



RESOLUTION #25-12-100

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE STANDARD CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT RATE RETROACTIVELY
FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTALION CHIEFS UTILIZING THEIR OWN PERSONAL CELL PHONES
TO CONDUCT BUSINESS OF THE TOWNSHIP**

The Bethel Township Board of Trustees, Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio met in regular session on the 2nd day of December, 2025 with the following Trustees being present: Kama Dick, Julie Reese, and Beth van Haaren.

Trustee Dick moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County has historically provided cell phones or cell phone stipends for the Township Administrator, Planning & Zoning Director, Road Superintendent, Road Worker, and Command Staff of the Fire Department to conduct township business; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has discontinued the practice of providing cell phones but has continued the practice of providing monthly cell phone stipends for staff's use of their personal cell phones; **AND**

WHEREAS, resolution #23-05-051 promoted two Fire Department Captains to Battalion Chief on June 23, 2023; **AND**

WHEREAS, the position of Battalion Chief was newly created in 2023 and was not specifically listed as qualifying for phone reimbursement in resolution #11-08-117 from 2011 which established the cell phone reimbursement rates and listed the Fire Department Command Staff positions that existed at that time; **AND**

WHEREAS, the intent was not to eliminate the phone reimbursement for the newly created Battalion Chief position which is, in fact, a Fire Department Command Staff position. **THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Bethel Township, Miami County sets the standard reimbursement rate at twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month for the position of Battalion Chief effective June 23, 2023 retroactively and authorizes the Township Fiscal Officer to issue the reimbursement commensurate with the payroll schedule so long as the reimbursement does not exceed the monthly rate.

Trustee vanHaaren seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Vote:	Trustee Kama Dick	<u>Y</u>	<u>Kama Dick</u>
	Trustee Julie Reese	<u>Y</u>	<u>Julie Reese</u>
	Trustee Beth vanHaaren	<u>Y</u>	<u>Beth van Haaren</u>

Attest: Rhonda Ross
Rhonda Ross, Fiscal Officer
Bethel Township, Miami County, Ohio