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, Michael Graby and Lee Groff. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Stephen Price; Engineer, Jeffrey Steckbeck and Township Asst Secretary Lisa Ilus. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of Minutes

Michael Graby made a motion to approve minutes from August 19, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Michael Graby made a motion to approve minutes from Joint Meeting with Planning Commission August 27, 2019, seconded by Jacob Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Lee Groff made a motion to approve minutes from August 27, 2019, seconded by Michael Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – Complaint letter for 145 Fort Henry Rd should be addressed with meeting on September 24 with Robin Royer there.

Jacob Meyer – There was an executive session for the personnel policy on September 9.

Michael Graby – Nothing at this time.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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3630 mileage was noted with 185 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.
Jacob Meyer asked Chief Murphy about 1300 Little Mt Rd & 381 Musselman Rd, Chief Murphy said he will check this week.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** - Randy Behney
Randy Behney reported he went to a training session on August 20.
Randy Behney said there is a free flu shot clinic for police, firefighters, EMS workers, emergency management staff, and other public safety professionals. Flyer hanging on window in office lobby with dates and times.

**Road Master Report** – Pete Davis
Sourcewell purchasing is similar to Co-stars purchasing program. Jacob Meyer said to wait until we would like to use it to sign up. Also find out how soon after sign up when it may be used and if any fees. Office will look into those questions.

**Solicitor** – Stephen Price
Traffic Ordinance 2019-01, motion made by Lee Groff to adopt Traffic Ordinance 2019-01 seconded by Michael Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Deed of Dedication for Central Blvd and portion of Fort Motel Drive – Stephen Price said it’s in the hands of the Duke solicitor.
Littering Ordinance – Look into how to enforce and prove the offense. Look at having fines.
Solicitor will contact Zoning Officer and see what she thinks.
Hand Line Hook Up – Has the UCC language.
457b and 401 (a) – The RFP paperwork is complete, need to obtain proposals, pick from proposals, set for November meeting.

**Engineering** – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Jeffrey Steckbeck provided a drawing and PennDot specifications for the Midway Rd & Old Rt 22 intersection. One option would need a traffic study to change to 25 MPH ahead signs. To add pedestrian crosswalk markings would take PennDot approval. Discussion of adding another sign and STOP AHEAD pavement markings.
Mandatory Connection Ordinance – Jeffrey Steckbeck will have a draft for the meeting next week.
Martha Dr cul-de-sac – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated if a gate is installed the Twp will lose liquid fuel money. Post signs to limit truck usage.
Blue Mt Trucking – Jeffrey Steckbeck reported Lucky is working with Robin Royer to control encroachment of wetlands. A new engineering firm has been hired to delineate the wet land area. Lucky is filing a new plan which will require DEP approval. Jeffrey Steckbeck does not see earthmoving.

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

**Library Board** –
Jacob Meyer stated at the meeting the Library Board was looking to see if they could get the grant reinstated or if it would be better to wait until next year and see if they could apply for more money.
Recreation Board – Lee Groff

Lee Groff attended the joint meeting with the other Townships and was disappointed with the youth leader response, only one coach showed.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jacob Meyer stated the EAC is working with 2 surveyors to delineate the wetlands at the side of the Township building. They are looking forward to show how wetlands should look.

Unfinished Business

Welcome Sign – Michael Graby stated he called Brown Signs and they did not get back to him. He will reach out again.

Policy revisions – Solicitor has now to review

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

Berks County Assoc of Twp Officials Dinner Oct 17, 2019, Donald Daub is a yes.

New Business

NorthPoint LDP 90 day extension letter – Lee Groff made a motion to accept NorthPoint LDP 90 day extension letter, seconded by Michael Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

BCIDA letter, interest in Lancaster Ave property – Board would like to check with Rec Board at their Sept 19th meeting to see if there is interest. Jacob Meyer said he will try contacting Ivan Fahnestock again.

145 Fort Henry Rd complaint – address with Robin at next meeting.

CM High maintenance results and 2 quotes for repairs – Jacob Meyer read the quotes aloud. Lee Groff made a motion to have the Chairman sign the maintenance repair estimate for the traffic light repairs at Lancaster Ave (Rt 501) and Rehrersburg Rd, seconded by Michael Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. The 2nd maintenance repair estimate, the Board will look at the cabinet corner box at Lancaster Ave (Rt 501) and I78 ramp and see how damaged the box is.

Michael Graby made a motion for the Chairman to sign the Planning Exemption Application Mailer for 8424 Lancaster Ave, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commonwealth Code Inspection Service Inc offering Property Maintenance and Rental Inspection programs. Board would like to see a fee schedule.

Trick or Treat night Oct. 31, 2019. Jacob Meyer asked Chief Murphy if there was any conflict. Chief Murphy said there is not. Michael Graby made a motion to have Trick or Treat night on October 31, 2019 from 6pm-8pm, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Lee Groff made a motion to have the Treasurer sign and disburse funds from the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax disbursement, seconded by Jacob Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32925-32952, and street light 205.

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

Larry Schmehl stated there needs to be a new study for the wetland delineation. August 1 there was one trailer on the site now there are six. There needs to be a time frame set for when the study is completed.

Larry Schmehl stated that the Musselman farm has been kept in IC and that there are petitions with signatures and the Township is not following the wishes of the residents to not have it in IC. Also, the South side of Daub Rd should be Ag Preserve. The Township should take advantage and have the developer pave Daub Rd and pay for it.

Solicitor Stephen Price said must do due diligence to see if the Musselman LDP is still viable. Harold Gruber stated Trammell Crow paid to have Act 537 drawn up on Musselman farm.

Randy Behney stated at Lucky’s there are more trucks on site than what the plan allowed, and the one concrete entrance area is blocked off. They are not using the turnaround area as the plan intended.

James Strauser asked questions on filing land use appeal. Mr Strauser stated his attorney did not have enough time to file. Solicitor Price stated the appeal is not a lengthy process, it is their attorney that doesn’t have the time not the amount of time given to appeal the decision. Mr Strauser stated he contacted Atty Gavin and Atty Gavin blew him off. Solicitor Price mentioned that the Zoning Hearing Board is separate from the Board of Supervisors. James and Michelle Strauser also were unclear of the definition of “construction debris” on the decision. Solicitor Price stated the phrase is what he used referring to the logs on the property. Solicitor Price stated they are not allowed to use the property to store things and cannot have a 3rd party bring in vehicles to work on the property.

David Bahner asked if there is a time limit that the logs must be removed from the property.

James Strauser stated he talked to Robin Royer and will be putting in a wood burner and will use the remainder of logs for that.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Ilus/Asst Secretary Treasurer