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, 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
Lisa Hassler was questioning the screening, fencing etc that is shown on plans for RAR2. Thomas Hassler expressed concerns of people on his property and having two fences with space between. Greg Davis attorney for RAR2 project stated Jeffrey Steckbeck has reviewed the plan and issued review letter that plan meets standards. The project needs to comply with the items listed on the review letter.

Hearing of Visitors

Actions from Planning Commission
NorthPoint – Robbi Lane made a motion to accept extension until June 15, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Bethel Business Park – Robbie Lane made a motion to accept extension until July 1, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
RAR2 – Mike Graby made a motion to approve RAR2 plan condition on all items completed on SESI review letter dated March 16, 2020, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Wolfe Lot Line Adjustments – Jake Meyer made a motion to approve and sign plans, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
NorthPoint – Mike Graby made a motion to waive section 12 of the stormwater management ordinance for infiltration noting if DEP requires then waiver goes away, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve final plan condition on all items on SESI review letter dated May 12, 2020 completed, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Bethel Business Park has been asked the plan not be approved at tonight’s meeting; it will be on agenda next month.

Approval of Minutes
Robbi Lane made a motion to approve minutes from joint zoning meeting February 11, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from meeting February 17, 2020, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from Airport Road Recreation Project bid meeting March 10, 2020, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve bid from Dale Bechtold Excavating for Airport Road Recreation project at $55,000.00, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes with the correction to include Michael Orendo’s yes vote from joint zoning meeting March 10, 2020, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes from meeting March 16, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. April 20, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

There were comments made from attendees on the zoning/map vote not taking place during the zoom meeting as there is more discussion to take place. Robbi Lane made a motion to table until a face to face open to the public meeting can take place, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated two monitors are needed in the police department, cost is $500.00 for both. Mike Graby made a motion to purchase monitors, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Robbi Lane stated another phone is needed. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Jayne Seifrit contact Choice Communications and purchase not to exceed $250.00, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Robbi Lane stated we should have an Ordinance to cover parking on 501 and on 183 and unlicensed and unregistered vehicles. Jayne Seifrit stated she thought it might be covered in the Traffic Ordinance. Jayne Seifrit and Chief Murphy will look into.

Robbi Lane stated the Police Department has recovered two vehicles a motorcycle and car. She is asking if the Township should install an impound lot. Robbi Lane and Jayne Seifrit will look into the cost and if feasible. If so, it might be able to go where the recycle bins were.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the Board of Supervisors consulted with the Township Solicitor concerning meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Listed are the dates the Board of Supervisors met and topics: March 16, 2020 shortened regular meeting, March 20, 2020 closure of what in the Township, what to keep open, procedures. How long, go week by week and watch what the Federal and State governments are doing. March 27, 2020 discussion of paying employees as they are working from home and essential tasks extending healthcare. April 3, 2020 reviewed Frystown Fire Company financial situation. The Township is tasked with proving the service. They are in dire straits. They don’t have donations coming in and two fundraisers were cancelled. They have loans for equipment and the equipment grant is on hold. April 17, 2020 met with Emergency Management Coordinator see how things are going and where do we go from here, informed about what the County is doing. April 21, 2020 met again with Frystown Fire Company about financial situation and had an open discussion. May 11, 2020 had a meeting discussing legal use of funds from the Traffic Impact funds. Stephen Price interjected that Board needs to approve paying bills form the past month. Jake Meyer made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Michael Graby – Mike Graby stated the Police Department is 24 hours a day and are busy. Mike Graby made a motion to hire Robbi Lane full time starting June 1, 2020, seconded by Jake Meyer. Mike Graby and Jake Meyer agreed. Robbi Lane abstained. Motion carried.

Mike Graby stated they obtained two quotes for propane furnaces for the garage, Ray Moyer was $6,000.00 and Green Zone was $6380.00. The Ray Moyer quote is for two furnaces on separate zones. Robbi Lane made a motion to approve purchase of propane
furnaces through Ray Moyer for $6,000.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Graby wanted to thank Dean Klopp for donating his time and material for deep cleaning the police cruisers.

**Police Department Report** – Chief Ryan Murphy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>March</th>
<th>April</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Domestics</td>
<td>03</td>
<td>02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Misc. Complaints</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non Traffic Citations</td>
<td>03</td>
<td>01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone Assignments</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alarms</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-Reportable Accidents</td>
<td>04</td>
<td>03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traffic Stops</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Criminal Arrest</td>
<td>02</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School Detail</td>
<td>00</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disorderly Incidents</td>
<td>05</td>
<td>02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warrants</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parking Tickets</td>
<td>00</td>
<td>00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reposs</td>
<td>01</td>
<td>04</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Chief Murphy read over the reports for March and April. Above are the numbers for the month of April. From the April report: 4153 mileage was noted with 156 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Bethel Fire Company Parade – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Fire Police assist with the parade if happening, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Golden Age Air Museum Flying Circus – Mike made a motion approving the closure of Airport Road from Schubert Road to I-78 Bridge overpass for the event, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – Brian Blouch

**Road Master Report** – Pete Davis

Roadwork 2020 – Airport Road and Midway Road are completed. They will be doing School Road and Little Mt Road.

Klahr Road and parking area at the garages – Mike Graby said he would like to have the project bid. Jake Meyer stated we need to watch to finances; it may not be done. It can go to bid, but the Township can reject any and all bids. Mike Graby made a motion to put project out for bid, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Loader information – Pete Davis stated it can come off the agenda.

Crafco – no action at this time

EJ Breneman coring Brown Rd – Mike Graby made a motion to have EJ Breneman core Brown Road $3950.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Martha Drive double seal coat – Mike Graby made a motion to put it out for bid, seconded by Robbi Lane. Depends if can be covered under TI, may need to reject bids. All agreed. Motion carried.
Pete Davis said they would like to do line painting, the East side of 501, but will include School Rd. It will include approximately 21 miles of road for about $20,000.00. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the line painting on list for East of 501 and School Road, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Pete Davis stated the Tiger mower and the Alamo mower can be placed on Municibid. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the advertising in the Reading Eagle stating bidding will be through Municibid, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitor – Stephen Price**

Quit Claim Deed - Daub Rd and Bashore Street short sections – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign documents for both roads, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Resolution for Deed of Dedication for Central Blvd and portion of Fort Motel Drive – Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-23, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Resolution for Non-Uniform Pension amendment – Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution (was missed in getting number, one was assigned 2020-25), seconded by Jake Meyer. Robbi Lane and Jake Meyer approved, Mike Graby abstained. Motion carried.

West Run DIA – Jake made a motion authorizing Solicitor and Engineer develop a revised DIA, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Real Estate Tax Resolution – to extend the flat period to September 30, 2020. Robbi Lane made a motion to sign Resolution 2020-24 to extend flat rate to September 30, 2020, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck**

Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he has assisted with DIA’s, reviewing LD plans, working with public works with road projects and wetland information.

**Municipal Authority** – nothing to report

**Library Board** – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated they tried to do Zoom meeting but it didn’t work.

**Recreation Board** –

Jake Meyer stated they are going to be doing a zoom meeting May 21, 2020.

Clearing of brush – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the clearing of brush not to exceed $7,000.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Environmental Advisory Council** – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer wetlands will be discussed.

Robbi Lane texted and found out there will not be a Memorial Day Parade in 2020.

**Unfinished Business**

Municipal dinner – need to see if it is still happening.
L S Bio Char – need to reapprove and sign. Jake Meyer made a motion to reapprove and sign plan, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jake Meyer stated he has not been able to check on open position possibilities.

The HOP for NorthPoint was signed.

DIA’s for Leonard Martin and Adam Martin – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the signing of the Leonard Martin DIA, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the signing of the Adam Martin DIA, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mike Graby stated he talked to Carl Weaver concerning the banners. Carl weaver stated he will send an email to those people that purchased banners to see if they will allow them to be up all the time.

New Business

Second Amendment – Solicitor to look at it.

Animal Control Service – Get copies to the Board to review.

Complaint for 280 Camp Strauss Rd – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to look into complaint and follow through, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Berks EIT – They provided information concerning affect COVID-19 may have on funds.

Generator Township Building – Mike Graby made a motion to have it serviced, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Frystown Fire Company - Jake Meyer stated it needs to stay open, and be volunteer. Robbi Lane will coordinate with them in getting bills and organizing payments with Jayne Seifrit using the donation funds. Mike Graby said they need to look at refinancing loans.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33217– 33242 and street light 213.

Mike Graby made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Lisa Hassler stated this meeting was terrible, she couldn’t hear all the time. She stated Jayne was mumbled and only could understand her at the end. She stated she was texting six others with the same issue.

George Shollenberger stated the fire companies should merge. Robbi Lane stated for the safety of the residents they are not looking to do that; and they both respond to different events.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Robbi Lane, seconded by Mike Graby to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit, Secretary Treasurer