

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
August 23, 2016**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Kauffman III at 7:52 pm in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Carl Kauffman, Jacob Meyer and Michael Graby. Also in attendance were Solicitor Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer Robin Royer and Township Manager Jayne Seifrit.

Hearing of Visitors

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

Robin Royer stated she could answer any questions the Board had about the report or anything else.

8472 Lancaster Ave – Carl Kauffman stated it appears to be more of a civil matter.

6160 Four Point Rd – Carl Kauffman stated he stopped and spoke with the owner. They have the containers there during construction; plan is to remove once completed. Robin Royer temporary is fine, will continue to monitor. Jayne will check to see if the Certificate of Occupancy was issued.

413 Frystown Rd – The Board looked at the complaint and the pictures provided. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Jayne to send a letter to address burning, seconded by Carl Kauffman. Carl Kauffman asked Mike Graby if he wanted to include other items, Jayne said she had spoken to owner and told him he needs a pool permit, he came and picked up an application. All agreed. Motion carried.

791 Frystown Rd – Carl Kauffman made a motion to send a certified letter to the person (daughter) living there as the owners are deceased concerning the rooms for rent, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

715 Frystown Rd – Carl Kauffman made a motion to have Jayne send a letter to owners concerning the number of unregistered vehicles on the property, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

9555 Old Route 22 – Carl Kauffman asked Eugene Orlando if the Township can purchase property and make a road there so Midway and Wilkens truck traffic could use that instead of Legion Drive because two trucks can't pass each other at the turn. Eugene Orlando stated the Second Class Township Code does have provisions for land acquisitions in article 15, he will send an email with details.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – Carl Kauffman stated he forwarded the pictures from Sheetz. We are looking for pictures of the Old Route 22 section also.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated he has pictures of the water issue at Sheetz also and will forward to the Township.

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Actions from Planning Commission

Concrete Safety Systems

Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve final plan, condition on all items completed as outlined on Kraft Engineering letter dated August 15, 2016 and all approvals received from 3rd party agencies, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Yost

Mike Graby made a motion to accept 91 day extension until November 22, 2016, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Kreider

Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission for waiver of Section 3.04 preliminary plan to final, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor Report – Eugene Orlando Jr

Eugene Orlando stated he received an email stating the cul-de-sac was never dedicated to the Township when it was completed on Court Street as part of the Midway Industrial site. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Township Engineer and Manager to confirm the construction of cul-de-sac is completed and if so, authorize the Solicitor to prepare documents to have the cul-de-sac dedicated to the Township, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineer Report – Gary Kraft

Nothing at this time

Unfinished Business

Comprehensive Plan – It was decided to wait until mapping is completed before moving forward with advertising hearing.

Yahweh Free Brethren Holding Tank Agreement – Mike Graby made a motion to have Chairman sign the agreement, seconded by Carl Kauffman. Both agreed. Jake Meyer abstained. Motion carried.

Crossing Guard – Mike Graby made a motion to hire Gina Gettle as a backup Crossing Guard for the Bethel School, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Berks County Convention – October 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Let me know if attending by September 27th it is for Supervisors, Tax Collectors, Auditors, and Secretary/Treasurer/Managers. Carl Kauffman asked if it is for current Supervisors, Jayne said it is.

C M High – junction box During the maintenance of the traffic lights at 501 and I-78, it was noted a junction box on the northwest corner has been pushed out of the rocks and needs to be dug out and placed back down. Carl Kauffman made a motion to have the road crew repair junction box at the northwest corner of 501 and I-78, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Airport Rd Bridge – When Penn DOT sent the agreement for the Bridge they did not include exhibit F which was about nondiscrimination/sexual harassment clause and neglected to have the phrase “the remainder of this page is intentionally left blank”. They asked for us to initial both pages and send them a hard copy. Mike Graby made a motion to have Chairman initial pages and send a hard copy, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Gary Silvi updated the Board stating the professionals are working to complete outstanding items for next month’s meeting. He also stated they have been in contact with the Sewer Authority and submitted plans. Also they are addressing the water issue that was brought up by the Fire Company. Gary Silvi further stated there is interest whether it is a lease, sell outright or a joint venture.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Carl Kauffman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Jayne K Seifrit