The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 7:00 pm in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer, Mike Graby and Robbi Lane. Also, in attendance were Township Secretary Treasurer Jayne Seifrit, Pete Davis, John Brown and Jerry Bowman.

Public Comment on Agenda
None

Hearing of Visitors
Arrow Point – Carl Zimmerman and Jeff Donkle were present to see if they could get clarification on use of properties. The Subdivision from 1980 has properties as vacation homes only. In the last three (3) years there have been around 9 properties transferred. They have received inquiries for use as permanent residences. It was asked if they use as permanent residence would it be in violation of Township. There are deed restrictions that get transferred to new ownership. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the secretaries to dig into information on Arrow Point to see what can be found, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments
Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer read the resignation from Fred Folmer. Mike Graby made a motion to accept resignation, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated the Non-Uniform Pension has been discussed for a while. Robbi Lane made a motion to change the vesting for the Non-Uniform Pension to three (3) years and the percent from 1.25 to 1.5, seconded by Jake Meyer. Robbi Lane and Jake Meyer voted yes, Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried. Jayne Seifrit will send email to Solicitor for him to draft amendment to the Ordinance.
Mike Graby – Mike Graby stated the Thank You Event is scheduled for January 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Jake Meyer stated it is at the Mt Aetna Fire Company.

Unfinished Business
Police Department hiring three Part Time Officers, Jake Meyer made a motion to hire Chris Miller, Kevin Mickle and Jeffrey Arnold as of January 1, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Police Contract – Robbi Lane stated a majority of members signed the Police Contract (she will be getting other two signatures in the next two days or so), the Board can approve. Mike Graby made a motion to approve and sign the Police Contract, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
Vacant positions – The Board is continuing to check with members and residents to fill positions. Jake Meyer stated Tamara Ritter is willing to serve on the EAC. Jayne Seifrit stated there are two auditor positions open as one denied and the other write in did not file required paperwork. Jake Meyer stated he will contact Don Almond and Robert Stockholm.
Meeting Dates for 2020 – Robbi Lane authorized the advertising of the meeting dates, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Policy Resolution – Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-37 Policy for Personnel of Bethel Township, seconded by Robbi Lane. Jake Meyer and Robbi Lane voted yes, Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried.
C M High – Jayne Seifrit wanted to be sure the junction box doesn’t fall off the radar to be fixed. Pete Davis stated he is aware.
New Business

Unencumbered Funds Resolution 2019–38, Jayne Seifrit handed out budget sheet for year end. Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-38 transfer funds of $269,000.00 for police vehicle purchase ($12,000.00) and roads ($257,000.00) to Capital Reserve Account, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-39 Supplemental Budget 2019, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Work Sheet for Reorganization – Work Sheet was handed out to Board members.

Fire Company Letter – The letter was prepared. It was noted a former Supervisors name is in the letter head, it will be corrected. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the letter going out to the Fire Companies once corrected, seconded Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Foley CAT – Pete Davis stated they will keep shopping due to pricing.

Crime Alert Berks County – A representative asked how many signs we would like, Pete Davis stated twelve. Jayne Seifrit will call Barry Smith and order twelve free signs.

Payment of Bills

Mike Graby made a motion to approve paying bills from General Account from check number 33061-33064, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

John Brown stated he was on the Planning Commission in 1980 and was the Zoning Officer in 1985, 1986 and 1987. He knows there are regulations for Arrow Point.

John Brown stated the junk piling up at Koenig (Brown Rd) and Beiler (Pine Grove Rd) is exceeding allowed by regulations.

John Brown stated he ran with Frystown Fire Company for many years. He sees one of the trucks being used for personal use. It is one of the vehicles that the Township loaned the money to Frystown to purchase. He suggested one of the Board members may want to attend meetings to see what is going on. John Brown stated they purchased a ladder truck and he doesn’t believe any one there is certified to run that apparatus. John Brown further stated they are young guys and need guidance. Jake Meyer stated he will call the fire company.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Graby, second by Robbi Lane to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit