The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:12 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.

Public Comment on Agenda

Actions from Planning Commission
Planning Commission recommended to the Board of Supervisors they approve the Conditional Use for a drive-thru for the Burger King. Stephen Price stated this can be addressed later.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Legion Dr. – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated Legion Drive had two change orders, one for core drills, and the other is import top soil for front yards. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated there is a little work to be done. He is recommending paying $175,122.10 to Recon. Mike Graby made a motion to pay Recon $175,122.10 seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Horning’s Market reduction – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated they have inspected and recommends reducing the escrow by $138,635.76 leaving a balance of $74,503.93. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve reducing escrow for Horning’s Market by $138,635.76 leaving $74,503.93, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Martin Forestry release – Jeffrey Steckbeck recommends release of escrow funds for $4000.00 based on inspection. Mike Graby Made a motion to approve release of escrow funds and close out file, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

West Run lot 2&3 – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated based on their inspections the escrow can be reduced by $235,085.24 with the remaining amount of $671,424.60. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the new owner will post escrow for the remaining amount when finalized. Mike Graby made a motion to approve reduction of $235,085.24 leaving balance of $671,424.60, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Helena Chemical – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he handed out a sheet with recommendation of conditions to be placed on the plan. Robbi Lane made a motion to approve the conditions as stated on sheet, placing on plan and recording the Stormwater plan, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Second Amendment – Stephen Price stated it will be ready next meeting, it was not advertised.

Fort Motel Dr – Stephen Price stated he has documents ready for the Deed of Dedication for Fort Motel Dr. Jayne Seifrit asked if there is still construction vehicles using the section of
Fort Motel Dr. Mike Graby stated it is being used for construction vehicles. Stephen Price will contact their attorney.

Zoning Ordinance and Map amendment – Stephen Price stated the hearing was earlier and action can be taken if desired. Mike Graby stated he and Robbi did not know anything about not voting tonight until about 4:30 pm, so if there is something shady going on, it’s not with Robbi and I. Mike Graby made a motion to approve Zoning Ordinance and Map as proposed and advertised, seconded by Robbi Lane. Robbi Lane and Mike Graby ayes, Jake Meyer opposed. Motion carried.

Conditional Use Hearing – Stephen Price stated the Conditional Use Hearing for Burger King is now mute with the passage of the Zoning Ordinance.

Robbi Lane left, not feeling well.

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of Minutes

Mike Graby made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes for the meeting December 30, 2020, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from January 4, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane –
Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer read a resignation letter from auditor Ruth Pisco. Mike Graby made a motion to accept resignation of Ruth Pisco, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Michael Graby – nothing at this time

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 4179 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will
be filed with the official minutes.
Impound lot – Chief Murphy stated it is almost complete.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch

Brian Blouch reported the EOP’s are completed.
Brian Blouch stated Penn DOT is working on stormwater issues on Pine Grove Road.
They have opened storm drains and will be installing new pipes.
Brian Blouch said they are in communication with Penn DOT concerning opening Brown
Road at 501 for an emergency access only. He stated it would be very beneficial in an
emergency situation. He was told an HOP is required. Mike Graby made a motion to have
Jeffrey Steckbeek work on HOP for Brown Rd, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion
carried.

Brian Blouch stated they need to have updated antivirus software. Mike Graby made a
motion to approve purchase of software for $40.00 for the EMA laptop, seconded by Jake
Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
Alicia Moyer stated she and Brian Blouch are the Emergency Management Department
for Bethel Township. Alicia Moyer stated they are being proactive and not always reactive.
They have set five goals for 2021 to aid in their function as EMA for the welfare and safety for
the residents and community in the Township. The goals are as follows: 1) Hazmat team for the
Township, 2) Monthly Training, 3) Community Awareness, 4) building pre-planning and 5)
participation in Planning Commission meetings. Alicia Moyer invites the community to notify
her for any concerns.

Public Works Department Report –

Martha Drive culvert - Mike Graby stated he doesn’t know anything about it. Jayne
Seifrit stated he had given her pictures of the accident and was given a police report to send a
letter to the driver that caused the accident. But then was told it is off of our right-of-way, may
not be our issue. Brian Blouch stated it was on Reading Water Authorities property. Jake
Meyer stated a copy of the repair estimate was given to Bethel Repair as they are coordinating all
bills with insurance company. Township has no action to take at this time.

Mike Graby would like the Engineer to look at using Traffic Impact Fees for roads
because the warehouses and other industry has increased between 501 and 419 and has caused
wear and tear of roads including Old Route 22, look to see what upgrades can be done to solve
the problem. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Engineer to check into TIF for Old
Route 22, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Mike Graby made a motion to
have Jayne Seifrit and Charlie Paris work together to get the roads advertised, opening next
month and a pre-bid meeting, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. John Brown
asked about Little Mountain work from last year. It is failing, Mike Graby stated the company
has been out to look at repairing in spring, John Brown stated at some places it is only an inch
when it was to be 3 inches. Dean Klopp asked if warranty work, Jake Meyer stated it has been
discussed already.

Municipal Authority –

Nothing at this time
Library Board – Jake Meyer
   Jake Meyer stated Library is looking to have co-directors, Kaitlin Lehman and Betsy Kreider. They are also discussing renovations and moving forward.

Recreation Board – Jacob Meyer
   Nothing at this time

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer
   Jake Meyer stated they met the same time as the BOS reorganization meeting. Chairman Mike Najarian, Vice Chair Marthe Olesh and Secretary Daphne Meyer.

Unfinished Business
   Recreation Board – still looking
   Environmental Advisory Council – still looking

New Business
   Tax Collector Resolution – Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-22 setting compensation for Tax Collect next term, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Library Annual Form – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the form, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Weiler Creek Poultry – Chapter 102 Form – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign form, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Liquid Fuels Reimbursement Form – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the form, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Planning Module Component 2 for Daub Road Warehouse – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the Secretary to sign module pages and Resolution 2021-23 page, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills
   Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33527–33546 and street light 221. Mike Graby made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried.

Public Comment
   Lloyd Brubacker asked about 2 Daub Rd. He was told it doesn’t have anything to do with property at 2 Daub Road, it is concerning the warehouse on Daub Rd.

Adjourn
   A motion was made by Mike Graby, to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer
Bethel Township Police Department Monthly Report

**December 2020**

Mileage - 4,179
Suspicious Situations - 7

Domestics - 4
Disorderly Incidents - 12

Burglary - 0
Miscellaneous Complainants - 40

Thefts - 7
Court Appearances - 3

Non-Traffic Citation - 0
Repossession - 1

Traffic Citations - 15

Parking Tickets - 0

Phone Assignments - 18

Security Checks - 4

Residential/Commercial Alarms - 12

Reportable Accidents - 8

Non-Reportable Accidents - 6

Motorists Assists - 13

Traffic Stops - 26

Fire and EMS Advisories - 29

Criminal Arrests - 2

Other Law Agency Assists - 15

Follow up investigations - 3

**Total Activities: 208**

Dated: January 18, 2021

Chief Ryan P. Murphy

Miles on vehicles as of 01/18/2021

2014 Ford Explorer - 99,525

2011 Ford Expedition - 118,024

2018 Ford Explorer - 73,201
December 2020 Criminal Arrest

1) PFA Violation
2) Driving Under the Influence