

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
March 20, 2017**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:02 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., 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 February 20, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from Special meeting held February 28, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from February 28, 2017, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Carl Kauffman – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer wanted to say thank you to the road crew for the snow removal during the storm, also thank you to the police for handling the intersection in Bethel when the power was out.

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Incidents Assigned	27	Misc. Complaints	81
Criminal Arrests	03	Non Traffic Citations	02
Traffic Citations	14	Parking Tickets	00
Follow Up Investigations	09	Phone Assignments	11
Non Reportable Accidents	00	Reportable Accidents	02
Motorist Assists	02	Traffic Stops	14
Fire & EMS Advisories	09	Other Law Agency Assists	13
Commercial Alarms	03	Residential Alarms	00
Security Checks	03	School Detail	18
Court Appearances	02	Vehicle Maintenance	04
Subpoena Service	00	Warrants	00
Warnings	00		

Report totaled 202 activities, 2237 mileage was noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Bernville Borough request for Fire Police for Memorial Parade May 29, 2017 - Mike Graby made a motion authorizing fire police assist with the Memorial Parade if they want to, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Murphy stated they need all season tires for the 2014 police vehicle. He was told to get three quotes prior to the meeting on Tuesday March 28th.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

No report

Road Master Report –

Road Projects – Should have something for next meeting on March 28th.

PIB loan – Jayne Seifrit gave an update on where things stand for the loan. All the pieces are coming together for closing.

Snow Blower – Jake Meyer stated they had discussed a snow blower earlier in the season but did not take action past getting a price. No action at this time. Jayne Seifrit did point out the sidewalk was not cleared in this last storm and the Township did receive a phone call.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

Denying Permits – Jayne Seifrit stated the Board has received copies of the form and compliance letter we recommend using. The Resolution will be given to the Board prior to the next meeting so they can review for possible action at the meeting on March 28th.

Act 44 – Drafting of documents is still happening.

Central Logistics Park – Eugene Orlando stated the DIA and other documents should be coming to the Township for signatures shortly as they would like to make settlement in the very near future.

March 28th – Eugene Orlando stated he has a 3 or 4 day trial coming up next week, so he will most likely not make the 6:00 pm meeting but will get here as soon as he can or will send the other attorney from his office to cover the meeting.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Musser – nothing at this time

Sheetz – Gary Kraft stated Sheetz is trying to set up a meeting with the Berks County Conservation District.

Municipal Authority – Carl Kauffman III

Carl Kauffman stated the Authority is working on seeing where the large water flows are coming from and checking on entering buildings to investigate.

Library Board – Mike Graby

Mike Graby stated they cancelled meeting due to snow. Mike Graby also stated we received a letter that the Library has received the Keystone Grant for \$307,500.00.

Recreation Board – Mike Graby

Mike Graby stated they cancelled due to weather.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated they are working on getting ready for Earth Day event April 22, 2017, meeting near the library.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Jake Meyer showed those in attendance the new design. There needs to be modification to “Round Top” area on the sign. There was a colored rendering and a black and white rendering. The colored one was liked better.

Recycling – Jayne Seifrit stated she has heard back from Cogle’s Recycling and will be getting information from them. Additionally Waste Management is sending a representative to discuss options on Thursday March 23, 2017.

Policy Amendments – nothing new to report

BOS and Planning Commission joint meeting to be held March 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Act 172 – nothing new to report

Garage Quotes – The Board is going to get specifications together for garage bids so the project can be advertised at the March 28th meeting.

Weidner Bridge – Jake Meyer was going to do phone calls for more information. Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt would like to meet with Bethel and Tulpehocken Township Supervisors to discuss bridge. The dates of April 3, 4 and 10 are when the Supervisor’s from Tulpehocken are available. Let’s go with the 3, 4 or 13. Jayne Seifrit will let everyone know.

Multi-Municipal Rec Plan – Tulpehocken Township is requesting a letter of support for the plan. Mike Graby made a motion to have Chairman sign the letter, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Declaration of Emergency – Carl Kauffman made a motion to sign the Declaration of Emergency that the Board declared on March 13, 2017 for the snow storm, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Letter received concerning turning into Sheetz where there is not to be a left turn – Carl Kauffman stated people should come to the meeting to voice concern or do a letter but then sign the letter. There is a sign that has an arrow for left turn with the do not symbol on it, but trucks continue to turn in there. There was discussion on the design of the area and from a drivers point of view it is the most logical entrance to maneuver once on lot. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Township Engineer to send Sheetz’s design team a letter detailing the concerns and see what can be done, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Waste Management dumpster agreement – Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Township Manager sign agreement for the dumpster, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Resolution for Frystown Park Grant – Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-28 for Rec Grant Application, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Land Use Letter West Run – Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Township Manager complete land use form and sign, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Martin Energy – They dropped off a brochure about generator maintenance. Jayne Seifrit stated they have not been done for a couple of years. Mike Graby made a motion to get quotes for maintenance from Reading Electric and Martin Energy, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Email concerning Interns from Lafayette College – The Township will keep this in mind.

Breakfast with the Commissioners – First one is April 21 in Oley. The second one will be held at the Shartlesville Fire Company and will be September 15th. There is interest for the September one.

Carl Kauffman read a letter from a resident thanking the road crew for the good job clearing the snow. He wished the resident would have signed the thank you.

Traffic Light in Bethel – Carl Kauffman would like to get quotes for putting a generator plug at the traffic lights, in the square and at 501- I-78. He saw how dangerous it was in the square during the last power outage. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing Township Manager to get quotes from Telco and C M High, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 31719– 31744, rec account check 160 and street light 175

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

Public Comment

A question was raised concerning Airport Road Bridge over I-78, when and will it affect Schubert Rd. They should be starting anytime and will be completed by December 25, 2017. The detour is using Schubert Rd. Schubert Road is still going to be done they will just coordinate the activities. Will there be bonding on Schubert Road to keep it from being damaged. There are steps in bonding and cannot prohibit local traffic on the road, no matter if it is a car, chicken truck, feed truck or large manure hauling tractors and wagons.

Lee Groff stated the fire police went out to shut the ramps on the day of the snow storm once a call was received from the State Police. Flying J's parking lot was full and trucks were stuck because it turned to ice.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Carl Kauffman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary