

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
December 19, 2016**

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

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

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Debt Act Ordinance – Paul Lundeen explained the Ordinance as it is pertains to complying with the Debt Act for the loan of \$1,000,000.00 for road work on Schubert Rd. Willian Hertzog made remarks against the borrowing of funds to do Schubert Road. The belief of deficit spending was mentioned several times. A proposal was handed out on how to repay for doing half of the project in a five year time frame. Carl Kauffman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-02, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from November 21, 2016, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve minutes from November 22, 2016, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – Carl Kauffman stated the No Turn On Red 6am-6pm signs are in place. It would be good for the police to sit there until people get used to the new signs. Hopefully the signs and enforcement will help the pedestrians.

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the Budget and the Schubert Road project are topics that generated controversial discussion. He feels the road needs to be done all at once. Additional budget discussion is later.

Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated the road crew received a fruit basket and Christmas card thanking them for their work in 2016 from a resident.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Incidents Assigned	36	Misc. Complaints	84
Criminal Arrests	02	Non Traffic Citations	02
Traffic Citations	21	Parking Tickets	02
Follow Up Investigations	00	Phone Assignments	30
Non Reportable Accidents	04	Reportable Accidents	02
Motorist Assists	02	Traffic Stops	15
Fire & EMS Advisories	21	Other Law Agency Assists	08

Commercial Alarms	00	Residential Alarms	01
Security Checks	05	School Detail	29
Court Appearances	05	Vehicle Maintenance	03
Subpoena Service	00		

Report totaled 249 activities, 2302 mileage was noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Carl Kauffman said it was nice having police presence at the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
Motion Light – nothing new to report

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

Not able to be here

Road Master Report –

Meckville Road Bridge – nothing new to report

Schubert Road Pipes Bid – Pete Davis stated we are waiting for the pipes.

Bashore Street Bridge – Pete Davis stated he is waiting on another quote to move the guide rail back. This item to be placed on the meeting agenda for Dec 27th

Trucks – Pete Davis said we had two trucks go down on Saturday during the ice/snow event. A cable broke on one truck not allowing the plow to operate correctly and the other truck a hydraulic hose broke so the bed of the truck would not go down.

Weed Spraying – nothing to report at this time

Grader – Jayne Seifrit stated the grader’s top bid on Municibid is \$5,000.00. Carl Kauffman made a motion to accept bid of \$5,000.00 and sell to highest bidder, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

Denying Permits – A meeting will be set up in the near future between Solicitor, engineer and Township Manager.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Not able to attend, items for Engineer will be placed on agenda for December 27, 2016.

Municipal Authority – Carl Kauffman III

Carl Kauffman stated the Authority is looking at their budget for 2017 and working on delinquent accounts.

Library Board – Mike Graby

Nothing new to report

Recreation Board – Mike Graby

Mike Graby stated the Tree Lighting was held November 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Mike Graby stated the library should be hearing about the Keystone Grant in February 2017.

Environmental Advisory Council – Carl Kauffman

Jake Meyer stated he was not able to attend meeting but he knows they are working on another Education Day for 2017 and working with the School District sponsoring the Junk Fair prizes.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Jake Meyer stated he has received three possible layouts. He will share with other Board members.

Budget – Jayne Seifrit stated the budget has been advertised as required. The amount for 2017 is \$1,223,840.72. There were lengthy public comments opposing the budget and the over spending from William Hertzog and Dean Klopp. It was stated the Township has a spending problem. There were several accusations made directed at the Township Board of Supervisors of overspending and not being responsible with tax payer money. Carl Kauffman and Jake Meyer stated a couple of corrections. Jayne Seifrit stated the information they have is correct in what they asked for using the Right-to-Know, but they did not ask for the supplemental budgets that get passed at the end of the year to account for additional revenues and expenses. There has not been deficit spending as was stated. Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget of \$1,223,840.72, seconded by Jake Meyer. Carl Kauffman and Jake Meyer voted yes and Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried. Carl Kauffman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-37 approving budget for 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. Carl Kauffman and Jake Meyer agreed. Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-38 Tax levy with no tax increase, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

A resident who lives on Schubert Road stated Schubert Road is in terrible condition and it needs to be repaired.

Carl Kauffman stated the Thank You Event for the boards and committee members will be held January 14, 2017; please call the office with your reservation.

New Business

School Choice Week Proclamation January 22-28, 2017. Carl Kauffman made a motion to sign proclamation for school choice week January 22 – 28, 2017, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

811 Proclamation – will do next Tuesday

Municipal Tax Sheet – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Chairman to sign the County tax form, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Municipal Committee member terms up at the end of 2016 - PC-George Shollenberger and Bill Straw, ZHB-Robert Stockholm, MA-Robert Lingle, RB-Bonnie Behney, and EAC Ken Norton; the Board needs to check and see if willing to serve or replace.

Date for Meetings in 2017 – Several committees have okayed their meeting dates; will look to complete at next meeting.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 31579– 31608 and street light 172

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

Public Comment

Donald Daub asked what part of Schubert Road is to be repaired. He was told from Route 501 to the Township line which is 5.2 miles. Donald Daub asked about Bashore Street Bridge, is the same inspector coming out each time. Pete Davis believes so but is not positive.

George Shollenberger commented the budgets and supplemental budgets should have been given so we would not have had wasted this time.

Larry Schmehl asked about fixing the dip/grate along School Road and Route 501. We believe it is a Penn DOT issue, it will be looked into. Larry Schmehl asked if the Sheetz water issues have been corrected. Jayne stated Gary Kraft, Township Engineer, will be here Tuesday to report. Larry Schmehl is concerned with a driveway at Brubaker's on the hill on Route 501. He does not believe the driveway is permitted. Larry Schmehl reported there are more tires and truck/trailers parked at 550 Brown Rd, concerned about encroachment of wetlands. Trucks have parked along Brown Road within the Township right-of-way causing issues for other motorists.

Herb Zechman thanked the Board for the milling that was done on Old Route 22. He stated there is an area east of Route 419 that could use milling. Herb Zechman is glad to see the Meckville Road bridges are being addressed before the Township receives them in the Turnback program. Herb Zechman stated the budget looks like it usually does. Herb Zechman asked about Airport Road and Route 501 intersection project. It will be looked at for a future project.

Michael DeAcosta asked for police presence at Route 645 and Camp Swatara Road because truckers pull out right in front of oncoming traffic from the ramps. Jayne will contact Chief Murphy about the issue and request.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Jake Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary