

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
April 15, 2019**

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. and Township Secretary Treasurer Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Water issue – Patricia Hummel stated the water issue on Schubert Rd is eroding the soil. The neighbor (farmer) was digging and came in contact with an existing swale and tile lines. They had done some digging in February and they talked to the farmer. This past weekend they installed a pipe and with the heavy rains on Sunday night it brought the pipe out and water was up to the second tree at Gerry’s (Geraldine Bashore). They can’t just reroute the water. Issues with glass surfacing was also discussed. She was told to contact the neighbor(farmer) and if need be an attorney, the Township doesn’t get involved with issues on private property.

Approval of Minutes

Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from Agriculture Security Hearing on March 18, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from March 18, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from Joint meeting with Planning Commission on March 26, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from March 26, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – nothing at this time

Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated he received a resignation letter from the custodian effective April 10, 2019. Mike Graby made a motion to accept resignation effective April 10, 2019 from Melanie Davis, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. We will need to advertise for a custodian.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Incidents Assigned	00	Misc. Complaints	41
Criminal Arrest	02	Non Traffic Citations	00
Traffic Citations	53	Parking Tickets	01
Follow Up Investigations	04	Phone Assignments	21
Non-Reportable Accidents	06	Reportable Accidents	02
Motorist Assists	12	Traffic Stops	51

Fire & EMS Advisories	20	Other Law Agency Assists	03
Alarms	05	Security Checks	01
School Detail	21	Vehicle Maintenance	01
Court Appearances	07	Subpoena Service	00
Warrants	00	Warnings	06
Suspicious Situations	02	Disorderly Incidents	07
Reckless Drivers	02	Domestics	07
Thefts	07	Repos	00

2905 mileage was noted with 221 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Jake Meyer asked if the vehicles are working ok, Chief Murphy stated he jinxed them last month when he asked about the vehicles. The 2011 Ford is leaking coolant. They are checking to see from where it is leaking.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

Lee Groff stated it was discussed prior about criminal and child abuse background checks. A resolution should be considered by the Township to aid in the plan and disbursement of who gets copies once done. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Secretary and Solicitor look into for next meeting, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Run Card Community Fire Company of Frystown – Chief Brian Bauer stated they are good with their run card changes and they can be submitted. He recommends the Township delegate the signing off of them to the Emergency Management Coordinator, as they would be knowledgeable. Lee Groff made a motion to have the EMC sign off of amendments to the run cards for the two fire companies, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Road Master Report – Pete Davis

Weed Spraying – Pete Davis had not heard from DBI to schedule 2019 spraying. Jayne Seifrit will get Pete Davis a number and check if there is a start date in the contract.

Penn DOT forms for mowing – Penn DOT neglected to insert two forms that go into the contract. They sent them by email and Jake Meyer wanted authorization from the Board to sign additional forms and send back. The Board had Jake Meyer sign forms and authorized Jayne Seifrit to email them back to Penn DOT.

1996 CAT 307 Excavator – Mike Graby made a motion to accept bid of \$25,000.00 and sell the excavator, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Pete Davis stated the Ford dump truck is broken down. It is being check out.

Pete Davis asked if the Board would authorize over time to get the crack sealing (machine is to be back to Crafcu by end of week) done this week as it is a short week he is looking to work until 4:00 pm. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing working until 4:00 pm, seconded by Jake Meyer. Both agreed. Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried.

Lee Groff asked about Penn DOT now wanting Old Route 22. Pete Davis said he received a call and confirmed the paving project contract was awarded. The paving should be started May 13 or so.

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando

Horning's Market LOC and Escrow – Eugene Orlando stated he thinks it is time for the Township to contact Penn DOT to see what is happening. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Secretary and Solicitor to contact Penn DOT concerning deed recording, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Traffic Ordinance – Eugene Orlando stated there were traffic amendments from prior, he wanted to be sure the Board wanted all the amendments to be done. Also, prior the Board was looking to see if any others needed to be done to save cost. It was placed on hold until Tuesday's meeting April 23, 2019.

Littering Ordinance – Eugene Orlando stated he was authorized to do a littering ordinance last month. He was looking over the Property Ordinance that exists currently and believes changes to that ordinance would achieve the goal. He handed out a copy of the ordinance to the Board for them to look over.

Municipal Authority Joint meeting – Eugene Orlando stated the Authority is looking to hold a meeting Thursday April 18, 2019 at 3:00 pm. It will work for the Board. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Secretary advertise the joint meeting for April 18, 2019 at 3:00 pm, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Gary Kraft unable to attend.

Do items at next meeting, April 23, 2019

Municipal Authority – Mike Graby

Mike Graby didn't have anything to report.

Library Board –

Jake Meyer stated the Library Board is working toward the renovation project.

Recreation Board – Lee Groff

DCNR Grant – Lee Groff reported the grant has been submitted. It was submitted for \$162,000.00, of that the grant would be for half, as it is a 50/50 grant. He was able to add partners this year. He learned some things during a workshop he attended at PSATS. See how it goes, and can amend for next grant opportunity.

Viking agreement – Lee Groff stated it is still being finalized.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated they cleaned up the area at the 645 ramps on I-78 on April 13, 2019. They collected 79 bags of garbage.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Mike Graby stated he is waiting to hear back from vendor.

Policy revisions – Jake Meyer stated the Solicitor recommended he give a copy of the draft to the other Board members for their review. Jake Meyer handed out a copy to each of the other two Board members.

Website – Jayne Seifrit stated Brian Bauer is present. Brian Bauer stated he will hand deliver the quote tomorrow.

Relinquish review of Kegerreis-Hoover Annexation Plan – Jayne Seifrit stated the Planning Commission members voted March 26, 2019 to relinquish review to Upper Tulpehocken and Berks County, but the Board did not take any action. Lee Groff made a motion to relinquish review of the Kegerreis-Hoover plan and authorized a letter be sent for attaching to plan for recording, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Insurance – Lee Groff stated he attended the Township Insurance meeting on April 2, 2019. They just went over the renewal; booklet is in the Township Office if the Board members want to review or look at the one Lee Groff has here.

Pension – Lee Groff stated he attended a workshop at PSATS having to do with retirement savings and pensions. He stated the average term is about 7 years, but there are some out there for 5 years with the maximum 10 years. Also, he was told the percentage is anywhere from 1.25% - 1.5%. They will come out to talk to the Board and pension members. Lee Groff will set something up.

New Business

541 Schubert Rd Holding Tank – Mike Graby made a motion to approve holding tank for 541 Schubert Rd and authorize the Solicitor to prepare agreement, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to sign the agreement when it was received satisfactory to the Township, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Golden Age Air Events – Mike Graby made a motion to close Airport Road between Old Route 22 and Schubert Road for June 15 and August 31, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Progressive energy – They would like to quote Met-Ed electricity use. The Board agreed not at this time.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32721- 32749, open space 177-180, state aid 167 and street light 200

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

Public Comment

David Peters asked if the developer will chop off the hill of the Esh property so all he will see is the warehouses. David Peters also complained the Municipal Authority is reaching out of the toilet and grabbing your wallet. They need to have oversight. Eugene Orlando stated they are appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Steve Burkhart stated the farmer would like to have access to the field from Daub Rd. Daub Road needs some stone at the 645 side.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit/Secretary Treasurer