

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 26, 2019**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 7:59 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

351 Midway Road – Lee Groff stated there was a fire at 351 Midway Road in the Truck Wash. It was discovered there is an unlawful apartment type unit in the catwalk area of the building. Five (5) inhabitants were seen. The State Police Fire Marshall is investigating. Lee Groff will check with Les Kegerreis if they received a report yet. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to proceed with enforcement of unlawful use, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Robin Royer stated she will be contacting Building Code Official, Dwayne Horst, as well.

Supervisors Comments

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

Actions from Planning Commission

NorthPoint

Lee Groff made a motion to accept extension letter until June 21, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Frystown School

Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension letter to June 15, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. It was listed on the agenda, not needed as preliminary/final approval has been asked for: Mike Graby made a motion to approve preliminary/final plan condition on all items complied with on Kraft Engineering letter dated February 21, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Estate of Roy Reber Subdivision

Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension letter until June 15, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bethel Business Park

Lee Groff made a motion to accept extension letter until June 15, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Daub Road Warehouse

Lee Groff made a motion to accept extension letter until June 15, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. Jake Meyer and Lee Groff agreed. Mike Graby opposed. Motion carried.

RAR2- Bethel Industrial LLC

Mike Graby made a motion to approve preliminary plan contingent on all items being completed on McCarthy Engineering letter dated February 4, 2019 and Kraft Engineering letter date February 21, 2019 and final plan, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion adopting Resolution 2019-25 and authorizing Secretary sign forms, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando

Mike Graby asked about bidding requirements for Merkey Drive. He stated it is a small job and companies are not giving quotes. Eugene Orlando stated three bids is what is needed. Gary Kraft stated if you contact potential bidders and they choose not to submit a quote, get something in writing that says they aren't bidding. That would count towards contacting for quotes. Jake Meyer stated we need more quotes.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Nothing at this time

Unfinished Business

Agriculture Security Advertisement for Hearing – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing advertising the Hearing for the Agriculture Security Area applications for March 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Jayne Seifrit stated we will need Public Works or Police to post properties.

State Mowing Agreement – Jayne Seifrit stated we received updated agreements. Jayne Seifrit had Pete Davis looked at them and he confirmed they are what was requested. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Chairman sign the agreements which included Resolution 2019-26, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

CAT 307 Excavator – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing advertising the CAT 307 Excavator on Municibid, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing advertising in the Reading Eagle the CAT 307 Excavator being offered for sale through Municibid, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Jayne Seifrit asked for particulars to be included in the for-sale ad in Municibid. It will be offered starting March 1, 2019, close April 12, 2019 with a reserve of \$13,500.00.

Old Route 22 road project – Open bid meeting was held at 4:00 pm today. The project is for paving of Old Route 22 from the square in Bethel to bridge just east of Gravel Pit Road. The low bidder was New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. for \$282,544.90. Mike Graby made a motion to award to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business

Insurance – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Secretary and Police Department complete required forms for insurance renewal, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Frystown ball field quote – Jayne Seifrit stated the quote for the excavating and diamond tex was five (5) months old. The Township received an updated quote for \$8,500.00. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Chairman sign the updated quote, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Ken Cootes asked when Little Mt Road dirt section will be paved. Mike Graby stated not this year. Ken Cootes stated there are many deep pot holes and it could use some attention. Mike Graby stated cold patch is being picked up Wednesday and Little Mt Road in on the schedule.

Bob Kessler asked if other work will be done on Old Route 22 prior to paving. His concern is if we don't take care of drainage the paving will not last.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary