Call to order: Secretary Folmer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Attendance: Council members present were Fred Folmer, Daphne Meyer and Marthe Olesh. Supervisor liaison Jake Meyer was also in attendance. There were no other persons present.

Approval of minutes: Olesh made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4, 2019 as submitted. D. Meyer seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Recreation Board/Airport Road Property: Folmer reminded Council of the tentative work day at the property on Saturday, January 18, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. He also reported that the DCED (Department of Community Economic Development) grant for the property was not received.

Municipal Building Wetland: There was no new report.

Duke Realty/Service Project: No new action was taken.

New Business:

Tree Vitalize: Supervisor Meyer provided information about a program to assist communities in Pennsylvania with increasing the tree canopy on land owned by a municipality. However as the deadline to submit applications for funding for the current round was December 10, 2019, by mutual consent it was decided it was too late to submit the formal request.

2020 Meeting Dates: The following dates were approved for the 2020 EAC meetings: January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 14, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Resignations: It was with great regret that Council received the resignation of Council member, and long time Bethel Township volunteer serving in multiple capacities, Ken Norton effective as of December 31, 2019. Council thanked him for his many years of faithful service and wished him well in his new endeavors. Folmer announced that as he would be moving out of Bethel Township in a few weeks he would need to submit his resignation most likely to be effective as of January 31, 2020.
Ongoing Tabled Business;

Mariner East Pipeline: Folmer shared several news articles from the Reading Eagle: “FBI Probes Handling of Pipeline Permits” (Nov. 13, 2019); “Wolf Says He’s Got Nothing to Hide” (Nov. 14, 2019); “FBI is Latest to Join String of Pipeline Probes” (Nov. 24, 2019).

Spotted Lanternfly: Folmer circulated a Reading Eagle news article from December 2, 2019 entitled “So Beautiful, So Tantalizing: Creator of Art Made from Insects’ Wings Says Exhibit Should Prompt Introspection”.

Litter Pickup: Folmer cited a Reading Eagle news article from November 16, 2019 entitled “PA Has 500 Million Pieces of Litter on Roads”.

Adjournment: At 7:50 p.m. D. Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Olesh seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Municipal Building.

(Minutes submitted by Fred Folmer, Secretary to Council)