

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
June 19, 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, Michael 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

Approval of Minutes

Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from May 15, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from June 5, 2017, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – nothing at this time

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Incidents Assigned	30	Misc. Complaints	41
Criminal Arrests	03	Non Traffic Citations	02
Traffic Citations	50	Parking Tickets	02
Follow Up Investigations	01	Phone Assignments	25
Non Reportable Accidents	03	Reportable Accidents	02
Motorist Assists	03	Traffic Stops	36
Fire & EMS Advisories	23	Other Law Agency Assists	12
Commercial Alarms	00	Residential Alarms	01
Security Checks	04	School Detail	36
Court Appearances	00	Vehicle Maintenance	02
Subpoena Service	00	Warrants	00
Warnings	05		

Report totaled 232 activities, 2677mileage was noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Police Car 2011- Chief Murphy gave the Board three quotes for the damage to the Police Car. It was asked if it can go through the insurance. Jayne will check deductibles versus cost. The quotes range from \$2,098.80 to \$2,652.35. K and B Auto Body and Sales are the least expensive. Mike Graby made a motion to have K & B Auto do the repairs to the 2011 SUV, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

Jayne stated she gave the Board and Randy Behney (when he stopped in the office) a copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County needs an update for their County plan. Randy Behney said he will look at the documents.

Road Master Report –

Weed Spraying – Pete Davis said they did the spraying, but are coming back to the sections that were missed.

Tire Recycling – Berks County Conservation District is hosting a free tire recycling day on June 30, 2017 from 8 am – 2 pm. The recycling center will not be accepting illegally dumped tires for free for the rest of the year. Registration is required.

Part Time as needed position – Jayne gave the Board members the applications received. They are for John Ritchie and Arthur DeMille. Mike Graby made a motion to hire both on an as needed part time basis, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

Mr. Stoudt Conditional Use Application – Eugene Orlando stated Mr. Stoudt and his attorney have been contacted by himself and the Township Manager. There has been no response to date. The hearing at DJ Book's office is scheduled in late July. We will continue down that path unless there is a response before then.

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 stated the contracts can be signed. The culverts and double seal coating can be started immediately. The reclamation/paving contract needs to wait until culvert project is completed.

Municipal Authority – Carl Kauffman III

Carl Kauffman stated he was unable to make the last Authority meeting.

John Brown was telling and asking about the stakes and holes dug in his yard and his neighbors' yards. They were not informed about the sewer line being put in. He stated they are trespassing. He feels the Township should put a stop work order on the project. He also stated they are putting smaller pipes thus cutting costs. The Board referred John Brown and the other residents in attendance to the Authority Solicitor and Engineer.

Library Board – Mike Graby

Jayne said the Architect is hoping to have the plans and specifications ready by the end of June beginning of July. They still need to be approved by the State before they can advertise for the project.

Roof – Jayne would like the Board to consider paying for a new roof at the library. It is not part of the renovation project, it was noticed it needs repair after the grant was submitted and approved. They have an estimate for \$52,000.00. Jayne asked the Board to look at the budget and look at it in the future.

Recreation Board – Mike Graby

Privy – Jayne stated the demolition of the privy was discussed at the meeting on June 5th. Jayne checked with the SEO, Dave Siminitus, about what can be done. There are not any special permits required. Bonnie Behney stated they would like the concrete slab to remain because they would like to put the bike rack on it. Mike Graby made a motion to have the Road Crew demolish the privy at the Frystown Park and having the concrete slab remain intact, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Airport Road Property – Gary Kraft and the Rec Board members will meet on July 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm concerning driveway and parking.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated there were two representatives from Penn State at the meeting concerning water sheds and water quality. They will help the EAC in all of their efforts.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Jake Meyer stated they have the design selected.

Recycling – Jayne Seifrit stated she has heard back from Cougle’s Recycling and also the current hauler. The per pull is \$165.00 from Cougle’s and \$160.00 from current hauler. Jayne stated Upper Tulpehocken is putting a recycling center at their location, and is asking municipalities to encourage use. If the user is from Upper Tulpehocken the fee would be less than a non-resident. There would be a key fob issued to get in the fenced facility.

Policy revisions – Jake Meyer had nothing new to report.

Act 172 – Lee Groff stated he is still working with others for developing criteria. Jayne said PSATS created a handout and ordinance sample to aid townships. Also this topic is featured on the TVN on their website www.psats.org. It stresses working with the Township and first responders to agree on criteria for smoother implementation.

Weidner Bridge – Jayne stated she contacted Christy (Tulpehocken Township) to get cost estimates as requested from Commissioner Barnhardt after a request for funding was posed to the County for posting Salem Road.

3 way stop – Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Engineer to do a traffic study at Bennett Road and Swope Road, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Joint Meeting – June 27 and July 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm with Planning Commission to discuss amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

New Business

Ehrlich Pest Control – Mike Graby made a motion to approve having Ehrlich come out to treat for the ants, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Funding Opportunities – Berks E-Flash sent out a list of funding opportunities.

C M High Agreement – Jake Meyer made a motion to approve new agreement with the Rehrersburg Rd and 501 traffic light being added, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 31832– 31852, rec account check 165-166 and street light 178.

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

Public Comment

George Shollenberger asked when the horse tying post is going to be installed. The Road Crew will work on the project.

Bonnie Behney stated she has a concern about the trash not being picked up at the park. It needs to be picked up and the Airport Road property will need to have it done also when it gets developed. Bonnie Behney also stated the Rec Board is concerned with the weed spraying that was done at the park. No one here has a license to be spraying and it is a major concern. There are children on both sides of the playground and at the ball field. Spraying is not to be done without a license.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Carl Kauffman, seconded by Mike Graby to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary