

January 6, 2025 Minutes

Urbach called the January 6, 2025 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was: URBACH HERE LAMBERT HERE VESELENAK HERE
Lambert made the motion to accept the minutes as they have them read through email. Veselenak seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Lambert made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,219.84. Seconded by Veselenak. All in Favor: YES.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jack Flinner asked how the zoning board members could log into the OTA education website. Matics stated that OTA has your email address and your email address will be your user name. You then have to create a password. Matics will forward that information on to all the zoning board members.

Discussion:

- 1) Electric aggregation.
- 2) Applicant for the zoning secretary position.
- 3) Possible equipment purchases for 2025. The 2007 road mower, mower head for the road mower and lawn mower.

Decision:

- 1) RESOLUTION #2025-01

STARK, OHIO

INTRODUCED BY: T. Renee Veselenak

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4928.20, a township may aggregate customers within their jurisdiction in order to secure lower cost electric service within the township through the collective purchasing of electric services; and

WHEREAS, the township seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions, according to law, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the township who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Ohio Edison and AEP Ohio; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Bethlehem, Stark County, State of Ohio; two thirds (2/3) all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That this Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township, its residents, businesses and other electric located within the boundaries and who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Ohio Edison and AEP Ohio to establish an opt-out Aggregation Program in accordance with law in the State of Ohio.

Section 2. That this Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Dynegy.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of

Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Veselenak. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

LAMBERT YES

VESELENAK YES

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- 2) Lambert will contact the applicant to see if they can come in at 5:30 on Thursday, January 21.
- 3) Dealers to check out for road mowers: Ag Pro, Mast in Winesburg and Lowe & Young in Applecreek and Wooster. Strubel will contact other townships to see what they use and if they are satisfied. The County has a Tiger which Strubel likes.
- 4) RESOLUTION #2025-02
Lambert made the motion to rescind Resolution #2024-50. Seconded by Veselenak. Upon Role Call the Result was:
 URBACH YES LAMBERT YES VESELENAK YES
- 5) RESOLUTION #2025-03

Lambert made the motion for A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A METHOD OF COMPENSATION CONSISTING OF AN ANNUAL SALARY TO BE PAID IN EQUAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND TO APPORTION THE TOTAL COMPENSATION AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER TOWNSHIP FUNDS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 504.24 AND 507.09
WHEREAS, pursuant to RC 504.24 (C) and 507.09 (C), a township board of trustees may, by a unanimous vote, adopt a method of compensation of an annual salary to be paid in equal monthly payments; and to pay the total compensation from the general fund or from other township funds in proportions as the board may specify by resolution, for each trustee and fiscal officer among the various township funds; and
WHEREAS, upon adoption of this Resolution, each trustee and the fiscal officer shall certify the percentage of time spent working on matters to be paid from the township general fund and from other township funds in such proportions as the kinds of services performed; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to become effective on the first day of January, 2024, to adopt an annual salary method of compensation to be paid in equal monthly payments and to pay the same against the below mentioned funds per each elected official’s monthly time sheet.
To apportion the compensation of each trustee as per their monthly Payroll Certification from the following funds:

50% Bethlehem Township General Fund
50% Bethlehem Township Road and Bridge Fund

To apportion the compensation of the fiscal officer as per their monthly Payroll Certification from the following funds:

80% Bethlehem Township General Fund
20% Bethlehem Township Road and Bridge Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each trustee and the fiscal officer shall certify each monthly pay period by using the following form:

Payroll Certification for the Bethlehem Township
Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer

Effective January 6, 2025

The Board of Trustees for Bethlehem Township Stark County, Ohio, pursuant to RC 504.24 (C) and 507.09 (C), Resolved to apportion the costs of each Trustee’s and the Fiscal Officer’s compensation, consisting of salary and benefits, in proportion to each, the General Fund and Road and Bridge Fund, relative to the total township budget. Each Trustee and the Fiscal Officer shall certify the percentage of time spent working on matters to be paid from the general fund and from other township funds in proportions as the kinds of services performed.

_____ % Bethlehem Township General Fund
_____ % Bethlehem Township Road and Bridge Fund

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Said fund percentage apportionment shall continue, as certified by each Trustee or Fiscal Officer, on a month to month basis or until modified, rescinded or amended by the Bethlehem Township Board of Trustees or as certified by an individual trustee or the Fiscal Officer.

I certify that the above percentages are a fair and accurate statement and representation of my time spent working on Bethlehem Township matters.

Pay Period: _____

Date: _____

Bethlehem Township Trustee /
Fiscal Officer

Urbach seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

LAMBERT YES

VESELENAK YES

6) RESOLUTION 2025-04

Lambert made the motion for the resolution to allow Bethlehem Township to pay the expenses of the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Zoning Inspector and Zoning Board members to attend the Stark County Governmental Law Seminar. Seconded by Urbach. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

LAMBERT YES

VESELENAK YES

7) RESOLUTION #2025-05

Lambert made the motion for the resolution to make a uniform rate of pay at 70¢ per mile for Township Officials attending conventions and seminars, in addition to Zoning Inspector mileage for the year 2025. Seconded by Urbach. Upon Roll Call the result was:

URBACH YES

LAMBERT YES

VESELENAK YES

8) RESOLUTION #2025-06

Urbach made the motion for the resolution to have a work session at 5:30 pm at the first meeting of the month. Seconded by Veselenak. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

LAMBERT YES

VESELENAK YES

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) The road crew has been out clearing the township roads. We had to haul in some grit but the salt looks good.
- 2) They are starting to spread grit in the allotments this season. The trustees might consider sweeping the allotments in the spring to get the grit off the roads there.

URBACH REPORT

- 1) The park board will meet on tomorrow, Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Our budget for 2025 is \$1,546,817.38
- 2) Administration has received a 1.5% salary increase for 2025. Trustees monthly salary will be \$1,174.00 which is a monthly increase of \$20.16. Fiscal Officer monthly salary will be \$2,054.75 which is a monthly increase of \$35.33.

Urbach stated the next meeting would be Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm for an interview for the Zoning Secretary position and the regular meeting to begin at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Veselenak. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

T. Renee Veselenak - President

James J. Urbach - Vice President

Ronald L. Lambert – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer