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

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Frystown Fire Company – David Omstead, President of Fire Company, read a letter he sent to Jacob Meyer, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Full copy will be placed with the official minutes. Mr. Omstead stated in the letter his concerns with the grant writing that was done in the past, how an email was handled that was sent to the Township and overall concern with Lee Groff having any contact with the members of the Frystown Fire Company.

Approval of Minutes

Michael Graby made a motion to approve minutes from Traffic Ordinance Hearing September 16, 2019, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from September 24, 2019, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – Lee Groff stated the lighting on the parking lot is a big improvement. Thank you.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the Library is having a fund-raiser Chili Cook Off November 2, 2019 from 12 – 2 pm. More information and tickets are available at the Library. Jake Meyer is one of the judges.

Michael Graby – Nothing at this time. The welcome signs should be ready next week.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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2873 mileage was noted with 231 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Chief Murphy stated the grass is mowed at 1300 Little Mt Rd & 381 Musselman Rd.

Robesonia request for Fire Police – Lee Groff made a motion approving fire police to assist Robesonia on November 3, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** - Randy Behney

Jayne Seifrit stated Randy Behney was not able to attend. He called and stated he attended a training in September. Also, it is time for a first responders meeting, check for dates; he will be in attendance tomorrow evening. The Board looked at holding meeting November 7, 2019. Jayne Seifrit will send out the email scheduling meeting for November 7, 2019.

**Road Master Report** – Pete Davis

Pete Davis stated there is a tire collection. He stated there are 10-15 tires that could be dropped off. Jayne Seifrit will schedule drop off time and let Pete Davis know.

Pete Davis stated they have about a week left of mowing.

**Fromm Electric Account** – Mike Graby made a motion to approve applying for credit at Fromm Electric, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor** – Stephen Price

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 – Steve Price stated he will do an ordinance. It will be a stand-alone ordinance and have teeth in it as requested.

Hand Line Hook Up – Steve Price stated he had spoken with Dwayne Horst, it appears the hand held line connectors are already part of the code, Section 901.04.

Pension – The advertisement was placed. The RFPs are due back to the Township November 12, 2019 by 3:00 pm.

Daub Rd and Bashore Street short sections – Steve Price suggests a quick claim deed be done as there is no clear documentation showing ownership of the roads.

**Engineering** – Jeffrey Steckbeck

Midway Rd & Old Rt 22 - Jeffrey Steckbeck gave information concerning improvements to the intersection. He will assist the Township as needed.

RAR2 – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated a compliance letter is being request by the developer. He has reviewed the file and believes the project to be in compliance with zoning, SALDO, Stormwater and floodplain ordinance. He recommends the Township sign letter of compliance. Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the letter, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Municipal Authority – Mike Graby
    Michael Graby didn’t have anything to report.

Library Board –
    Already mentioned Chili Cook Off

Recreation Board – Lee Groff
    Lee Groff stated the Recreation Board is needing assistance from Public Works for Monday November 18th at 5:30 pm with the Christmas Tree and also on November 23, 2019 at 1 pm.
    Lee Groff reminded Pete Davis the Banners that are up need to be replaced by November 1st with the Welcome Banners.
    BCIDA property – Lee Groff authorized Jayne Seifrit to check to see what they are asking for the BCIDA property, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer
    Jake Meyer stated he has been having frequent dialog with Ivan Fahnestock concerning property at the southeast corner of 501 and Schubert Rd.
    Jake Meyer stated the EAC are still looking to get a surveyor to delineate the wetlands at the Township Office.
    Jake Meyer stated the EAC was asking about the litter ordinance, he will give them an update.
    Jake Meyer stated spotted lantern fly is a constant discussion.
    Jake Meyer stated Mike Najarian will be attending the Environment Breakfast on November 6, 2019.

Unfinished Business
    Welcome Sign – very close
    Policy revisions – Mike Graby asked for a hard copy.
    Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – Jacob Mayer asked if anybody has a second person. Not at this time, it was stated they will keep looking.

New Business
    Budget meetings – Check schedules, will place on tomorrow evenings agenda.
    Holding Tank agreement Zimmerman – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Chairman sign agreement for 485 Airport Rd, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.
    Authorize Holding Tank Account for Zimmerman be opened – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the account to be opened, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
    Holding Tank Escrow Release Skiadas – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the release of the escrow, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
    Crime Alert – no action at this time
    RATS Coordination Committee – looking for a member to represent 2nd Class Townships.
    Steve Price stated he represents the Borough’s and it is a very good meeting to attend and they only meet about 5 times a year. He stated the funding has been cut back for the county for road projects and this committee proposes projects. Jake Meyer stated he would throw his hat in the ring.
    Election Letter – Berks County Election Board sent letters telling where people can get a sample ballot. That website is www.countyofberks.com/elections.
Pennsy Supply Letter – cost of aggregates etc. is going up in 2020 from 5% - 10% depending on what aggregate is purchased.

Land Use for RAR2 – Lee Groff made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Duke Realty volunteer in Township – The possibility is with EAC and Recreation Board. Jayne Seifrit will communicate with Duke Realty representative Sheila Sutton.

Payment of Bills
Payment of bills from the general fund from check 32957-329832, and street light 206.
Lee Groff made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Michael Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Graby said he checked dates for the Thank You event with Mt Aetna fire Company. They could do December 14, 2019 or not until January. It was decided to wait until sometime in January.

Public Comment
Lisa Hassler asked David Omstead questions, she faced the Board and said she has concerns about a Board member leading the Township.

Adjourn
A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Secretary Treasurer