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

Approval of Minutes

Lee Groff made a motion to approve Strauser Conditional Hearing minutes from July 15, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from July 15, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from July 23, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve Joint Meeting with BTMA minutes from August 7, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – nothing at this time

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer read the letter from Mayor in Japan that was presented to the Township from an exchange program student.

Mike Graby – Mike Graby asked about approving the Personnel Policy. Jake Meyer stated the Solicitor and Jayne Seifrit need to read it. Jayne Seifrit will scan document to Solicitor.

Mike Graby stated he and Pete Davis would like to get their spraying license. He stated the park looks terrible. Lee Groff stated he spoke to Donald Almond about the weeds. He stated the park has been sprayed twice. Lee Groff stated Donald Almond only sprays where it is difficult for a weed trimmer to maintain. In class it was stated use spray only where other means are not practical. Jake Meyer would like to take a look at the property and get a schedule worked out for the spraying with Donald Almond; not feel it is necessary to have two more licensed at this time. Additionally, Lee Groff stated Donald Almond needs to get Con Ed done and the cost is about $500.00. Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received an email form Don Almond about classes and deadline being September 2020; he is laid up right now and is looking at taking online courses for his continuing education requirements, cost about $550.00. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing courses and covering expense of approximately $550.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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4241 mileage was noted with 228 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Tulpehocken Township Police requesting for Fire Police for September 7, 2019 for Rehrersburg Car Show. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing fire police assist with event on September 7, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Intersection of Old Route 22 and Midway Road – Mike Marlowe from Dieffenbach’s Chips sent an email concerning dangerous intersection. He is looking to have blinkers or other visuals alerting drivers of the intersection. After a brief discussion on possibilities Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Engineer check out the intersection and see what and costs of possible solutions, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Ammo Purchase – Chief Murphy stated they have qualifying coming up and need various ammo at a cost of $1,100.00 - $1,200.00. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing purchase of ammo not to exceed $1,200.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chief Murphy wanted to thank everyone for their participation (Library, Recreation Board, Fire Company, Ambulance, Church etc.) and attendance at the National Night Out Event. He said it was a good turnout.

Emergency Management Coordinator - Randy Behney
Randy Behney asked if the radios were given to Frystown Fire Company or are they still in the Township Office. They were not brought down to the Township Office. Mike Graby is not sure where they are, Pete Davis may know.

Randy Behney stated there was an incident on 645 involving a runaway truck, Bethel Township police responded and would have more detail.

Randy Behney is attending a class tomorrow August 20, 2019.

Road Master Report – Pete Davis
Pete Davis was absent.
Weed Spraying – already discussed
Airport Road and Midway Road projects were put on hold until next year due to costs.
Herb Zechman stated the pipe near Faust South Road needs to be looked at, it continues to clog. The Board said it will be looked into.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Conditional Hearing for Strauser – Stephen Price stated the Board will hold an executive session after meeting to deliberate.
Deed of Dedication for Central Blvd and portion of Fort Motel Drive – It was given to Steve Buck and have not heard back.

Littering Ordinance – in Boards hands
Hand Line Hook Up – Contact information was obtained by Dwayne Horst, Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, for Solicitor.

457b and 401 (a) – The Non-Uniform revisions are in typing now.

Vacation of short sections of Daub and Bashore – Descriptions were received from Steckbeck Engineering.

**Engineering** – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Stormwater Management Fee – Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-34 including Stormwater Management fees and admin costs, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Sewage Management Ordinance – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the draft of the Ordinance has been part of the act 537 since 2001. It would require inspections and pump out of on-lot sewage tanks every three years. There would be administrative duties including maintaining list of properties, records of compliance and none compliance. Reporting to DEP is also part of the Ordinance. At this time DEP has not contacted the Township for compliance records. At this time the Ordinance is only a draft and not adopted. Jeffrey Steckbeck had a map showing the areas that have sewer lines and on-lot areas. Larry Schmehl feels it is the property owner’s responsibility to maintain their system. If they don’t then it will cost them money. Why place more administrative duties on Secretary and enforcement on the Township at this time. Mike Graby and Lee Groff agreed, at this time we don’t need it.

Martha Dr cul-de-sac – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he looked at the location for a proposed cul-de-sac, it would be very inconvenient for commuters wanting to access Brown Road. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated cameras, or a DVR camera could record violators of signage and be ticketed once notification is sent. More details would need to be done prior to this option. He has someone in his office looking into validity of cul-de-sac and impact on receiving liquid fuel tax money. Contacted Penn DOT Municipal Representative but have not heard back yet. Larry Schmehl is still in favor of a gate.

**Municipal Authority** – Mike Graby
Mike Graby didn’t have anything to report.

**Library Board** –
Jake Meyer stated the Library Board is not going to receive grant extension at this time. It will give them more time to finalize plan and fund-raise.

Jake Meyer stated there was a professional fund-raiser that gave a presentation to the Library Board. There was a donor in attendances that will cover the cost of the study needed for the fund-raising.

**Recreation Board** – Lee Groff
Lee Groff stated the Rec. Board is working with Jeffrey Steckbeck on bid packet for Airport Road project. It was determined it was to high earlier in the year, so revamping and plan to have it ready for bidding in the new year.

Grants – Lee Groff believes we will hear something sometime in October for the two grants that were applied for by the Recreation Board.
Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated the EAC reviewed the 4 plans. Jayne Seifrit will check to see if there are any comments.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Mike Graby stated the signs are being started next week. Jake Meyer asked if that included the mural. Mike Graby said he believes so.

Policy revisions – see comments in Supervisor Comments section

Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – Jake Meyer asked if anybody has a second person. Not at this time, it was stated they will keep looking.

Zoning/Map Ordinance amendments – Joint meeting August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Jeffrey Steckbeck gave the Board a copy of a map as he understands it from Robin Royer and minutes. There are a couple of questions, he pointed them out to the Board. They would like the Planning Commission to review. Larry Schmehl asked if it could be projected on the screen for all to view. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated that can happen.

Traffic Ordinance – Stephen Price stated it is ready to advertise. Jayne Seifrit stated the Board needs to set date and time. It was decided to have the hearing for September 16, 2019 at 6:45 pm.

Comparison Sheets from Kevin Stupp, Treasurer BTMA – Kevin Stupp emailed information showing scenarios for impact to the Authority depending on actions the Board of Supervisor’s could take on Connection Ordinance for the public sewer area.

Oversized Agriculture Equipment – Jayne Seifrit stated the Governor did sign into law the ability to increase equipment from 16 feet to 18 feet back in June 2019. The law will take affect August 27, 2019. At that point the rules regulating will be included in the traffic enforcement chapter 75. Jayne Seifrit will get the information for the police department. Jayne Seifrit further stated the law doesn’t address custom farming.

Letter sent to Samsung – Jayne Seifrit stated the follow up letter was sent and included trash.

Letter to NorthPoint – Jayne Seifrit stated the letter for weeds went to NorthPoint. They came in looking for someone with the equipment that could handle the mowing.

Weed/grass issues again on 381 Musselman and on 1300 Little Mountain Road – Jayne Seifrit stated another complaint was received. First one was received in May. The Board authorized a letter be sent to property owners. Jayne Seifrit stated another letter went out earlier today, but the complainant was very upset. He didn’t want to hear about the process.

New Business

County Convention – October 17, 2019 is the date. Jake Meyer and Mike Graby stated they are not available to attend. Lee Groff will check his schedule. Invites were sent to Tax Collector, Auditors and Office staff.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32887-32920, open space check 186 and street light 204

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

It was stated Dove Road is a muddy mess. They were scrapping but fence was not installed correctly.

Gerald Bender is asking for trash removal and weeds/grass be dealt with at 491 Frystown Rd. The Board would like Robin Royer to enforce as this is a property with ongoing issues.

Larry Schmehl stated with the field at NorthPoint mowed it now shows the plastic (now shredded) in the field.

Larry Schmehl stated Airport Road needs to mowed, it has only been done once this year and the banks are overgrown. Mike Graby stated they are mowing Township roads now; they will get out there.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit/Secretary Treasurer