BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
December 16, 2019

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:32 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer, Robbi Lane and Michael Graby. 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

Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes from meeting November 18, 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer welcomed Robbi Lane to the Board.

Jake Meyer stated they received several resignations lately; he wanted to thank everyone that has served on the various boards.

Jake Meyer state the Township received resignations from Robbi Lane and Erin Kreitzer who served on the Act 44 Committee. Mike Graby made a motion to accept resignations, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Michael Graby – Mike Graby asked the Solicitor about not having to post and send out notices for the hearings. Stephen Price stated it is a state law that requires both.

Mike Graby asked about putting something in place about excessive non-emergency calls to the warehouses. He had a copy of someone else’s policy which limits number and then charges for additional responses. Steve Price was given the document and will look into it.

Robbi Lane – nothing at this time

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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3006 mileage was noted with 194 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.
Contract – still pending

Emergency Management Coordinator -
Jake Meyer stated they will be interviewing to fill vacancy.

Road Master Report – Pete Davis
Pete Davis stated they received a quote for Bashore Street Bridge repairs for $31,415.47. Pete Davis and Jayne Seifrit will work on getting advertisement and bid package together.
Garage Doors – Pete Davis stated it will happen in the new year.
Skid Steer – The Township received one bid; it was from Zimmerman’s Farm Service for $27,900.00. Jake Meyer made a motion to purchase the skid steer for $27,900.00, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Foley CAT maintenance agreement - Mike Graby made a motion to approve participation in the maintenance agreement, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Littering Ordinance – Stephen Price stated he will forward the draft in the new year to the Board.
Daub Rd and Bashore Street short sections – Stephen Price stated the quick claim deed is almost completed.
Zoning Ordinance and Map amendment – Hearing is continued until January 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Deed of Dedication for Central Blvd and portion of Fort Motel Drive – Stephen Price said came back with changes. He will look over to be sure items protecting the Township are in place.
Mandatory Connection Ordinance – Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Jeffrey Steckbeck stated in his home town if many call outs to warehouses occur the warehouse people make a donation to the entity.

Municipal Authority – Mike Graby
Michael Graby stated the Authority approved meeting dates for 2020. They are keeping their meetings the first Wednesday of the month with exceptions as noted on the list.

Library Board – Mike Graby
Jake Meyer stated the library would like to have the excess folding chairs removed, they are the Townships. Thomas Hassler bought one hundred chairs for $100.00.
Mike Graby stated the Library is applying for the Keystone Grant. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign form, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Recreation Board –
It was stated the DCNR grant was not approved.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer
Jake Meyer stated the Township received a resignation letter from Ken Norton. The resignation was accepted.

Unfinished Business
Welcome Sign – Mike Graby stated two signs have been installed. Carl Zimmerman stated reflective lettering would help them standout at night.
Policy revisions – Jake Meyer stated the yellow highlighted sections have been clarified and the highlights can be removed. A copy will be given to the Board members.

Pension admin and investing – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received one bid for administrating and investing funds for the two pension plans. It was from Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust. Robbi Lane made a motion to approve Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust as administrators and investors for Police and Non-Uniform Employee Pensions, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane and Jake Meyer approved, Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried. Changes to the Non-Uniform Employee Pension were not discussed further; as was not the 457B and 401 (a) discussed.

Terms Up, end of 2019/Openings: Betsy Bowman agreed to stay on the Planning Commission, Jake Meyer reported David Bahner is interested in being 2nd alternate for Zoning Hearing Board, Jake Meyer reported Mike Najarian will remain on the EAC, Lisa Hassler stated she would serve on the Vacancy Board, Jake Meyer made a motion to approve Lisa Hassler for vacancy board, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane and Jake Meyer approved, Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried. Changes to the Non-Uniform Employee Pension were not discussed further; as was not the 457B and 401 (a) discussed.

New Business

Tax Levy Resolution 2019-35 Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-35, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Resolution 2019-36 approving budget for 2020. Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-36 for the budget for 2020 to be $1,610,667.00, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Credit cards – Form needs to be signed to remove Lee Groff, add John Snyder and Robbi Lane. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the form to change card holders, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting dates for 2020 – It was stated the Planning Commission meeting night will be the second Tuesday of the month and the Board of Supervisors will meet the third Monday of the month. Look over the dates, approve at the December 30th meeting.

Stop bars – C M High advised the stop bars/pavement markings at the 501 and I78 light and the 501, Old Route 22 and Legion Dr light need to be repainted.

Flag – Bob Boyer stopped in to see if the Township would be interested in flying a POW/MIA flag. The Vietnam Veterans of America would supply the flag free of charge. Jake Meyer made a motion to get and fly the flag, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Jayne Seifrit stated we need to purchase another snap.

Berks Nature – Donation of $25.00 – Mike Graby made a motion to donate $25.00 to Berks Nature, seconded by Robbi lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bid Limits for 2020 – The Township received the increased bid and quote limits for 2020; quotes from $11,300.00 to $20,999.99, while bidding is anything over $21,000.00.

Nextdoor letters – Residents received letters concerning a website to join Nextdoor. Wondering if it is legit. Jake Meyer stated it is and he had signed up about six (6) months ago.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33028– 33055 and street light 208.
Mike Graby made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer
No report as Robin Royer was not able to attend.

Public Comment
Steve Burkhardt reiterated waivers should not be granted, he is fired up about warehouses and not allowing more by granting waivers and making it easy for them to come to Bethel Township.
Corey Houser thanked the Board for their donation of wreaths for Wreaths Across America. He helped place wreaths.
Larry Schmehl asked about the littering ordinance. Stephen Price stated it should be to the Board early next year.
Larry Schmehl stated he believes the Township should inquire about how many Veterans from Bethel Township that passed away in the year and sponsor that number of wreaths to be placed on their graves.
Larry Schmehl stated Daub Road warehouse should not be allowed, need to do improvements if it is allowed to come here.
Dwayne Brubacker concerned about the district change for his property. He would like to see it remain in IC.
Donald Daub stated the Auditor’s meeting January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Actions form Planning Commission
Bethel Business Park extension letter – Mike Graby made a motion accepting extension until April 2, 2020, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
Bethel Storage MAIT extension letter – Robbi Lane made a motion accepting extension until February 29, 2020, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
Wolfe Lot Line extension letter – Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension until March 23, 2020, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Adjourn
A motion was made by Robbi Lane, seconded by Mike Graby to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Secretary Treasurer