

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
October 23, 2018**

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

Attending the meeting were Jake 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

491 Frystown Rd – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to take next step for compliance, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

1675 Schubert Rd – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to enforce driveway ordinance, seconded by Lee Groff. Jake Meyer and Lee Groff agreed. Mike Graby opposed. Motion carried.

9541 Old Route 22 – This came about when a resident came in concerned the neighbor could be digging up and placing a driveway over a storm water easement area. Robin Royer spoke to the owners and they said they were not disturbing the area. The Board would like to look into it a little further.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer just wanted to say the Merking Meeting House Church congregation is negotiating currently for a Dieffenbach Organ that was built in Bethel Township.

Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated other municipalities leave the banners up year round, he believes we should also. It was stated the Recreation Board checked with the sponsors of the banners; they would like them down during winter months to make them last longer. Lee Groff said he will get the emails from the Recreation Board concerning issue. Jake Meyer made a motion to have Lee Groff get emails concerning banners from the Recreation Board, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Actions from Planning Commission

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Lee Groff made a motion to accept extension letter until January 22, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Chairman sign the Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Yoder

Mike Graby made a motion to approve final plan condition on Township receiving signed developer's improvement agreement and financial security, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Michael Yob, Tricon Ceiling Company

Lee Groff made a motion to approve final plan condition on developer providing satisfactory information to Township Engineer for item number 4 on review letter, all other items complied with on Kraft Engineering's review letter dated October 16, 2018, financial security, developer's improvement agreement and storm water agreement, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Christopher Garrell

Eugene Orlando stated a draft ordinance was prepared and presented last month for vacation of Redwood Rd and Fort Henry Rd. Jake Meyer stated he wanted to talk with property owners on Fort Henry Rd. Jake Meyer stated one of the property owners is here and would like to address the Board. Betsy Bowman stated there is an agreement for the turn around etc. She said she doesn't own from the proposed vacation area to their driveway, she asked what would happen in that case. Several owners would be affected. Betsy Bowman asked for time to think about options and possible joint solutions to help everyone concerned. Jake Meyer stated Met-Ed uses road as does the owner of a cabin. Keep it tabled for now for Fort Henry Rd. The Board would like to move forward with the vacation of Redwood Rd. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Township Solicitor, Engineer and Secretary to prepare plan, notice of posting and letter to property owners affected and advertise for the hearing for vacating Redwood Rd, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Merkey Meeting House release – Gary Kraft stated he has inspected the project, based on his observation the remaining escrow can be released. There are no improvements that would impact the Township, therefore he recommends full release without retaining for a maintenance period. The release would be for \$10,871.17. Lee Groff made a motion to approve Gary Kraft's recommendation in its entirety and release \$10,871.17, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Crossing Guard – Jayne Seifrit called references and believes the Board should interview the applicant. Jake Meyer made a motion stating the Board will in the future set up an interview with the applicant, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Animal Rescue League - There is a meeting Wednesday evening Oct 24, 2018 at 6:30 at Albright College. No one from the Township can attend. Gary Kraft stated he is attending and can share what he learns.

Excavator bid – Jayne Seifrit stated the reserve amount was not met when posted on Municibid. Jake Meyer stated he would like to do some checking. No action taken.

New Business

Berks County Crime Alert – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received a request for a donation, can be discussed during the budget meeting.

LTL Consultants – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township has received rate schedule for 2019.

Viking V Baseball Club – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received a use request along with a letter for the Frystown Ball Field from the Baseball Club. The Baseball Club is looking to get the field in playing condition but asked the Township to pay for the excavation work. They received a quote from Bechtold Excavating for \$8,000.00. They agree to provide bases, pitcher mounds and home plate along with tools equipment and labor. Looking for a five (5) year usage agreement. There is not an agreement included with request. The Board would like to see it being used. Lee Groff made a motion to approve Viking V Baseball Club to use the field, excavation work not to exceed \$8,000.00 and fee come out of Recreation account, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff will talk to Bonnie Behney about agreement.

Governor Wolf's Proclamation – Lee Groff read the Proclamation for Veterans Day November 11, 2018.

Land Use Letter for RAR2-Bethel Industrial LLC – Lee Groff made a motion to have Chairman sign land use letter, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Free Tire Collection – Received notice of collection.

Rite Aid drug drop off program – Township received notice of their program.

Crafco quote – Jayne Seifrit stated the not to exceed amount will not be high enough for the project. She recommends upping the amount to \$2900.00 up \$200.00. Mike Graby made a motion to rescind motion from last meeting for not to exceed cost of \$2700.00 and increase amount to \$2900.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Room Use – Brooks Mountcastle submitted a request to use the Meeting Room for a Regional EAC meeting November 14, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve use of Meeting Room November 14th from 5-8 pm with light refreshments allowed in the lobby area of the building, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Liquid Fuels Audit – Jayne Seifrit stated she sent an email about someone present to sign the document for the Liquid Fuels Audit. Jake Meyer stated he can be available to sign.

Radio Equipment discontinued – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received an email about the AMX 7000's being discontinued. Lee Groff stated he does not believe this affects us.

Public Comment

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary