



**Bethel Township Board of Trustees  
February 15, 2022  
Workshop Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**In attendance were: Trustees- Trustee Reese, Trustee vanHaaren, Trustee Black  
Staff- Administrator Andy Ehrhart, Zoning Mike Arnold and  
Fiscal Officer Deborah Watson**

**Admin:**

- 1: Video Presentation from Peter Griggs of the Law Firm Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC**
  - Trustee vanHaaren introduced everyone and then explained the annexation petition that was filed with the Township.
  - All three trustees asked questions of the attorney.
  
- 2: Video Presentation from Albers & Albers, LLC**
  - Trustee vanHaaren introduced everyone and then explained the annexation petition that was filed with the Township.
  - All three trustees asked questions of the attorney.
  
- 3: Discussion of potential Law Firm Selection**
  
- 4: Meeting with Dan Baker (Andy & Don). Update on the Bethelville Drainage**
  - Trustee Don Black and Administrator Andy Ehrhart discussed what they had found when walking thru the properties. Discussed possibly changing the initial plan from the county.
  - Dan Baker said he will send Topo's
  - If these changes will work it possibly will not be a petition process, just improvements
  
- 5: Update on the Potential New Carlisle Annexation**
  - Administrator Andy Ehrhart spoke with City Manager Randy Bridge and he was interested in an annexation agreement. This is very early in the process. Mr. Bridge said that New Carlisle has their own sewer and water. He also stated the developer wants a high density.
  
- 6: Retreat scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am at Aileron.**
  - Goal is to get agenda and discussion items out by 2-18-22
  
- 7: Personnel Policy Updates – Chance to review?**
  - Will be on next workshop meeting agenda for Trustees to have more time to review.
  
- 8: Sunshine Law discussion.**

- **Information from phone conversation from Administrator Ehrhart with Chris Englert. Discussion “Townships Business” and what can be discussed in emails and phone calls etc.**

**Action Item**

**RESOLUTION 22-02-022**

**RESOLUTION EMPLOYING TOWNSHIP’S ATTORNEYS  
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, the Bethel Township Board of Township Trustees (“Board”) is authorized by Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code to employ attorneys on an annual basis other than the prosecuting attorney to represent the Township and its officers, boards and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them on legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Section 309.09(B) of the Revised Code provides that no such attorney may be employed except on the order of the Board, duly entered upon its Journal, in which the compensation to be paid for the attorney’s legal services shall be fixed; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to appoint attorneys to counsel and represent the Township on an annual basis for calendar year 2022 in such matters as the Board or its designee may refer to them; and

WHEREAS, the Board has appropriated the sum of \$15,000 for legal services for 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Peter N. Griggs, Esq., of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC and the law firm of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC, are hereby employed on an annual basis for calendar year 2022 as the Township’s legal counsel to represent the Township and its officers, boards and commissions in their official capacities and to advise them in connection with such matters as may be referred to said Counsel by or on behalf of the Board or its designee. Township Administrator Andrew King shall serve as the direct contact point between legal counsel and the Board.

SECTION 2. The compensation for such counsel during 2022 shall be paid as follows: \$168.00 per hour partner attorney time; \$154.00 per hour senior associate attorney time; \$100.00 per hour associate attorney time; and \$75.00 per hour legal assistant time; plus out-of-pocket expense reimbursements; provided that the total compensation shall not exceed \$15,000 without further action by this Board.

SECTION 4. The attorneys may be discharged at any time by majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 5. The Township Fiscal Officer is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the law firm.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

ATTEST:

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Deborah Watson, Fiscal Officer

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Don Black, Trustee

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Beth van Haaran, Trustee

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Julie Reese, Trustee

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

And seconded by Trustee: **Julie Reese**

**VOTE:**

**Trustee Beth vanHaaren    YES**

**Trustee Julie Reese        NO**

**Don Black                    YES**

**Meeting adjourned 11:05am**