

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 27, 2017**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 8:13 p.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

Rik Longacre was in attendance to recap the road closure request from January's meeting. He stated the work that needs to be done and the time it will take for completion. There are other deadlines in place for contractual compliance. Rik Longacre stated they have been in contact with Kinsley Construction concerning the timing on the Airport Road Bridge. Kinsley expressed the paving and more importantly the painting of the bridge is the hold up because of weather conditions; needs to be certain temperatures and conditions. Kinsley is anticipating to be done mid-May depending on weather. Rik Longacre stated they would need to be started by April 18th to meet their deadlines. They also looked into closing half the road then the other side. That option was not a viable one. The Board expressed major concern over having the two roads closed at one time (a section of Airport Rd and a section of Midway Rd). Also, the concern is the increased traffic on Old Route 22. Rik Longacre is going to go back to see if maintenance help on Old Route 22 would be something that could be done, if so an agreement could be worked out.

Michael Yob – Tri-Co Ceiling - They would like to put in a driveway to access the lot and then put in a building for their business. The Board recommends a Land Development Plan, that would seem to address their concerns and get them on the right path.

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

9190 Old Route 22 – Robin Royer re-stated she had a tour last month and was told what the various trailers are used for. She told them they must renew the permits for the trailers. There are several items that must be complied with on the property. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to enforce renewing trailer permits, locked gate at expanded parking, not use Old Route 22 driveway and close fully the northern most driveway on Airport Road, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

475 Schubert Rd – Robin Royer stated she was prepared to tell the Board the rain run off from the property is a civil issue. She received pictures that shows a pipe coming out of the basement. This appears to be from a sump-pump. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Zoning Officer to address and enforce the water issue, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Midway Salvage tire issue – Lee Groff took pictures of the tire pile. Lee Groff made a motion to have Robin Royer contact the owner of Midway Salvage to address tire issue, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer announced the Board had an executive session on February 9, 2018 to discuss personnel.

Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated Robbi Lane would serve on the Vacancy Board. Mike Graby made a motion to appoint Robbi Lane to the Vacancy Board, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Actions from Planning Commission

Boltz Subdivision – Lee Groff made a motion to approve final plan with all items from Kraft Engineering review letter of February 7, 2018 being completed, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

NorthPoint - Lee Groff made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to accept extension until June 23, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission defer Section 5.13.A for curbing at any time in the future upon the Township's written request, the owner and owner's heirs, successors and assigns shall at their sole cost and expense complete the required improvements in accordance with then applicable regulations not later than 60 days after such written request and contingent on approval of final plans as proposed, with a note to be added to the plan satisfactory to the Township, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to defer Section 5.13.B for sidewalk at any time in the future upon the Township's written request, the owner and owner's heirs, successors and assigns shall at their sole cost and expense complete the required improvements in accordance with then applicable regulations not later than 60 days after such written request and contingent on approval of final plans as proposed, with a note to be added to the plan satisfactory to the Township, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr

DGI Berks - Eugene Orlando stated the Township received an email stating the LOC is in the Banks hands. They will get out to the Township when it is ready.

LST – Eugene Orlando stated he has started a draft; there are many working part to this and it will get done.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Musser – Gary Kraft stated he did go to inspect. The shoulder at the driveway is breaking apart. They will repair and call for another inspection when completed.

Unfinished Business

Welcome sign – size, Jake Meyer stated he was looking at 4 feet by 6 feet sign. The Board will look at signs and have the rendering on a sign that size to see if that works.

New Business

Library Keystone Grant Quarterly Report – Township did not receive.
Municipal Dinner – Lee Groff and Jake Meyer will attend March 22, 2018.

An Executive Session was called at 9:06 pm.
Reconvened at 9:31 pm personnel discussed.

Public Comment

Mike Najarian asked the Board to approve the appointment of Dean Klopp. Lee Groff made a motion to approve Dean Klopp as a library board member, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

A resident from Little Mountain Road expressed his concern about the condition of Little Mountain Rd. There are potholes and it is hard to avoid them because there are so many. Mike Graby said they would be going out on Little Mountain Rd to repair next week. He also told about large oak tree branches that have fallen on Beagle Rd. He has moved a couple himself. The issue is on the Route 645 end of the road.

Corey Houser stated the Frystown Fire Company and the Bethel Community Ambulance are working together. Corey Houser also asked the Board to keep in mind the emergency responders as road closures/detours are being considered. Lee Groff said he will talk to Les with Bethel Fire Company.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary