

Bethel Township Board of Trustees
February 21, 2012
Workshop Meeting

The Bethel Township Board of Trustees met in Workshop Session Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 8:30AM at the Bethel Township Meeting Room, 8735 South Second Street, Brandt. Members present were Beth van Haaren, Cliff Wray and Jerry Hirt.

Staff Attendees: Michael Gebhart-Township Administrator
Andy Ehrhart-Director of Planning & Zoning

Guest Attendees: Robyn Livesy, DPL Energy/Miami Valley Lighting

The meeting was called to order by Trustee van Haaren.

Robyn Livesy from DPL Energy/Miami Valley Lighting was in attendance to discuss the Brandt and West Charleston Lighting Districts in the Township. She discussed DP&L and its sister companies, which include DPL/Energy and Miami Valley Lighting. She explained how the lighting districts currently are maintained and billed through DP&L. To better service local government lighting districts, DP&L many years ago set up Miami Valley Lighting to better serve the lighting districts routine maintenance. Bethel's two districts are still under DP&L. Ms. Livesay presented a proposal to shift those two districts to Miami Valley Lighting along with a cost savings plan for future billing. After a discussion among Ms. Livesay, staff and the Board, the Board of Trustees agreed that a switch to DPL/Energy Miami Valley Lighting was appropriate and instructed the Administrator to prepare a resolution approving the change for their meeting on February 28, 2012.

Planning & Zoning Director/Assistant Fire Chief Andy Ehrhart reported on his upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for February 23rd. He also discussed early spring zoning inspections including pools without proper fencing.

Administrator Gebhart and Ehrhart discussed the Fire Department's updated Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) approval being completed and asked for them to be approved by the Board of Trustees at their next meeting. The Board has been given updates throughout the year long process and agreed that they should be placed on the February 28th agenda.

Administrator Gebhart also shared positive feedback he had received from residents concerning care given to them by the Fire Department.

Gebhart went over several quotes to repaint the old rescue truck for service by the Road Department. He advised that he would follow up with them at their March 20th meeting.

Administrator Gebhart advised that he had been notified by the Miami County Engineers Office that two Trustees needed to stop by the Engineer's Office on 25A in Troy on Thursday, February 23rd to sign off on the annual ODOT mileage certification for the year. Trustee Wray agreed to meet with the Engineer at 8:15AM and Trustee Hirt agreed to stop by to sign off also. Trustee van Haaren stated she would be in Troy and available to sign if either Trustees was unable to attend.

Administrator Gebhart shared a quote he had received to replace the oil stained carpet in the Township Meeting Room. He advised that he would bring more information to the Trustees Workshop Meeting on March 20th.

The Board, Fiscal Officer and staff discussed the renewal of the 3.8 mil levy.

Administrator Gebhart discussed the amending of the Brandt Sewer Revolving Loan Agreement with the Miami County Commissioners.

Action Items:

There were none.

Administrator Gebhart provided the following informational items.

Friday, February 24th @ 10:00AM: Resolution requests and department reports for the February 28, 2012, Trustee Meeting are due.

- March 6 - Trustee Workshop Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 8:30AM (If needed)
- March 7 – Historical Society Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 7:00PM
- March 13 – Trustee Regular Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 7:00PM
- March 20 – Trustee Workshop Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 8:30AM
- March 22 – Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 6:00PM (if needed)
Zoning Commission Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 7:30 PM (if needed)
- March 27 – Trustee Regular Meeting, Township Meeting Room, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15AM

Mr. Jerome Hirt, President

Mr. Cliff Wray, Vice-chair

Mrs. Beth van Haaren, Trustee

Deborah Watson, Fiscal Officer