



April 26, 2022

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, 7:26 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes, April 5, Workshop Meeting minutes, and the April 12, Regular Workshop Meeting was moved by Trustee vanHaaren and seconded by Trustee Reese.

Vote:	Trustee vanHaaren	YES
	Trustee Reese	YES
	Trustee Black	YES

SHERIFF

The Deputy said there was not much to report. Trustee Beth thanked the Sheriff's Department for patrolling in front of the school. The Deputy reported there had been some robberies at the construction sites, and cameras have been installed, no one has been back.

STAFF REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

There is one Resolution on the agenda this evening.

This is a Resolution to use the Standard Allowance for revenue loss in using ARPA funds. The US Department of Treasury issued their final ruling on how to use and report the ARPA funds. The recommendation for smaller governments is use this Standard Allowance for revenue loss during the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Township did receive the wetlands study for the Scarff/ New Carlisle Road.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee vanHaaren:

Worked on details for the Large Landowner meeting on 7/27/22

Attended the MVRPC meeting on Climate Change this morning in Dayton

Had a call with the Health Department on water and sewer in West Charleston

Created the list of large landowners for our Large Landowner meeting on July 27 as well as a Save the Date postcard. I will mail merge the labels later on this week There are 174 landowners of parcels 20 acres or greater.

Reached out to Miami County Soil and Water, USDA and Ohio Public Works Green Space/Clean Ohio Fund and the Tecumseh Land Trust to invite them to speak at the meeting.

Attended the MVRPC meeting on Climate Change this morning in Dayton

Key takeaways:

So far in 2022, this region has had 6 precipitation events over 1", March 7 was the highest @ 2.48". I think we can attest to this with the number of drainage complaints we have had.

Last 7 years are the 7 warmest on record

This region of Ohio is trending to a wetter winter and spring, drier summer and wetter falls. Not ideal for farmers but the growing season is getting longer.

Solar farms are a great way to reduce housing density, CO2 emissions and diversify Ohio's energy sources.

There is a state government organization – Power for a Clean Future Ohio, PCFO, which helps local governments with zoning code that is solar friendly, apply for grants for Electric Vehicles charging stations and assess the robustness of our climate mitigation strategies.

Residential solar is driving installations in Miami County.

PCFO can work with the township to develop a zoning code overlay for areas vulnerable to annexation.

Had a call with the Health Department on water and sewer in West Charleston

Trustee Reese:

04-18 went to school board facilities and regular board meetings...

- They mentioned drainage issues of flooding across 201 where the new building is going up. Supt Firks to set up a meeting which will include invites to Trustee Black (our drainage liason) and Twp Admin Ehrhart.

- Several electric poles by new building will have to be relocated or moved back in order to add turn lanes into the new facility.
- Annexation update to say they had passed a resolution to support the trustees and also posted a memo from bill Keethler providing comments addressing the points in the original resolution.

Trustee Black:

Talked to Todd Bird at the School about the drainage at the school, once the New School and Stadium is built there will be problems.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Resident Mary Ann Layton stated that she had attended the City of New Carlisle meeting and that there was some discussion on the Annexation but there was conflicting information.

Resident Pat Ambusky asked if the joint meeting with the City of New Carlisle would be open to the public.

Administrator Ehrhart said that it would be.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 22-04-038

A resolution electing to use the standard allowance for revenue loss as prescribed by the US Department of Treasury final rule on the use of ARPA Funds.

WHEREAS, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

WHEREAS, Section 603(c) generally provides that:

(1) USE OF FUNDS. Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024 -

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

WHEREAS, the Rule further observes that:

The standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss particularly for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund’s smallest recipients. This change is intended to promote administrative efficiency and simplify revenue loss calculation for smaller recipients.

WHEREAS, the Rule further clarifies that recipients can use:

SLFRF funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the [Final Rule four-step process]. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless treasury has stated otherwise.

WHEREAS, some common examples of “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury are as follows:

- Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
- Health services
- General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)
- Maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure
- Modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure

WHEREAS, “Government services is [deemed by Treasury] the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements;” and

WHEREAS, funds utilized pursuant to the standard revenue loss allowance continue to have certain restrictions, including:

- Deposit into pension funds
- Satisfaction of settlements or judgments
- Contributions to financial reserves or “rainy day” funds

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The Township elects to use the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services

2. The projects described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:

- Police protection
- Fire and emergency medical services
- Road repair, maintenance and other transportation and safety services
- Public infrastructure support
- General government administration and administrative facilities
- Land use regulations and enforcement
- Parks and recreational facilities and programs

3. Accordingly, expenditures for these projects are in the best interests of the Township and is deemed a priority for the community.

4. No obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Township Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Township Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The motion was moved by Trustee: **Beth vanHaaren**
And seconded by Trustee: **Julie Reese**

VOTE:

Trustee Beth vanHaaren **YES**
Trustee Julie Reese **YES**
Trustee Don Black **YES**

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, DEBORAH A. WATSON, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF RESOLUTION #22-04-038 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETHEL TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF APRIL 2022, AND THAT I AM DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATE

DEBORAH A. WATSON
FISCAL OFFICER
BETHEL TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27 Zoning Commission Workshop Meeting 6:00 PM
April 28 BZA Meeting 6:30/Zoning Commission 7:30 PM
May 3 Trustee Workshop Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 9:00AM*
May 10 Trustee Regular Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 7:00 PM
May13 Joint Workshop Meeting with City of New Carlisle, Fire Station 6:30pm
May 17 Trustee Workshop Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 9:00AM*
May 24 Trustee Regular Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 7:00 PM
May 30 Township Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

An * indicates a meeting will be held only if needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC

**RESOLUTION 22-04-039
A RESOLUTION TO RECORD ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS 173-301
AND THE WARRANTS
53355-53378**

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BETHEL TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY THAT THE PAYMENT OF THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FROM NO.173-301 AND THE WARRANTS 53355-53378 BE RECORDED THROUGH THE REQUEST OF THE FISCAL OFFICER.

The motion was moved by Trustee: **Beth vanHaaren**

And seconded by Trustee: **Julie Reese**

VOTE:

Trustee Beth vanHaaren **YES**
Trustee Julie Reese **YES**
Trustee Don Black **YES**

PAYMENTS

Number	Transaction Date	Payee	Total Warrant Amount
273-2022	4/11/22	TYLER D ALLISS	\$1,440.16
273-2022	4/11/22	TYLER D ALLISS	\$1,440.16
274-2022	4/11/22	MICHAEL ARNOLD JR	\$306.04
275-2022	4/11/22	JAIMIE BAGWELL	\$165.45
276-2022	4/11/22	CYRUS N BROYLES	\$891.29
277-2022	4/11/22	BENJAMIN M CAHILL	\$683.36
278-2022	4/11/22	JACOB DANIEL CLINE	\$1,107.85
279-2022	4/11/22	ALLAN DAVIS	\$862.97
280-2022	4/11/22	JAMES ANDREW EHRHART	\$670.95
281-2022	4/11/22	AUSTIN HOFFMAN	\$880.22
282-2022	4/11/22	JASON JASPER	\$365.63
283-2022	4/11/22	GERALD E LEACH	\$1,096.92
284-2022	4/11/22	WILLIAM P MANNHEIM	\$993.75
285-2022	4/11/22	BRIAN D MCKELLAR	\$441.31
286-2022	4/11/22	STACEY L MCKENZIE	\$546.09
287-2022	4/11/22	JAROD M REILLY	\$158.64
288-2022	4/11/22	AMIER SALAH	\$632.41
289-2022	4/11/22	JOSHUA SCHIEBREL	\$437.29
290-2022	4/11/22	CHRISTOPHER M SCOTT	\$1,121.38
291-2022	4/11/22	JAMES R SEBASTIAN	\$326.32
292-2022	4/11/22	ALEXANDER SEGRETTO	\$966.00
293-2022	4/11/22	CODY TYLER TEEGARDEN	\$1,258.79
294-2022	4/11/22	DEBORAH A WATSON	\$201.98
295-2022	4/11/22	TERRENCE W. WELDON JR.	\$913.03
296-2022	4/11/22	CONNOR WHELAN	\$1,277.56
297-2022	4/11/22	ROBERT JAY YOCUM	\$1,045.92
298-2022	4/11/22	JAY T. ZIMMERMAN	\$252.00
300-2022	4/11/22	MICHAEL ARNOLD JR	\$1,344.25
301-2022	4/11/22	JAMES ANDREW EHRHART	\$1,743.40
53355	4/14/22	SEDGWICK	\$1,985.00
53356	4/15/22	AIRGAS	\$274.59
53357	4/15/22	CINTAS CORPORATION	\$85.78
53358	4/19/22	AUSTIN HOFFMAN	\$1,208.82

53359	4/26/22	DUNCAN OIL CO	\$922.57
53360	4/26/22	FIRST NET	\$371.38
53361	4/26/22	WESTENDORF PRINTING	\$1,391.00
53362	4/26/22	ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS. INC	\$198.97
53363	4/26/22	AES Ohio	\$531.73
53364	4/26/22	AT&T	\$66.67
53365	4/26/22	UNITED HEALTH CARE-INSURANCE COMPANY	\$172.13
53366	4/26/22	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$1,186.00
53367	4/26/22	AUTOZONE,INC	\$58.43
53368	4/26/22	DURST BROS. EXCAVATING CO.	\$500.00
53369	4/26/22	DUNCAN OIL CO	\$922.57
53370	4/26/22	FIRST NET	\$371.38
53371	4/26/22	WESTENDORF PRINTING	\$1,391.00
53372	4/26/22	ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS. INC	\$198.97
53373	4/26/22	AES Ohio	\$531.73
53374	4/26/22	AT&T	\$66.67
53375	4/26/22	UNITED HEALTH CARE-INSURANCE COMPANY	\$172.13
53376	4/26/22	STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$1,186.00
53377	4/26/22	AUTOZONE,INC	\$58.43
53378	4/26/22	DURST BROS. EXCAVATING CO.	\$500.00

Motion to adjourn at 7:43

Don Black, Chair

Julie Reese, Trustee

Beth Vanhaaren, Trustee

Deborah Watson, Fiscal Officer