The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:14 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 Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance and joined via Zoom.

Public Comment on Agenda

Actions from Planning Commission

**Helena** – Bryan Rohland was present to make sure there were no questions on the recommendation from the Planning Commission. There were none. Robbi Lane made a motion to allow plan as a Stormwater Management Plan condition on it being recorded and a note on the plan stating if current or new owner changes use then a Land Development Plan will be required, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Bowman** – Robbi Lane made a motion to accept extension letter until April 7, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Bethel Business Park** – Robbi Lane made a motion for extension until January 20, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors

Nathan Feaser – not present
Lisa Hassler – nothing at this time
Mark Hassler – nothing at this time
Thomas Hassler – nothing at this time
Dean Klopp – It reeks of corruption in here. There is a realtor in cahoots with the Bowman’s. Threats of law suits, which points to their character. Dean Klopp said to get your attention he will file a law suit. They are bullying you. He stated they campaigned for Mike Graby and now that Mike didn’t vote their way, they are against him, it stinks, very negative.

Amanda Ackerman – Amanda Ackerman agreed with Dean Klopp, she then read a letter. She stated we do not need any more concrete boxes, ruining the beautiful country setting that is Bethel, and she opposes more warehouses.

Fred Bowman – Fred Bowman said speak of corruption… He stated he has a notebook of Plan A and Plan B sheets that were signed by residents showing they are for Plan A.

Jim Smith – Jim Smith thanked the Board for doing a thankless job and not belittling anyone, or talking back. Jim Smith stated a retired school teacher believes in something so strongly that she is coming up against local government only to be called stupid by Lisa Hassler. Jim Smith stated the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) gives the power to the Board to appoint and remove members for the planning commission. He believes it is repugnant that the Board has Lisa Hassler on the commission. He is asking for the Board to remove Lisa Hassler from the Planning Commission before the next PC meeting.
Approval of Minutes

Robbi Lane made a motion to accept the September 21, 2020 minutes, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane made a motion to approve minutes from Budget meeting October 14, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane – nothing at this time
Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated this is the most consequential election coming up. He is encouraging everyone to get out to vote.
Michael Graby – Mike Graby made a motion to remove Lisa Hassler from the Planning Commission, seconded by Robbi Lane. Mike Graby and Robbi Lane voted yes, Jake Meyer abstained. Motion carried.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 5205.5 miles were noted with 268 activities. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Impound lot – Robbi Lane stated there is an agreement to sign for the impound lot. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Robbi Lane sign agreement, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch

Brian Blouch was not able to attend. Jake Meyer stated he was told the EOP is taking longer because it is very outdated.

Road Master Report –

Mike Graby said Kenworth gave him the estimate for the 350 HP engine and bigger transmission, it was about $9,000.00 more.
Mike Graby stated we received another quote for the guide rail at Martha Dr and for Midway Rd. The quotes are from Chemung Supply Corp, for Martha Dr $5,786.00 and Midway Rd $2,721.00. Robbi Lane made a motion to hire Chemung Supply Corp to install guide rail, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Question came from a resident, why isn’t the company that damaged the guide rail on Martha Dr not paying to replace. Mike Graby stated they are and we have received the check to replace. Jayne Seifrit stated we do have the check and since a lower price was received the Township will be refunding the portion of funds not needed to cover the bill.

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**

West Run DIA and reduction – Stephen Price stated the board can make a motion to release original financial security. Mike Graby made a motion to release original financial security, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Ordinance for Emergency Service Fee - Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-02 Emergency Service Fee, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Second Amendment – Stephen Price stated he brought the document for the Board to look over for next meeting.

Little Mountain Rd amend Traffic Ordinance for speed limit next month.

**Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck**

Jeffrey Steckbeck stated NorthPoint is moving dirt and will be doing the improvement to Brown Rd.

Legion Dr road work project – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated bids were received. The high bid was $233,990.00 and the low was $169,066.10. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve and sign contract for $169,066.10 with Recon Construction Services Inc, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated it should be done prior to Thanksgiving. The Public Works Department, Contractor and his office will coordinate the timing and notifying the homeowners as the road will be closed for two days.

Hursch – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the DIA and SWM documents are completed.

West Run Lot 1 – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated building two is smaller than on recorded plan, they are doing fencing around each and will be installing Knox boxes.

Vesper – DIA is completed for Vesper for West Run.

Central Logistics – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated they have two tenants for 53 Central Blvd, they will be installing fence and Knox boxes.

Helena – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he will have for next meeting.

**Municipal Authority** –

Nothing at this time

**Library Board – Jake Meyer**

Jake Meyer apologized he had it on his calendar for the wrong date.
Recreation Board – Jacob Meyer

Airport Rd project – Jake Meyer reported the Rec Board is getting numbers together for implementing plan for pavilion.

Banners – The Recreation Board is working on finalizing results of email.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated they will be meeting with a representative from SESI.

Unfinished Business

Recreation Board – still looking, need to confirm yes or no.

EAC – still looking

Budget – Jayne Seifrit stated she will be getting draft to the Board. If done in November advertising would work to approve at the December 8th meeting. If not, we have the year-end meeting.

New Business

Hearing for Vacation of Daub Rd and Bashore St

Stephen Price asked if there is anyone here for this hearing. It was asked what section of Daub Rd and Bashore St are being vacated. Stephen Price read the sections from the Ordinances. Lloyd Brubacker asked what his address will be once this goes through. It will remain the same. It was stated it would then be a Brown Rd address. It was reiterated the address remains the same. Road remains, there just won’t be repairs, maintenance on that section of road. Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-03 Bashore St, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 Daub Rd, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat - Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Crime Alert Berks County – no action

Land Use for Leonard Martin – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing Chairman sign document, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Drone complaint – Robbi Lane stated the police already have the complaint.

County Tax Forms – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Pension Form – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer sign form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Tulpehocken School District – Robbi Lane and Mike Graby are attending

C-PACE – letter for information

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33408– 33433 and street light 218.

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

Public Comment

Gerald Bender stated the truck traffic on 645 has increased. They are also using jake breaks, what can be done? He stated there are signs prohibiting trucks. Chief Murphy stated they are citing.
Mark Hassler corruption? Mark Hassler stated the Dean Klopp rant was all for show… did you see him whisper into Mike Graby’s ear as Mike left for the executive session. Mrs. Lane and Mr. Graby are running this township. Mark Hassler stated Mike Graby unfriended him on Facebook just last week. Mark Hassler stated he has many posts that shows Mike Graby on Facebook during work hours, and Democratic posts that are not appropriate. Mike Graby stated he does share posts. Mike Graby also stated he takes calls and answers concerns all the time, even when he is not working. Mark Hassler asked Mrs. Lane why John Seiverling hasn’t received a call for a tow for almost a year. Robbi Lane asked Chief Murphy to respond, he stated they have called Blatt’s Towing and if needed others would be called. Mark Hassler asked why we need an impound lot if the vehicles are being towed to tow companies’ lot. It was stated impound lot would be for recovery/criminal.

Thomas Hassler stated a Bethel Lebanon Supervisor came to him and asked why Bethel Berks is trying to steal his employee. Robbi Lane stated they are not and actually during the budget meeting eliminated a full-time position to go with part time employees at this time.

Marjorie Hix stated something needs to be done on Cottage Road and Little Mt Road as her property is going into the creek. She was told Little Mt Road (her section) is a State Road and Cottage Road is in Tulpehocken Township; Bethel Township doesn’t have any jurisdiction on those roads.

Dean Klopp wanted it to be clear he whispered to Mike about speaking at meetings and signing up.

Dennis Seiverling stated with the road work at Legion Drive, the swale needs to remain (Old Route 22) there because of water puddling there, and there is a hole at the Post Office. Jeffrey Steckbeck thanked him for the information. Dennis Seiverling stated there are issues at D & S Trucking, Mike Graby will look at it. Dennis Seiverling stated the guide rails have screws out at Schubert Rd and Midway Rd.

Fred Bowman stated this is an injustice and they should be following the rules of the MPC and ethics. Fred Bowman stated the Board should hold meetings in a larger place so all can participate.

Lloyd Brubacker asked about the reconstruction of Brown Rd. He was told it will be a full depth reclamation, 12 inches then Portland cement included in mix to strengthen, and then a stronger mix of asphalt (Airport mix) will be put in place. It will be from Martha Dr to 645. Lloyd Brubacker stated we need police officers on Brown Rd. He goes the speed limit and other drivers are passing him. Chief Murphy made note.

Mark Hassler asked the Board if he prints the Facebook posts on tax payer time would the Board remove Mike Graby as they just did to his wife? Jake Meyer stated it will be looked at.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Robbi Lane, to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer