



**Bethel Township Board of Trustees
January 17, 2023
Workshop Meeting**

In attendance:

**Trustees: Beth vanHaaren
Julie Reese
Don Black**

**Staff: Administrator Andy Ehrhart
Fiscal Officer Deborah Watson
Zoning Administrator Mike Arnold**

Admin:

1: Text My GOV

- **Using the service**

Administrator Ehrhart researched the cost breakdown. He stated would improve communication with our residents.

Trustee Reese asked if Andy could see if there were other Township utilizing this service, and how it is working for them. She also asked if the 10gig was large enough for our Township.

Administrator Ehrhart said he would contact the Company tomorrow and ask her questions.

2: Annexation Attorney

- **Drafting a letter, will forward it when received.**

Administrator Ehrhart will touch base with Attorney to see where he is in this process.

3: Trees on Singer

- Administrator Ehrhart stated the first estimate was approximately \$13,000.00. He will continue to get more estimates.

- Trustee Black and Administrator Ehrhart will go mark the trees.

4: Gas Station at 201 and Cobaugh

- Zoning Administrator Mike Arnold stated that this was already zoned I-1. Trustees looked at plans. Will wait on ODOT approval then move forward.

Trustee Items:

1: Reese- Community event possibility.

- Trustee Reese stated that at the Land and Lifestyle Preservation Committee meeting these items were suggestions.

- A community Center built at Friendship Park
- A pickle ball court at Friendship park
- Possible Community Picnic.

- Trustee vanHaaren stated that we certainly could take a look at these. We have had

Community Picnics in the past, held at the Studebaker Cabin site.

- Administrator Ehrhart stated that we are looking into a building site for a Fire House/Government Center that possibly could have multiple uses for the Community, ie a Senior Citizen Center.

2: Trustee vanHarren – Bee City USA, discussion.

- Ron Corbett attended. He is interested in being the lead person for this project. This will mostly bring information to any of our residents interested in restoring habitat to attract bees.
- Trustee vanHaaren believes this would be a good way to help the Bee population grow. Vandalia is a Bee City. Membership is only \$100.00 to join. Also, since we are the Bethel Bees, it would be great to be a Bee City.
- Trustee Reese shared some community concerns:
 - As long as they don't have any additional pesticide rules.
 - Would rather see us do something to preserve the Monarch Butterfly.
 - Would rather spend money on something else.

**Trustee vanHaaren and Trustee Black would like to move forward with this.
Trustee vanHaaren will get with resident Ron Corbett to move forward.**

Ongoing Items:

1: Huber Heights Annexation

No update.

2: New Carlisle Annexation

No update

3: State Route 202 and US Route 40 Property

No update

4: GIS Update

Administrator Ehrhart will purchase.

5: Promotional Videos on Facebook/ Instagram

No Update

6: Massage Parlor regulations

Waiting on Chris Englerts Formal Opinion.

7: Land Use Plan Update

- **Meeting on January 18th**

Other Discussion Topics

1: Administrator Ehrhart did receive an email from Joe Tuss and he gave the Trustees parameters to review for the next Land Use Plan meeting. Administrator Ehrhart gave the Trustee's the email and information to go along with it.

2: Administrator Ehrhart and Trustee vanHaaren met with Huber Heights on the Carriage Trail intersection.