

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
January 23, 2017**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:49p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer, Mike Graby and Lee Groff. Also in attendance were Solicitor, Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer, Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer Robin Royer and Township Secretary Treasurer Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

9555 Old Route 22 - Robin Royer stated she has filed citations.

1069 Meckville Road – Robin Royer stated they have cleaned up the property.

8541 Old Route 22 – Robin Royer stated Gary Kraft inspected the driveway and in his opinion there is no reason the property owner cannot comply with the driveway ordinance. Robin Royer sent a letter outlining what needs to be done.

9190 Old Route 22 – Robin Royer stated she had a tour and found trailers (mobile home type) being used for storage. There is one trailer (mobile home type) being used as a place for an employee to check truck coming in and going off of the premises. There is a double wide on site to be used as an office. Robin Royer stated they must apply for a permit and the other trailers must be removed. Driveways and parking lots need to be as on LD Plan or they need to revise the LD Plan. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Zoning Officer to address all of her findings, seconded by Mike Graby. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Zoning Officer to enforce what is on the current LD Plan with the option they can go through the process of revising recorded LD Plan, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – Lee Groff stated he checked with the Solicitor to be sure he wasn't violating anything. He would like to go and see if local businesses would be willing to donate a door prize for the Thank You Dinner.

Jacob Meyer – nothing at this time

Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated the Thank you Dinner will be Feb 10th at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

Actions from Planning Commission

Boltz Subdivision – Lee Groff made a motion to accept extension until May 19, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Blatt Subdivision – Jake Meyer made a motion to accept extension until May 19, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

Eugene Orlando stated he has started revising the Impact Fee Ordinance.

LERTA – The example Ordinance from another Township was sent to Eugene Orlando to peruse.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

41 Martha Dr, lot 3 – Gary Kraft inspected the concrete and recommends at this time we reduce the security by \$33,000.00. He also recommends the Board allow the 18 month Maintenance Period to start. Mike Graby made a motion to reduce the financial security by \$33,000.00 and have the 18 month Maintenance Period start, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Zoning Hearing Board Resolution 2018-21 – Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-21, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Software for Computer – Jayne Seifrit stated last week when the purchase of the computer was approved the cost of the software was not included. It is recommended to upgrade the software at this time the cost is \$229.00. Lee Groff made a motion to purchase the software for a cost not to exceed \$250.00, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Recreation Grant Letter – The Township received notification that the next round of Recreation Grants opens January 22 and ends April 11, 2018.

Liquid Fuels Refund – Lee Groff made a motion to have the Chairman sign the form to receive \$668.00 in tax refund from the fuel purchased, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

UCC Appeal Letter – The Township received an appeals letter for Blue Rock to appeal a water recharge requirement to the County Appeals Board. The hearing is January 31, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Land Use Letter for NorthPoint – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the letter for NorthPoint, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Business License for Spraying Park – The Township received the license for spraying and Don Almond being the licensed sprayer. We need to letter the truck with three inch letters on two side of the vehicle. Mike Graby stated we can now spray. Jayne Seifrit stated no the Township employees cannot spray only Don Almond can spray. A discussion will have to take place on how, when and who.

ADA Coordinator – The Township received a letter asking who our ADA Coordinator is, do we need to name someone. Jake Meyer stated he will contact the person who wrote the letter to find out more information. Lee Groff made a motion to appoint Chairman as ADA Coordinator, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Library Local Effort Form – Lee Groff made a motion to have the Chairman sign the form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Non-Renewal of public and police professional liability – Mike Graby made a motion to have the Chairman sign the public liability application, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed.

Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to insert Jayne Seifrit's information in the Human Resource section of the form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Lee Groff stated the Dirt and Gravel Road email the Board received could be a resource for funds the Township could tap into. Jayne Seifrit stated the program has been used in the past. In order to be eligible to apply for funds a course needs to be taken; Pete Davis and Randy Behney were the ones that had taken it most recently. Jayne Seifrit will check and see when they took the course.

Public Comment

Steve Miller told the Board about the flooding on Route 501 because pipes are clogged; which caused a driver to go off the road into his pasture, tore down his fence and damaged a gate. He did call the police to have a report done. He also commented on the hole further south across from Bordner Rd that they just keep filling in. Jayne Seifrit gave him Penn DOT's phone number to see what can be done.

Michael Orendo asked what is happening with the recycling. He was told the Township is looking into a limited number of days to drop off recycling with the area manned by volunteers. Jayne Seifrit stated updates will be on the website home page as things are discussed at the meetings.

Michael Orendo asked what can be done about the trucks/rigs parking along 501. Jake Meyer stated he will speak to the police chief. He knows there are regulations in state law that prohibit parking in certain areas.

Bill Straw asked if the road crew goes out to check on the roads after heavy rains. Swope Road and Route 645 the shoulder is washed away.

Bill Straw is also concerned with trucks/rig turning around on 645 and local roads because they missed their turn. They are posing a great hazard to other commuters.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary