

September 25, 2025 Emergency Minutes

Urbach called the emergency meeting to order at 8:30 am. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH HERE

LAMBERT HERE

RESOLUTION 2025-34

Urbach made the motion for the Resolution Adopting a Cybersecurity Policy

Whereas, the State of Ohio has implemented Ohio Revised Code §9.64, 96 (136th G.A.), requiring all local governments and jurisdictions to establish a cybersecurity policy by September 30, 2025; and

Whereas, the purpose of this requirement is to strengthen protections of public data, information systems and technology resources from cybersecurity threats and risks; and

Whereas, the Bethlehem Township recognizes the importance of safeguarding sensitive and confidential information entrusted to Bethlehem Township; and

Whereas, a draft Cybersecurity policy has been prepared and reviewed by staff and is recommended for adoption as a framework for compliance with Ohio Revised Code §9.64 and HB 96; and

Whereas, the policy provides guidance on access control, system security data protection, incident response, training and vendor management, while requiring consultation with IT professionals and legal counsel for implementation and customization;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the board of trustees of Bethlehem Township, Stark County, Ohio that:

1. The attached Cybersecurity Policy is hereby adopted as the official policy of Bethlehem Township.
2. This policy shall take effect on September 30, 2025, and implementation of technical and training requirements no later than June 30, 2026, as provided by the Ohio Auditor of State.
3. The board of Trustees shall distribute the adopted policy to all township departments, employees and relevant contractors, and to ensure compliance in partnership with IT providers and legal counsel.
4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on September 30, 2025 upon its passage and adoption by the Bethlehem Township board of Trustees.

Seconded by Lambert. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

LAMBERT YES

VESELENAK ABSENT

Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lambert. All in Favor: YES The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

James J Urbach- President

Ronald L. Lambert - Vice President

ABSENT
T. Renee Veselenak – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer