

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
July 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 Stephen Price; Engineer, Jeffrey Steckbeck and Township Secretary Treasurer Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Dieffenbach 5K and 10K Race – Mike Marlowe said they would like to move the charity race to the Bethel facility along Old Route 22. The race course was described and would involve approximately an hour of time on the roadways. It mainly would be on Old Route 22 to Airport Road and back, to make the needed distances. They would include a community type event with food, bounce house etc. September 7, 2019 with the races starting at 9:00 am. Lee Groff made a motion to approve use/closing of the Township Roads for the race period, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. They will coordinate with police and township as needed.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from June 17, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from June 25, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer read the letter from Dwight Miller expressing his gratitude to the Police Department.

Jake Meyer stated the price for the two welcome signs from Brown Signs is \$775.00 each. That includes installation. Lee Groff asked when it was decided how many. He asked about the ones for Frystown and Schubert area. Randy Behney asked if other quotes were obtained. They stated Horst Signs is usually twice as much.

Jake Meyer stated the cost for the mural for the meeting room would be \$378.00 installed.

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

Domestics	04	Thefts	03
Misc. Complaints	33	Traffic Citations	37
Non Traffic Citations	02	Court Appearances	03
Phone Assignments	24	Security Checks	03
Alarms	07	Reportable Accidents	06
Non-Reportable Accidents	12	Motorist Assists	02

Traffic Stops	41	Fire & EMS Advisories	23
Criminal Arrest	02	Other Law Agency Assists	17
School Detail	04	Suspicious Situations	08
Disorderly Incidents	14	Reckless Drivers	02
Warrants	01	Warnings	18
Parking Tickets	00	Vehicle Maintenance	00
Subpoena Service	00		

3989 mileage was noted with 227 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney

Randy Behney stated he attended a class in Cumru Township.

Randy Behney stated he heard of no flooding during the rain. Frystown Fire Company members stated there was flooding (could not hear where they said it was flooded).

Randy Behney stated he signed the run cards and returned them back to the Fire Companies for them to submit.

Randy Behney stated there is a class he is interested in taking in Waynesboro. He will check his schedule to be sure he can attend; the cost is \$35.00. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Randy Behney to attend class if schedule permits, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Randy Behney will contact Secretary for signing up for class.

Road Master Report – Pete Davis

Weed Spraying – Pete Davis stated they were supposed to be here July 5, 2019. He got a call that the sprayer was hurt and could not come. He has not heard from them since.

Pete Davis asked if road projects can still be done. It was stated paving stops when the plants don't make the asphalt any more for the season. He would like to look at doing Airport Road and Midway Road; from Old Route 22 to Schubert Rd.

Pete Davis stated the trailer needs to be repaired. The deck needs to come off and the cross members need to be reinforced. Also, a heavier trailer should be purchased; one that would be able to handle the mini-excavator. He recommends keeping the current trailer to haul mower back and forth to park.

200 Dove Road washing out issue – Pete Davis said it is washing out onto our road. They scrapped off mud and stone. Jeffry Steckbeck said the conservation district has jurisdiction over erosion. He will go out and report his findings.

Solicitor – Stephen Price

Traffic Ordinance – Stephen Price stated the Board received the draft ordinance, if there are no changes it can be advertised for the hearing. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the advertising, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Dedication of Central Blvd and portion of Fort Motel Dr – Stephen Price said he gave the draft documents to Duke Realty for approval. Once they are received it can be done.

Littering Ordinance – nothing new at this time

457b and 401 (a) – The Board is looking at doing all at once.

Vacation of Short section of Daub and Bashore – Mike Graby made a motion to move the vacation forward, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hand Line Hook Up – nothing new to report

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck

Stormwater Management Fee – Jeffrey Steckbeck explained the Stormwater Management Ordinance referenced fees but there have not been any established. They were included in the fee resolution for SALDO. The Board made a motion and a second to approve fee resolution as amended. Jayne Seifrit questioned the application fee. It would be \$500.00 plus \$10.00 per acre, and deposit sum to cover costs of inspections etc. Jayne Seifrit stated we don't have an application fee that is not tied to the cost of project; recommended getting rid of the \$500.00 and \$10.00 per acre fee and instead charge the deposit amount based on chart and bill 10% of cost as is done with the subdivisions and land developments. There was not a vote on the motion. The Board agreed to remove the application fee at this time. Action slated for Tuesday July 23, 2019.

Act 537 – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he had contacted Tim Wagner from DEP. Act 537's are plans that lay out public sewage areas. The plan gets approved by DEP and adopted by the Township. Amendments occur as needed to the Act 537 plans/areas. An area where a sewerage line was constructed and dedicated does not have to be placed in an Act 537 it can be connected to by submitting planning modules. A Township is required to adopt a Connection Ordinance in conjunction with an Act 537. It can be mandatory for all in service area or it can carve out sections. The Board of Supervisors would like to hold a joint meeting with the Bethel Township Municipal Authority on August 7, 2019 at 7:30. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Secretary advertise the joint meeting, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority – Mike Graby

Mike Graby didn't have anything to report.

Library Board –

Jake Meyer stated the Library Board is not going to do a Resolution limiting users of the facility. Renovations – Jake Meyer stated the architect and contractor are finalizing plan.

Recreation Board – Lee Groff

Lee Groff stated the Recreation Board is looking to do fund-raising. Sherri Glass has put together a brochure explaining what the Rec Board does and the plans for the future. They are looking to hand out at the National Night Out in August.

Jake Meyer stated he was asked by the Rec Board to mow the area that has already been cleared of trees and brush. He said he was able to mow weeds and poison ivy and it looks more like a park.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated the EAC is working with the Rec Board on the Airport Road property.

Jake Meyer stated spotted lanternfly discussion is not as hot a topic this year. It was stated the fungus and other measures taken are working.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – already discussed

Policy revisions – Jake Meyer stated he received comments from the other two supervisors and will incorporate.

Website – working on switching over

Drop Box – Secretary to look into stand-alone outside box.

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – Jake Meyer stated two people would like to serve as alternate. The Board would like to have Arthur DeMille and Herbert Zechman serve as alternates. Jayne Seifrit stated she will have the Resolution ready for next meeting.

Zoning/Map Ordinance amendments – Looking to have joint meeting August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm; will check with Planning Commission members next week.

New Business

Fire Truck, Frystown Fire Company – Brian Bauer explained about the current utility truck and the need to replace. They have two trucks they would like to purchase. They can get a loan, but it would be at 7% interest. Other Fire Companies suggested they come to the Township to see if a better deal can be made through the Township. Lee Groff made a motion to have the Solicitor draft an agreement for next meeting, Tuesday July 23, 2019, for \$75,000.00 for 5-year term at 1.5% interest seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32851-32874 and street light 203

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

Public Comment

Elvin Shilling stated there is another run off at 204 Dove Road. Engineer will look at both properties.

Larry Schmehl stated the embankments at Samsung are terrible. They need to be mowed. Don't we have something to enforce. Lee Groff stated he just hasn't been able to get over to the property to talk to someone. A follow up letter could be sent. Discuss at next meeting.

Larry Schmehl asked if anyone looked into his suggestion of a cul-de-sac with a gate (for emergency purposes) at Martha Drive and Brown Road. The Engineer will look into feasibility. Jayne Seifrit stated Maine Drilling and Blasting representative called to oppose after last meeting. Not in favor at all.

Larry Schmehl asked if there is anything that the Township can do about the very large farming equipment on our Township Roads. He stated there was a large sprayer on Airport Road and was losing spray on the roadway right at a certified organic farm. He is concerned for the farm and anybody walking or driving as the spray gets on tires, shoes etc. He feels at the least there should be escorts front and back. Lee Groff made a motion to have Chief and Solicitor look into any laws and enforcement, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit/Secretary Treasurer