

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
November 19, 2018**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:06 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**

**Approval of Minutes**

Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from October 15, 2018, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from Zoning Ordinance and Map meeting on October 23, 2018, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from October 23, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from Budget meeting October 29, 2018, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from Budget meeting November 5, 2018, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Supervisors Comments**

Lee Groff – nothing at this time  
Jacob Meyer – nothing at this time  
Mike Graby – nothing at this time

**Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy**

Incidents Assigned	00	Misc. Complaints	36
Criminal Arrest	01	Non Traffic Citations	01
Traffic Citations	37	Parking Tickets	02
Follow Up Investigations	02	Phone Assignments	35
Non-Reportable Accidents	09	Reportable Accidents	08
Motorist Assists	03	Traffic Stops	34
Fire & EMS Advisories	27	Other Law Agency Assists	14
Alarms	02	Security Checks	02
School Detail	34	Vehicle Maintenance	00
Court Appearances	02	Subpoena Service	00
Warrants	03	Warnings	07
Suspicious Situations	10	Disorderly Incidents	12
Reckless Drivers	03	Domestics	03
Thefts	05	Repos	00

3361 mileage was noted with 251 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Credit Application – Jayne Seifrit stated Officer Dronick dropped off an application for credit for when the equipment is purchased. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Jayne Seifrit and Jake Meyer sign the form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney**

Randy Behney stated there is a training he would like to attend next Wednesday.

Randy Behney reported there was a fatality on Route 645 that had closed the road for hours.

Randy Behney stated the run card meeting with Tulpehocken Twp. will be scheduled after the new year.

**Road Master Report – Pete Davis**

Tiger Mower head – Lee Groff made a motion to purchase mower head not to exceed \$11,043.84, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Crack Sealing – Pete Davis stated they got finished today, will return the machine Tuesday morning.

Line Painting – Pete Davis said we are on the list, but they have not gotten to us yet because of the weather.

Track Hoe – will look to sell in spring

Anti-Skid – Pete Davis asked Jayne Seifrit to get quotes for 300 tons of Anti-Skid to be delivered by December 14, 2018. Jayne Seifrit stated five (5) companies were contacted using the Costars program. Only two responded, Pennsy Supply with a delivered price of \$16.23 and H & K Pottsville \$23.10 delivered. Mike Graby made a motion to award to Pennsy Supply for \$16.23 per ton, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor – Christopher Garrell**

West Run – Eugene Orlando stated the conditions of the approval of the plan were not met within the time frame specified in the motion for approval. The plan needs to be reapproved with the same motion as last time but extending the time until January 21, 2019 (Attorney Steve Buck and Township Solicitor thought reasonable). Lee Groff made a motion to reapprove final plan condition on all items be completed as identified on Kraft Engineering letter dated June 20, 2018 and completed within 120 days (October 24, 2018) but extending time to January 21, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to sign the DIA and SWM once received and satisfactory to the Township Engineer, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Engineering – Gary Kraft**

Musser – nothing

Duke Realty financial security release – Gary Kraft stated he spoke to David Jennings and did a preliminary inspection. Gary Kraft stated he will have a partial release letter for the December meeting.

**Municipal Authority – Mike Graby**

Mike Graby stated the Municipal Authority hired Ed Demille part time.

**Library Board –**

Mike Graby didn't have anything to report.

### **Recreation Board – Lee Groff**

Viking V agreement – Lee Groff stated they had a meeting tonight (postponed from last Thursday), he was unable to attend because of other meetings.

Joint Recreation Meeting – Lee Groff reported the joint committee received proposals for the comprehensive planning. The committee recommended YSM. Lee Groff made a motion to approve joint committees' recommendation of YSM, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff stated they are ready to have the funds transferred to the PLGIT Account held for the project per the contract through the grant. Mike Graby made a motion to transfer funds per the contract, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Banners – Randy Behney is against leaving the banners up. He has invested in two banners and they were told they will be taken down to have them last longer. Donald Daub stated he has invested in three banners, to just keep it in mind. Who will pay to have them replaced if they are damaged. Mike Graby stated other Township's leave them up. He further stated the banners will last 3-5 years if left up year-round. A heated exchange ensued with the decision to have the Board of Supervisors meet with the Recreation Board at a meeting on December 20, 2018.

Lee Groff reminded the Tree Lighting is going to be held November 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

Spotted Lanternflies are here in Bethel stated Jake Meyer.

November 14, 2018 – There was a regional meeting for EAC held here in the meeting room. Jake Meyer stated there were representatives from 4 or 5 EAC's, Berks Nature representative and Appalachian Trail.

### **Unfinished Business**

Welcome Sign – nothing yet

Policy revisions – Jake Meyer stated first of the year.

Weidner Bridge – Jayne Seifrit stated Tulpehocken Township has submitted the bills to the County for payment.

NIMS – Lee Groff will check with others

Act 537 – no discussion

Animal Rescue League – Lee Groff made a motion to opt out of the ARL's program, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Fort Henry Road vacation – letter received by the Township against vacating the road.

Assistant Chief for the Ambulance stated he would like the Township to consider emergency situations and continue to maintain the road and not vacate.

Betsy Bowman would like the Township to continue maintaining at this point; more time needed to look into solutions. She said she doesn't mind being last once the storm is over. She understands they will not be first, but it will happen.

Budget – Jayne Seifrit stated the budget has been done and is ready for inspection. It needs to be advertised for 20 days before the Board can take action. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing advertising the budget with action being taken at the December 17, 2018 meeting, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended to allow the Planning Meeting to convene.

Meeting reconvened at 9:23 pm

### **Zoning Officer**

Complaint at 8371 Old Route 22, the Board will look into.

8541 Old Route 22 – Robin Royer stated she heard from owner and told him he needs to comply with ordinance.

Property Maintenance Code – Robin Royer stated the Board should have received the information she emailed. They said it seems to go further then they think we should go overall. Lisa Hassler asked why we don't just go by FHA. Lisa Hassler offered to send FHA information to Robin Royer.

Lisa Hassler asked about progress of the complaint for 1675 Schubert Rd parking cars at her driveway creating a hazard for pulling out of their driveway. Robin Royer stated she was sorry but she didn't send a letter to date. She will do it right away.

### **New Business**

Township Board member terms expire end of 2018

Planning Commission - Michael Orendo and Corey Houser

Zoning Hearing - Michael Peace and Alternate Cliff Yeakley

BTMA – Harold Gruber

Recreation Board – Rodney Keeney

EAC – Marthe Olesh

The Board members will check with the Boards they attend to see if above members are willing to remain on committee.

Tax forms for County/Township – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Chairman and Secretary sign the form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates – Sheet with dates for 2019, need to check over until next meeting.

LST – Jayne Seifrit stated she has completed the form to have the LST implemented for 2019. Jayne Seifrit also contacted Berks EIT to be sure we are on their radar to have letters sent to businesses to collect LST for 2019.

### **Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32516– 32552, street light 195 and open space 174.

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

### **Actions from Planning Commission**

Blatt – Lee Groff made a motion to approve Blatt Plan condition of all items completed on Kraft Engineering letter dated November 7, 2018, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Midway Industrial South – Lee Groff made a motion to approve Midway Industrial South Plan contingent on completion of all items on the Kraft Engineering review letter dated November 7, 2018, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

George Shollenberger wanted to know what was decided about the recycling. He was told the gentleman that was working on it got very busy and is unable to pursue solutions. No one else has volunteered to look into.

Donald Daub stated the State snow plow drivers are going fast enough through Bethel that it replaces the snow onto the sidewalks that have been cleaned off. It can be a little frustrating.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Jake Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit  
Secretary Treasurer