The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:02 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 Asst Secretary Lisa Ilus. Several interested residents were in attendance and joined via Zoom.

Discussion of reasonable time limit on Hearing of Visitors and Public Comment on Agenda from between 3, 4 or 5 minutes. Robbi Lane started a motion for a 3 minute time limit when Jake said he thinks 3 minutes is too short maybe look at 5 minutes. Decision of going in the middle to 4 minutes. Solicitor Price said the first motion should be amended. Robbi Lane amended the first motion from 3 to 4 minutes, second by Mike Graby. Robbi Lane, Mike Graby agreed, Jake Meyer opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda

Actions from Planning Commission

Jake Meyer made a motion to accept the Hursh Waiver request for Section 4.04.e.2 dedication of public use, deferral request for Sections 5.11.C.10.a additional right of way, 5.13.A curbs, 5.13.B sidewalks and 5.11.C.10.b improvement of one side of existing road. Final approval condition on review letter from SESI dated September 8, 2020 and vegetation in place along common property line with Audrey Emerich. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.

MAIT – Jake Meyer made a motion to accept extension until December 31, 2020. Second by Robbi Lane. All agreed, motion carried.

Bethel Business Park – Robbi Lane made a motion to sign plans with minor adjustments by Solicitor Stephen Price. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors

Mark Hassler thinks the 4-minute time limit is bogus. Mark Hassler stated he received a letter from Buzgon Davis to cease and desist. He said they are not going to cease and desist and they do not lie. Discussion with the Supervisors followed. Mark Hassler stated he spoke for 2 minutes 36 seconds.

Bryan Rohland from Rohland Engineering LLC discussed with the Board the plan before them from Helena Agri whether it is to be considered Storm Water Management or Land Development. Solicitor Stephen Price said it is a matter of what all is going to be put on the property and recommends that the owner of the property comes and talks to the Board and the Planning Commission as to what their plans are in the long run.

Lisa Hassler read a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors written by a young lady who was in the audience. (Letter is on file with the meeting minutes.) When Lisa Hassler was finished reading, Jake Meyer asked the young lady if she wrote the letter and she said “yes.”
Jerry Bowman said he was upset that not everyone was able to voice their opinions at the last meeting. He has even more signatures to add. That this is the best thing for the community, and everyone he talks to is for the arts building. He is asking the Board of Supervisors “why?”

Robbi Lane said she did speak with residents and that there are warehouses that are empty and sitting not being used.

Willis Geesaman stated he did research and has questions for Chief Murphy. Willis said Chief told the Board that Dronick said the teller could not pick the person out of the lineup. Willis said Dronick never questioned the teller. Solicitor Stephen Price said if Willis would like to make a formal complaint, he must fill out the complaint form and file the complaint. Then Chief must reinvestigate.

Approval of Minutes
Lisa Hassler said the August minutes were wrong and should have “attempted” break-in. Robbi Lane made a motion to accept the August 17, 2020 minutes with the correction made. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments
Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated there were 2 impound fence quotes, one for $4,093.13 and the other for $5,801.00. She had an appointment with one company and they didn’t show, and the other companies contacted never got back. Tommy Hassler questioned why spend money on an impound lot when tow drivers are hauling to a fenced in area. Chief Murphy stated it is not always convenient to access the vehicles to go over when on the tow companies’ lot. The size of the lot will be big enough for 3 vehicles and space to move around. Chief stated they will be billing for time on the lot. Robbi Lane made a motion to go with Myerstown Fence and Storage for the impound lot fence at $4,093.13. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.

Robbi Lane suggested 2 custodians, having one as an alternate or backup. The Board would like to meet with other applicant. Jake Meyer made a motion to hire Liz Laubenstein as custodian. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer asked the question, why are we so politicized? Jake’s concern is that we don’t fall into a community that everyone is attacking everyone with different views. That government needs to stay out of people’s lives.

Michael Graby – Vacancy Board position is held by Carl Kauffman III. Solicitor Price clarified what the Vacancy Board positions purpose is. There was clarification that Lisa Hassler accepted the vacancy position December 2019 and she cannot hold 2 positions as she is on the Planning Commission. The Vacancy Board position was vacant. Carl Kauffman III was appointed February 17, 2020.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 6,695 miles were noted with 283 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.
Impound lot – Addressed under Robbi Lane, Supervisors’ comments.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch
Brian Blouch stated the NIMS survey has been submitted.
Jake Meyer & Brian Blouch attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting in Reading.

Road Master Report –
Municibid – Mike Graby stated the tiger mower and a broom sweeper sold on Municibid for $500.00 each. Robbi Lane made a motion to accept both bids for the tiger mower and broom sweeper at $500.00 each. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.
Mike Graby went over quotes received for a truck. Discussion with Tommy Hassler and Nate Feaser on the quality of engines in the quotes (quotes have PACCAR PX-9 300, PACCAR PX-9 350, and MP7-425M Mack 425 HP). Mike Graby will look into quotes for Kenworth and Freightliner trucks with Detroit DT13.
Mike Graby stated we have one quote for guide rail on Midway Rd.
Jake Meyer asked Mike Graby about the line striping. Mike said we are on a list, Jake asked if he could check on the status of where we are on the list.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Robbi Lane made a motion to authorize advertising for the Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendments Hearing to be held October 19, 2020 at 6:30pm. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.
Robbi Lane made a motion to advertise the Vacation Ordinance for Daub Rd and Bashore St. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.
West Run DIA and reduction – Stephen Price stated it is in good shape.
Second Amendment – Stephen Price stated it is in good shape.
Robbie Lane made a motion to advertise for the Fire Company Ordinance. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Jeffrey Steckbeck handed to each Board member a budget cost for Legion Dr, full depth reclamation and repaving, curb to curb. From Rt 501N to High Alley. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated this project may be paid for out of the Transportation Impact Fee Account. Mike Graby made a motion to advertise bidding for project on Legion Dr, full depth reclamation and repaving, curb to curb. From Rt 501N to High Alley. Bids to be opened October 16, 2020. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried.
Municipal Authority –
   Nothing at this time

Library Board – Jake Meyer
   Jake Meyer stated topics were on the Keystone Grant and some of the patrons are opposed to wearing masks.

Recreation Board – Jacob Meyer
   Banners – The Recreation Board would like the Board of Supervisors to set guidelines for banner replacement. What is the life expectancy for the banners?
   Bonnie Behney read a statement opposing letting the banners up year-round and purchasing new ones when they are in need of replacement. The banners should be up by Memorial Day and taken down in Fall. She said the public works are paid for doing their work, this is part of their job. It is not an extra expense. Best Used Trucks donates the lift truck, all that is asked is that we refill the gas tank when complete. (Do not have a copy of the statement on file.)
   Jake Meyer made a motion to approve the final YSM bill for the Joint Recreation Project with a not to exceed cost of $2,571.12. Second by Robbi Lane. All agreed, motion carried.
   Jake Meyer made a motion to let George Moyer fill in spots with top soil (he has the top soil) and reseed the spots at the Frystown Park. Second by Robbi Lane. All agreed, motion carried.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Unfinished Business
   Recreation Board – still looking
   EAC – still looking
   Custodian applications – addressed at Supervisors’ comments – Robbi Lane
   Public Works applications – Board will hold off and see how it goes with part-time employees.
   Rodent issue – email went to complainant, phone call to property owner, letter follow up, waiting for response.

New Business
   1521 Little Mountain Rd request to move speed limit and crime sign. Jeffrey Steckbeck said the sign can be moved there is leeway.
   Trick or Treat Night – Robbi Lane made a motion to have Trick or Treat Night the same night as Tulpehocken Twp, Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.
   Alicia Moyer stated the fire company is doing a chicken BBQ and are holding a Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2020.
   Robbie Lane made a motion to have Jake Meyer as Chief Administrative Officer sign the Pension MMO’s for 2021 (Non-Uniform and Police). Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.
Jake Meyer made a motion to authorize Jayne Seifrit to sign the Fire Relief Money Form. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.

Written complaint about mowing hayfield on Midway Rd and Schubert Rd. Mike Graby will stop in and talk to the property owner.

Robbi Lane made a motion to schedule 2021 budget meetings for October 14 and if needed October 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried.

County Convention is October 10, 2020 from 9:30-11:30 am.

Animal Rescue League animal control options. Board is not interested in participating.

140 Faust North Rd, neighbors’ chickens. Solicitor said the issue is a private matter between the neighbors. Asst. Secretary will call resident.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33367– 33403, capital reserve 166 and street light 217.

Mike Graby made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Second by Robbi Lane. All agreed, motion carried.

Public Comment

Nate Feaser stated on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 he saw vehicles on Bowman’s land. He asked them what they were doing and they told him it was none of his business. He wanted to know if anything was investigated, he gave vehicle descriptions and plate numbers to the police. Chief has the detail and will check out.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Robbi Lane, to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ilus
Asst Secretary