, LLC, 3611 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208, to rezone 8.13 acres to I-1, Light Industrial, from A-2, General Agriculture, on ground presently used for agricultural purposes and located approximately 502 yards east of St. Rt. 202 on the south side of Studebaker Rd., Tipp City, OH 45371. The property is identified as Miami County Parcel ID #A01-074500. **WITHDRAWN**

#### BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA):

The Bethel Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) met in regular session in October and heard the following cases. They did not meet in November or December.

**Case: V-12-20:** A request from Brent Kerns, 7115 S Dayton-Brandt Rd, Tipp City OH 45371, for a variance allowing for a 40'X64' accessory building of 2,560 sf where 2,000 sf is allowed for this parcel size. Miami County parcel ID: A01-055477. **PASSED**

**Case: V-13-20:** A request from Elbert Allen, 6515 US RT 40, Tipp City OH 45371, for a variance allowing for a large garage addition to the house to extend approximately 10 feet into the 50-foot setback. Three original parcels have been combined into one parcel. Miami County parcel ID: A01-086042. **PASSED**

Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room. The Zoning Commission meets @ 7:30 pm the same night and in the same location. 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](http://www.betheltownship.org), and in the Troy Daily News. Additionally, residents within 500' of the requesting property are notified by first class mail as per the Bethel Township



Oct—Dec:  
 Fire 47 EMS 136 All Runs 183

2020 Totals:  
 Fire 129 EMS 454 All Runs 583

**29** The number of part-time firefighters employed by Bethel Township Fire Department. We have no full time firefighters.

## Zoning Code Survey

**223** The number of responses we have received to date

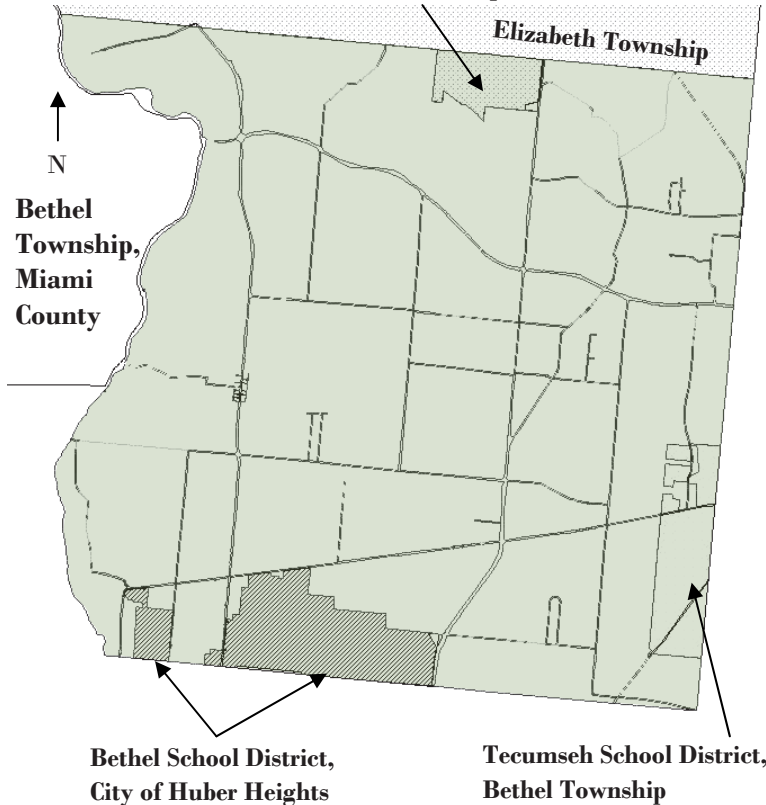
**1/31/21** The last day to fill out a survey

If you have misplaced your survey you can stop by the township offices and pick up another copy (M-F 8:30 am—4:30 pm) or go to [www.betheltownship.org](http://www.betheltownship.org) and click the link at the top of our home page. Thanks to everyone who has filled out and returned a survey. We appreciate the input!

## Bethel Township or Bethel School District?

What are some of the key differences in Bethel Township and Bethel Local School District? Believe it or not, we get this question all the time! Although trustees Beth van Haaren and Carolyn Wright have worked on many school levies and Fiscal Officer Deborah Watson sat on the School Board for eight years, the Township and the School are separate entities with separate boards. Neither has jurisdiction over the other but the Township Trustees strongly believe that a great community and a great school go hand in hand and always support the school levies.

### Miami East School District, Bethel Township



### Some Fast Facts....

Bethel Township is governed by a board of three trustees and a fiscal officer that are elected for four year terms. The trustees hire the Township Administrator.

Bethel Local Schools is governed by a board of five school board members that are elected to four year terms. The school board hires the Superintendent and the Treasurer.

Bethel Township is responsible for zoning, road and roadside maintenance, the fire department, cemeteries.

Bethel Local Schools is responsible for the education of the students and the construction and maintenance of the school buildings.

Bethel TOWNSHIP has 3 school districts within its borders: Miami East, Tecumseh and Bethel

County borders do not change with annexations, so all parcels on this map pay Miami County Taxes.

Bethel Local School District serves students who reside in Bethel Township and in the City of Huber Heights (all students from Parktowne, Carriage Trails and Windbrooke)

All residents of Bethel Township vote on Township issues.

City of Huber Heights residents (Carriage Trails, Windbrooke and Parktowne) do not vote on Township issues and do not pay township property taxes.

Residents vote on school issues and pay school tax-

## Police Levy

Bethel Township has a 1.0 mill Police Levy which has been in place since 1999. The levy generates approximately \$112,678 every year and it funds our contract with the Miami County Sheriff's Department.

Since 2014, the contract has cost more than the levy generates. For 2021, the cost of the annual contract, plus fuel and other costs is approximately \$120,000. This shortage of \$7,400 has been paid with funds from previous years, as have the cost overages in the last 7 years. The Township Trustees are discussing the need to REPLACE the levy this year. A replacement levy does not change the millage, but will use 2020 home values, rather than the 1999 home values. It will generate approximately \$158,000 per year (which will cover expenses until at least 2035) and will cost the average homeowner approximately an additional \$7.36 per \$100,000 value of home per year. The trustees believe the additional 40 hours of police coverage in the township is desired by residents. If you have any questions or comments about this levy or the replacement levy, please contact a Trustee or Andy Ehrhart, Bethel Township Administrator.





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### January

- 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

### February

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

### March

- 3 Historical Society Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 16 Co. Planning Commission Mtg. in Troy, 7:30 PM
- 23 Trustees Regular Business Meeting, 7 PM
- 25 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 at 8:00 AM in the Township Building in Brandt. Please check the Township's website at [www.betheltownship.org](http://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.