

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
July 17, 2017**

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

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer 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

Duke Realty – Mike Davis and Steve Buck were present to request the building permit be released so they can work on the foundation of the building as it is a different contractor for the work versus the road construction. It would give them about a month of construction time ahead of the road being finished; which is expected about August 14, 2017. Gary Kraft stated if they only work on the eastern half of the building it would not interfere with Fort Motel Dr or Central Blvd. Eugene Orlando is concerned with the liberties that have been taken to this point; not matching agreements. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing activity to within 50 feet of right of way until Central Blvd is completed, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve minutes from June 19, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes from June 27, 2017 Special Joint Meeting, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried. Carl Kauffman made a motion to approve minutes from June 27, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer stated he, Jayne and Pete met with a representative of the PA Department of Agriculture. He went over places that can be sprayed by unlicensed people and places that cannot be sprayed. The education was very helpful. Playgrounds and Parks (it was stated recreational area) we cannot but we can around our buildings. The Library should be consulted prior to spraying to be sure no outside activities are planned.

Mike Graby – absent

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Incidents Assigned	27	Misc. Complaints	42
Criminal Arrests	00	Non Traffic Citations	00
Traffic Citations	30	Parking Tickets	00
Follow Up Investigations	03	Phone Assignments	21
Non Reportable Accidents	03	Reportable Accidents	05
Motorist Assists	02	Traffic Stops	38
Fire & EMS Advisories	20	Other Law Agency Assists	08

Commercial Alarms	00	Residential Alarms	00
Security Checks	07	School Detail	08
Court Appearances	03	Vehicle Maintenance	05
Subpoena Service	00	Warrants	00
Warnings	09		

Report totaled 201 activities, 2683 mileage was noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Police Car 2011- Chief Murphy stated the 2011 car is finished for now; they need to order the brush guard.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

There are not any classes at this time that Randy Behney can attend.

Randy Behney said he will work on the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan documents.

Randy Behney stated there were road closures; he was not notified at the time. The roads are all open at this time.

Road Master Report –

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

Schubert Rd culverts – Pete Davis said they will be starting on July 20th to repair the culverts.

Cat Loader – needs to be repaired, the couplers are seized fast. They will need to take it to their shop to repair.

Schubert Road Closure- Tri-County Church is wondering on the time of the work to be done on Schubert Rd. because they are having an event September 16th or so. It was stated they will be fine to hold event at their site.

CAT Loader Maintenance Agreement – The Board looked over the agreement, decided not to participate at this time.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

Mr. Stoudt Conditional Use Application – Eugene Orlando stated he has spoken to Mr. Stoudt’s attorney concerning compliance. The fines could be greater than the application fee. Eugene Orlando stated if he does not file the hearing will be held on July 25th.

Horning’s Market – Eugene Orlando stated he has not received anything. Mr. Burkholder said information is needed to complete the process; he stated an email was sent. Eugene Orlando stated his assistant, Tammy Weiss received an email asking for some documents and she has provided.

Dermody, Midway Rd-Old Route 22 – Eugene Orlando stated he has not heard anything from the Attorney. Jayne has not either.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Musser – nothing at this time

Sheetz – Gary Kraft stated he has had email exchanges, but nothing new to report at this time; they are still waiting for DEP and Conservation District.

Road Projects –Gary Kraft he has not heard anything since last month.

3 way stop request – Gary Kraft provided the Board with a letter detailing his recommendations for the area on Swope Road and Bennett Street. The traffic on Bennett Street and Swope Road would be flowing with Swope Road that comes to the intersection would have to stop. An amendment to the

traffic ordinance would have to be done. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Solicitor to amend traffic ordinance to include stop sign at Swope Road, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

DGI Bethel – James Mascaro, Dermody, has requested release of bond that is currently with the Township and replace it with a bond for the eighteen month maintenance period. Eugene Orlando stated it would be an amendment to the DIA. Jake Meyer made a motion to release current bond and replace with a new bond and an amended DIA at the cost of doing so covered by the owner, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority – Carl Kauffman III

Carl Kauffman stated the Authority is still working on heavy flows from properties.

Library Board – Mike Graby

Members of the Library Board were present. Jayne explained concerns about the grant and complying with the regulations so when it is time for audits it will go smoothly. It was confirmed the advertising does need to be by the regulations of the township. The roof was also discussed; the Board is considering paying for a new roof. Jake Meyer stated it doesn't make sense to do the interior of the building and not repair the roof. The lease agreement needs to be looked at to see if renovations are addressed in the agreement. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to look at lease for clarification on what can be done, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Recreation Board – Mike Graby

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated the EAC members reviewed the NorthPoint Plan, comments to follow. Jake Meyer stated the members also discussed the pipeline going in other areas of Pennsylvania.

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 – Lee Groff stated he believes we should have a meeting with first responder heads, Board of Supervisors and the Township Manager to discuss where we go from here.

Weidner Bridge – There was discussion on paying for the engineering work, the ordinance preparation and advertising. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Township Manager to contact Tulpehocken Township and state Bethel Township concurs with them on funding based on their Solicitor and Engineer cost estimates, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Joint Meeting – July 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm with Planning Commission to discuss amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Rec Board Member – need one

Reapprove Martin Forestry – Carl Kauffman made a motion to reapprove Martin Forestry, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Reapprove MRD/Dieffenbach – Jake Meyer made a motion to reapprove MRD/Dieffenbach, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Treasurers Bond – Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Jayne to contact Bond Company to have bond increase to four million dollars, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 31866– 31889, rec account check 167, Sewage 106 and street light 179

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

Public Comment

Larry Schmehl asked how long it is going to take to get the tires removed from 550 Brown Rd. The Board stated Robin Royer is working on it.

Larry Schmehl asked about farm machinery not having an escort for traveling on the roadways. He stated Combines take up a lane and a half and it is dangerous. He would like someone to check on what can be done.

Lee Groff stated people are not stopping at the stop sign at Meckville and Little Mt Rd. It may need some patrolling.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Carl Kauffman, seconded by Jake Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary