

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
August 21, 2017**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer, Mike Graby and Carl Kauffman III. Also in attendance were Solicitor, Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer, Gary Kraft and Township Manager Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

NorthPoint – Brent Miles was present to request a LERTA for the site they are potentially purchasing and developing. Lots 5 and 7 are in the Industrial Park LERTA where the Klahr properties are not. Brent Miles stated they have various LERTA's across the commonwealth. Brent Miles also stated he is aware the Tulpehocken School District at this time is not in favor of LERTA's. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Solicitor work with NorthPoint Attorney towards a LERTA, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Brian Wheeler, Hill Rd – Brian Wheeler was present to see if the Township can do anything about water runoff that is being created by a neighbor filling in ditches. He was told to contact the Berks County Conservation District, and it may be a private issue.

Approval of Minutes

Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve minutes from July 17, 2017, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from July 25, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Roadwork being done, we have had some comments both negative and positive.

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Incidents Assigned	32	Misc. Complaints	33
Criminal Arrests	00	Non Traffic Citations	01
Traffic Citations	33	Parking Tickets	00
Follow Up Investigations	06	Phone Assignments	21
Non Reportable Accidents	03	Reportable Accidents	04
Motorist Assists	01	Traffic Stops	25
Fire & EMS Advisories	17	Other Law Agency Assists	14
Commercial Alarms	00	Residential Alarms	00
Security Checks	07	School Detail	00

Court Appearances	04	Vehicle Maintenance	01
Subpoena Service	00	Warrants	00
Warnings	02		

Report totaled 170 activities, 2352mileage was noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Police Car 2011- Chief Murphy stated the brush guard has been ordered, they said about 6 weeks until it comes in.

Tulpehocken Township Police requesting Fire Police for September 9, 2017 event - Mike Graby made a motion approving Fire Police to assist Tulpehocken with event September 9th, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

Randy Behney said the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan documents have been submitted.

Randy Behney stated there was a tractor trailer fire, he stated Penn DOT was helpful and the closer of I-78 for the most part went well.

Randy Behney stated there is a free Traffic Incident Management workshop on September 12th that he would like to attend. Jake Meyer made a motion approving Randy Behney attend workshop, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Randy Behney stated there were road closures during the last couple of storms.

Road Master Report –

Schubert Road – Pete Davis stated the shoulders have been graded.

Schubert Rd culverts – Pete Davis said the culverts are completed.

Schubert Road Project – Pete Davis stated they are basically finished from Route 501 to Frantz Road with the first part of the process. They will be coming August 28th for the paving portion of the project.

Double Seal Coat – Roads are completed and they should be out Wednesday to sweep the roads.

Grader – The grader was leased for a month and seems to be running very well. They would like to purchase the grader for \$12,000.00. Jayne stated we had gotten quotes for graders very similar to the one that was leased. This grader was for \$18,000.00 minus the lease payment of \$6,000.00. Carl Kauffman made a motion to purchase the grader for \$12,000.00, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Carl Kauffman asked if a V-plow could be hooked to the grader. Pete Davis said it could be, one would have to be purchased.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

Eugene Orlando stated he was authorized to amend the Traffic Ordinance and he has done the amendment, but since there may be another amendment he has not scheduled a hearing. He wants to make sure he understands the Board of Supervisors. Jake Meyer stated that is where he thought the Board was in the process.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Musser – nothing at this time

Sheetz – Gary Kraft stated he has been having conversations with K & W and stated there doesn't seem to be any issues at this time. They have agreed to monitor the situation for three months and give reports to the Township during the monitoring period.

Municipal Authority – Carl Kauffman III

Carl Kauffman stated did not attend the meeting.

Library Board – Mike Graby

Mike Graby stated there is nothing new to report.

Recreation Board – Mike Graby

Mike Graby stated the Recreation Board is inviting the Sponsors of the Home Town Hero Banners and the donors to the Frystown Playground to an event to be held September 24th with a rain date of October 1st.

The Annual Tree Lighting will be held November 26 at 7:00

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated the EAC members are still coordinating the Chesapeake Bay drainage marking. Jake and Pete will talk about paint colors for the project.

Jake Meyer stated they are waiting until vegetation dies off before the wetlands will be looked into.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Jake Meyer stated this should move forward in the near future as we have a design.

Policy revisions – Jake Meyer had nothing new to report.

Act 172 – Jayne stated dates for a meeting should be established.

Weidner Bridge – Jayne stated an email has gone to Commissioner Barnhardt for cost and what they may want to do if anything to their bridge.

Joint Meeting – August 22, and September 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm with Planning Commission to discuss amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Rec Board Member – need one

Treasurer's Bond – Jayne is recommending a three year term to save 25% in year two and three. Mike Graby made a motion to approve three year term, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Facility Use for Frystown Park – Jayne stated the Township has received a request for use of the Park for a Birthday Party on September 23, 2017. Jake Meyer made a motion approving the use on September 23, 2017, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Cleaning of Garages, Police station and Township Office – Shannon Haag left a message on the phone stating she is unable to continue employment here cleaning our facilities. Jayne stated an application has been received concerning cleaning of Township facilities. Melanie Davis applied for a cleaning position, application received last week. Carl Kauffman asked what the rate is currently, Jayne will need to check and have it for tomorrow evenings meeting.

C M High – Maintenance at the Traffic lights. Jayne will get the plans out to see if the missing signs are on traffic plan or if they are Penn DOT's responsibility.

Berks County Municipal Breakfast – September 22, 2017, let Jayne know if you are planning on attending by Sept 11, 2017.

Berks County Convention – October 19, 2017, let Jayne know if you are planning to attend by September 18, 2017.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 31902– 31940 and Capital Reserve Account check 159

Mike Graby made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Carl Kauffman stated the Route 183 Bridge will be removed starting September 5, 2017.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Jake Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary