

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
May 15, 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**

John Zimmerman, Tulpehocken Township Recreation Board, was present to discuss the multi-municipal grant application. He stated Bethel Township is asked to do a letter committing funding for the project. The cost share for the plan is \$10,835.00 from each Township (Tulpehocken, Marion and Bethel). Lorne Possinger was also present; he is the regional representative from DCNR for our area. He will check to see the how's, what's and interworking's of the grant for many municipalities. Bethel Township has a fee in lieu of in place. It is believed the Bethel Township Recreation Board, Solicitor and Engineer should communicate to see how this all works prior to submitting a letter.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from April 17, 2017, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Supervisors Comments**

Carl Kauffman – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the banners look nice and have been put up by Robbie Mease and Randy Behney.

Jake Meyer also wanted to remind everyone to get out and vote.

Mike Graby – Mike Graby had Jayne read the resignation from Shirley Folmer effective immediately to come off the Recreation Board. Mike Graby made a motion to accept resignation from Shirley Folmer, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy**

Incidents Assigned	27	Misc. Complaints	49
Criminal Arrests	01	Non Traffic Citations	02
Traffic Citations	32	Parking Tickets	00
Follow Up Investigations	04	Phone Assignments	18
Non Reportable Accidents	03	Reportable Accidents	03
Motorist Assists	03	Traffic Stops	34
Fire & EMS Advisories	17	Other Law Agency Assists	13
Commercial Alarms	03	Residential Alarms	01
Security Checks	01	School Detail	20
Court Appearances	00	Vehicle Maintenance	04

Subpoena Service	00	Warrants	00
Warnings	02		

Report totaled 210 activities, 2573 mileage was noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Police Car 2011- Mike Graby stated it is more than just pulling it out. Chief Murphy will obtain three quotes.

Robesonia Borough requested Fire Police for June event. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing fire police assist with the Robesonia Borough’s event in June if they want to, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney**

Randy Behney stated he attended the State Conference; he mentioned several workshops that he attended and received good information.

Randy Behney stated there are several workshops coming up he would like to attend if his schedule permits. He will check and have dates and cost for next Tuesday’s meeting.

Randy Behney stated there was a hazmat incident a week ago. They were hauling hazardous material but each substance was under the amount requiring permitting/notification. County came up and handled the situation, it was reported most was contained in the trailer.

**Road Master Report –**

Weed Spraying – Pete Davis said we received three quotes: Pest Pro was \$1,875.00, DBI was \$859.00 and Ehrlich was \$1,895.00. Mike Graby made a motion to accept quote from DBI for \$859.00, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Chairman sign agreement for the one year term, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr**

Tax Claim refund – Jayne stated she checked with the County about the deed that was nullified. She was told our Township solicitor could share additional information. Eugene Orlando stated his firm represented the owners of the property they were trying to transfer, long story short the property could not be transferred. The tax money received from the transfer needs to be refunded to the County as it did not in fact sell, so there are no funds to be disbursed. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing refunding the County \$861.96, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Prologis/Midway Industrial – The property owned by Prologis has completed the DIA, SWM, and bond. They are selling property to another entity. They would like to do an Assignment and give new DIA, SWM and Financial Security with the new owner to the Township and have Prologis removed. Eugene Orlando stated as long as the documents come and are satisfactory and the Township’s interests are protected the Assignment documents and other can replace Prologis’. Jake Meyer made a motion to sign new DIA and SWM agreements between meetings once they are satisfactory to the Township, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing release of Prologis bond once new financial security is received from new company, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. Stoudt Conditional Use Application – Eugene Orlando stated Mr. Stoudt submitted an application. It was on a zoning form as the township doesn’t have a conditional use application. Eugene Orlando would like authorization to work with James Gavin to come up with a form that covers Zoning

Hearings and Conditional Use. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Township Solicitor and Township Zoning Hearing Solicitor work on form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Engineering – Gary Kraft**

Musser – nothing at this time

Sheetz – Gary Kraft stated he has had a dialogue with Sheetz representative, they are hoping to have a resolution in three weeks.

Road Projects –Gary Kraft stated there is a pre-bid meeting to be held May 16<sup>th</sup> one at 9:00 am next at 10:00 am and the last one at 11:00 am. The bids need to be returned by May 23, 2017.

**Municipal Authority – Carl Kauffman III**

Carl Kauffman stated the audit for the Authority has been completed. They are looking to gain access to a property with high flows.

**Library Board – Mike Graby**

Mike Graby stated they were talking about renovations.

Jayne Seifrit stated the signature cards need to be signed for the Keystone Grant Account. Carl Kauffman made a motion authorizing signing the card, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Recreation Board – Mike Graby**

Mike Graby stated they would like to place a port-a-potty at the Frystown Park. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the port-a-potty, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Recreation Board would like to purchase American flags to be placed on poles that don't have a Hometown Hero banner; they could be used for other events and times. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the purchase the American flags, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer**

Jake Meyer stated they are eager to get started on painting the drainage grates and culverts for the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Jake Meyer stated they had several trash pickers, getting 55 garbage bags, 3 tires and other large items; they were only able to do the ramps at route 645.

Jake Meyer stated they were getting the supplies to test for Atrazine in the water near the open grate bridge on route 645. He stated the testing was done and they found 0 Atrazine in the water.

Spotted Lantern Fly – Marthe Olesh attended a workshop on the invasive species. It is in Berks County and is heading our direction.

**Unfinished Business**

Welcome Sign – Jake Meyer showed those in attendance the re-design sign which Round Top was added. The Board will look at electronic sign information.

Recycling – Jayne Seifrit stated she had not heard back from the companies. A call went out to the County Recycling Director, Jane Meeks. She is helping to gather information.

Policy Amendments – nothing new to report

Act 172 – Randy Behney stated they spoke about it at one of the workshops he attended.  
Nothing to review at this time

Weidner Bridge – Jayne stated she sent an email to Kevin Barnhardt (first reading it to Jake Meyer) to see where the funds are coming from for the process the County and consultants outlined at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Met-Ed Easement – Carl Kauffman made a motion to have the Chairman sign the revised easement, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Resolution 2017-31 – Carl Kauffman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-31 adding fee for conditional use application, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Township received a letter informing them the mosquito monitoring will be happening May 1 – October 31, 2017.

LERTA – Duke Realty submitted their application for the LERTA. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign application, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Prologis LOC from 2008 – Jayne said with the recording of the new plan the LOC being held on the prior recorded plan is no longer needed. Carl Kauffman made a motion to release the LOC for the 2008 Prologis file, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Insurance values – Several items should have the values increased and some can be decreased. The Board received information in their packets. The premium would increase by \$173.00, but not until 2018-19 term. Mike Graby made a motion to use the recommendation as outlined on sheets, seconded by Carl Kauffman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Conditional Use – Jayne made copies for the Board for the upcoming hearing.

USPS, Wendy, Postmaster – Wendy asked if the Board would consider a three way stop at the location of Bennett Street and Swope Road. There have been several near misses in that location. It was decided to look to see if other areas of the Township should be addressed.

Randy Behney stated the State has put up more signs that are now going to be our responsibility.

### **Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 31790– 31820, rec account check 161-162 and street light 177.

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

Visa – Jayne stated she needs a receipt before the Visa bill can be paid. It was not included with the approved bills. It was stated she will have the receipt.

### **Public Comment**

Harvey Burkholder was present to ask where the Horning's Market plan is to date. Eugene Orlando stated the deed for the Bross property is completed and is or has been recorded. Mr. Horning was very upset that his plan has taken nine years and it is still not completed. He stated the big companies and others have been done, why we are not getting done. What did we do? It was stated there were many unique issues on the project that needed to be completed. Randy Behney stated he served on the Planning Commission for over 20 years and there was nothing different in processing for the Horning Plan than any other plan. He recalled many different issues needed to be completed for the Horning's plan. Mr. Horning stated they plan on withdrawing if it is not completed by the end of the year. He said they don't have to do this project.

Executive Session at 8:56 pm

Reconvened at 9:26 reported Emergency Management and Personnel was discussed.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Carl Kauffman to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary