

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
April 16, 2018**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:00 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 and Township Secretary Treasurer 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 for Agriculture Security Hearing from March 19, 2018, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes for Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance Amendment Hearing from March 19, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from March 19, 2018, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from March 27, 2018, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Supervisors Comments**

Lee Groff – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the Township received the annual request from the Golden Age Air Museum for closing Airport Road from Schubert Road to I-78 Bridge during their Flying Circus Air Shows in June 8 and September 8, 2018 from 2-4 pm. Mike Graby made a motion to close Airport Road from Schubert Rd. to I-78 Bridge for the event, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

**Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy**

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|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Incidents Assigned       | 11 | Misc. Complaints         | 39 |
| Criminal Arrests         | 01 | Non Traffic Citations    | 01 |
| Traffic Citations        | 50 | Parking Tickets          | 00 |
| Follow Up Investigations | 00 | Phone Assignments        | 21 |
| Non-Reportable Accidents | 02 | Reportable Accidents     | 01 |
| Motorist Assists         | 08 | Traffic Stops            | 36 |
| Fire & EMS Advisories    | 18 | Other Law Agency Assists | 12 |
| Alarms                   | 02 | Security Checks          | 00 |
| School Detail            | 20 | Vehicle Maintenance      | 01 |

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|-----------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Court Appearances     | 04 | Subpoena Service     | 01 |
| Warrants              | 02 | Warnings             | 00 |
| Suspicious Situations | 06 | Disorderly Incidents | 07 |
| Reckless Drivers      | 01 |                      |    |
| Thefts                | 01 |                      |    |

2790 mileage was noted with 193 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Valic – Lee Groff stated he has been in contact with Mike Waverka concerning program.

**Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney**

Safety Meeting date – Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Randy Behney stated he will address items at the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Road Master Report – Pete Davis**

Pete Davis stated they met with Charlie Paris concerning prioritizing roads to be done this year. Charlie Paris sent road packet with two roads being the main ones, Brown Road and Hershey Rd, and options 1-3 if funds allow. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the advertising of the road project with a pre-bid meeting May 7, 2018 at 10:00 am and opening date May 21, 2018 at regular meeting, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Gutter work on Schubert Road – Mike Graby made a motion to have Reber and Zerbe Enterprises pave gutter from approximately Kline Road to Fern Kegerreis’s property quoted price of \$1,900.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Driveway off of Meckville Rd – There is a driveway off of Meckville Rd that has just been put in and has a gate. It is in a very dangerous location and does not appear to have a driveway permit. Lee Groff stated he will look into the issue.

**Solicitor – Eugene Orlando Jr**

41 Martha Dr. DGI Berks Property – nothing new

Tiger’s Den Holding Tank – place on Tuesday’s agenda

Holding Tanks – Eugene Orlando stated the agreements are in process.

LST – Eugene Orlando stated there is nothing new to report at this time.

LERTA – email from NorthPoint, Eugene Orlando stated to move this forward NorthPoint might want to draft an ordinance for review and be prepared to pay cost of doing the LERTA. Lee Groff made a motion requiring NorthPoint to deposit with the Township a \$5,000.00 escrow for LERTA costs, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Logisticcenter agreement – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the signing the agreement between meetings once the signed by Logisticcenter agreement is received by the Township and is satisfactory to the Township Solicitor, Engineer and Road Master check on repairs to the road, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Joint Grant Rec Board – Eugene Orlando stated he heard from Michelle Mayfield concerning a cooperative agreement for the Joint Grant for the Recreation Plan between Tulpehocken, Marion and Bethel. The Board decided to wait until we hear from the other two Townships.

**Engineering – Gary Kraft**

Musser – Gary Kraft stated we are waiting until roadway repairs are made.

Sheetz – Gary Kraft stated there was a meeting concerning requirements for items to be addressed for compliance with Berks County Conservation, Sheetz and the Township. They said they will get back with information in two weeks. It was noted one week has already passed.

TIF priority list – Gary Kraft stated he has looked at the projects listed in the current plan. He stated he doesn't believe any project should be jumped on at this time because of amendments to the plan are coming. He did want to point out that several projects show Penn DOT as a 50% match. It takes time to get on Penn DOT's plan. So once the Township finalizes and adopts new plan we need to communicate with Penn DOT to get them on board as that can take 6 - 10 years.

Devon Hain, County Traffic Planner – Gary Kraft said they are looking to have the warehouses located on a map for their Comprehensive Plan 2030. Jayne Seifrit will contact to see what they need.

#### **Municipal Authority – Mike Graby**

Mike Graby stated he was working due to high winds.

Lee Groff stated it would be good if you can't make the meeting you call someone else to see if they can attend. It was stated meeting attendance is important.

#### **Library Board – Mike Graby**

Mike Graby stated he did not attend because there was a change in the meeting schedule that he was not told about.

#### **Recreation Board – Lee Groff**

Hometown Hero Banners – The Rec Board would like the banners put up the first week of May. It was asked who has the list of where the banners get hung up and who goes on each pole. Jayne Seifrit said Randy Behney may have the list.

Tree Lighting – working on for 2018

Flag light at ball field in Frystown – It was stated there is not electric to the pole, they will double check.

Resolution 2018-23 – Lee Groff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-23 for Rec Grant, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

#### **Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer**

Clean up will be held April 21, 2018.

The EAC contacted Camp Swatara about educating the public on the Spotted Lanternfly. They have put up a poster and could be holding an educational event in the future. The Library has also posted a poster for public viewing.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Welcome Sign – agreed on a 4-foot x 6-foot sign, the Board will work on getting quotes.

Policy revisions – Jake Meyer stated they are caught in his computer.

Weidner Bridge – nothing new to report

Recycling – Jake Meyer stated Larry Schmehl has gotten very busy and cannot work in recycling project. Looking to have someone else check into program.

Act 44 – Lee Groff stated he has recruited Robbi Lane and Erin Kreitzer to be on Act 44 committee. He will also serve on committee.

NIMS – waiting until after State Conference.

Act 209 Transportation Impact – Lee Groff stated he has two Realtors, Lisa Hassler and Jessica Houser and one builder Joshua Sweinhart so far. Would like to schedule first meeting for May 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Crossing Guard – Jake Meyer said the Superintendent at the School is confident they will find someone. The Superintendent will get back to Jake Meyer.

Resignation Letter Jen Gardula – Lee Groff made a motion to accept resignation letter from Jen Gardula effective June 6, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Commissioners Breakfast – The Township received a letter stating the local breakfast will be held April 27, 2018 at the Strausstown Fire Company. Lee Groff and Jake Meyer will attend.

Resolutions for State Conference – Just for information, Board members need to let Jake Meyer know your opinion as he is the voting member.

County of Berks luncheon – Berks Delegates have been invited by the Berks County Association to have lunch on Monday and Tuesday of the conference. Lee Groff, Jake Meyer and Donald Daub said to sign them up.

Choice Communications warranty – The Township received a letter to extend warranty for another year. The Board members asked how much the phones cost. Jayne Seifrit will check on pricing.

NorthPoint waivers - Lee Groff made a motion approving the recommendation from the Planning Commission to waive Section 5.20.A.14 requiring parking lot landscape but allow for plantings to be shifted as shown on sheet 700 revised March 17, 2018 and Section 5.20.A.12 buffer to allow plants in place as shown on sheet 700 revised March 17, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion approving recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend motion from last month to 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 along Brown Road and Martha Drive, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

MRM Pool Fund – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received fund from the insurance pool fund.

Boltz DIA – board signed DIA

BCCD letter – Jayne Seifrit stated the Conservation District is monitoring the mosquitos and West Nile Virus activity starting April 1 and going to October 31.

Insurance renewal meeting – Jake Meyer will attend the insurance renewal meeting May 1, 2018 at 2:30 pm.

H & K Group – Township received an informational letter

Pennsy Supply – Township received letter stating A CRH Company will be appearing on truck, letter head etc.

Building Codes Hearing – NorthPoint has a Building Code Appeals hearing April 30, 2018.

Met-Ed Safety material – Handouts available to anyone that would like one.

**Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32249– 32273, and street light 188.

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

All agreed. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Robbi Lane asked if she can have Board approval to contact PMRS to set up meeting date (s). She will be getting dates that will work for PMRS representative and bring back to the Board.

Paul Dougherty – He stated he is concerned where the Township is headed. He sees and knows about more warehouses in the Township. What is happening to our community? He is concerned it will not stop and then the Airport will be gone, there are only two in the county now. Jake Meyer stated he would like to see rural remain.

Donald Daub said he has been on I-81 and has seen many warehouses where there aren't any trucks backed up to the doors. They are closed and not being used.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary