

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
July 23, 2019**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 8:05 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, Stephen Price, Engineer, Jeffrey Steckbeck, Zoning Officer, Robin Royer and Township Secretary Treasurer, Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Brian Bauer stated he had spoken to Randy Behney concerning the two EMA radios that are not being used. He said the Fire Company could use them, and if need be in the future returned back to EMA. Jake Meyer made a motion to have the Frystown Fire Company use the radios that are not being used by EMA, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

8391 Old Route 22 – Robin Royer stated the Zoning Hearing was continued until August 6, 2019 at 7 pm and the Board of Supervisors held the Conditional Use hearing, and will look to make a decision at their meeting August 19, 2019.

200 Dove Rd – Robin Royer stated she sent letter. Jayne Seifrit stated Jeffrey Steckbeck was on site, sent a letter to the Township which was then forwarded to the Berks County Conservation District. They went and inspected the property. They sent a letter to the Township with pictures outlining violations.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – Lee Groff stated he went to Samsung concerning weed/vegetation growth. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing a follow up letter be sent, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing a letter be sent to NorthPoint concerning their vegetation, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Graby – Mike Graby said they have trailer prices. He recommends we purchase the Pequea 1018 SST trailer from Wenger's of Myerstown.

Mike Graby recommends we purchase two signs and the mural from Brown Signs. We can look at getting additional signs once we see these. Jake Meyer made a motion to purchase two welcome signs and the mural for the meeting room from Brown Signs, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Graby made a motion to advertise Airport Road 2095 foot section and Midway Road 1583 foot section for paving, seconded by Lee Groff. Jayne Seifrit asked for opening date, August 19th and date for completion, early October.

Jake Meyer – nothing at this time

Actions from Planning Commission

Bethel Business Park – Lee Groff made a motion to accept extension until October 25, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Leonard Martin Poultry Operation – Jake Meyer made a motion to accept extension until November 24, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Reber Estate – Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension until November 26, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price

Central Blvd – Deed of Dedication has been sent to Steve Buck to review.

Hand Held lines – Stephen Price said he will contact Dwayne Horst.

Daub Road and Bashore Street vacation – Stephen Price is working with Engineer.

Littering – In the Boards and Chief of Police hands.

Fire Truck – Stephen Price gave the Fire Chief (Frystown) the promissory note to peruse. It is for \$75,000.00 at 1.5% for 5 years. Once signed it will be kept in the Township.

Farm Equipment – Stephen Price stated Jeffrey Steckbeck handed him information concerning enforcement per the Penn DOT Chapter 75 vehicle codes. A copy will be given to the Chief of Police.

Engineering – Jeffry Steckbeck

Stormwater Management Fee Schedule – Jeffry Steckbeck stated it will be ready for the August meeting.

DGI Bethel – Jeffry Steckbeck stated the repairs to the concrete have been completed. He recommends the release of the bond and the 18-month maintenance period be terminated. Mike Graby made a motion approving recommendation from Engineer, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Signs – already discussed

Mural for Meeting Room – already discussed

Zoning/Map amendments – Meeting set for August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing advertising the meeting, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

BTMA Joint Meeting – August 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Resolution appoint Alternate to Zoning Hearing Board – Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-34 appointing Herbert Zechman, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Drop Box – Jayne Seifrit had a couple of options available for the Board to review. Tabled at this time.

New Business

Public Comment

Steve Burkhart asked what section of the roads are being vacated. He was told the portion of Daub Road from Brown Road heading south to Interstate, and Bashore street the section that goes into the Yingst property.

Larry Schmehl stated the farm equipment issue is a big deal, he feels at a minimum the escorts should be enforced and hand radios be utilized.

Larry Schmehl asked if the cul-de-sac for Martha Dr was looked into. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he had looked at it and there is more checking to do. Larry Schmehl stated the safety is a big issue.

George Shollenberger asked about the mowing on 501. Mike Graby stated they did the first mowing and it will be done again in August. George Shollenberger stated it was not done. Mike Graby stated we don't contract with the State to mow the mountain sections anymore on 501, 419 and 645. The State would cover that now.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary