BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 17, 2021

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 6:03 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA. Meetings recorded but only kept until meeting minutes are approved.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer and Robbi Lane. 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

Extension letter for M B Investments until June 30, 2021 – Robbi Lane made a motion to accept extension until June 30, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

SALDO and TIF – Table until next month

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of Minutes

Robbi Lane made a motion to approve the January 12, 2021 Hearing minutes, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes for the Zoning Hearing meeting January 18, 2021, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes from January 18, 2021, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane made a motion to appoint Brian Blouch as part time road crew employee, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the salt spreader on the utility truck needs to be repaired. It has hit the age where it should be replaced. They received a quote for a light duty spreader for $5200.00 and an industrial unit for $5,500.00 to include tie downs, tarp and LED light. It was asked if additional quotes are needed. Jayne Seifrit stated it is below the threshold, however additional quotes can be obtained for best pricing. Jayne Seifrit stated if she gets spec sheets for the one quoted, she and Lisa Illus can see about additional pricing. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve the purchase of a salt spreader from whomever just not to exceed $5,500.00, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jake Meyer stated Rush Limbaugh died.

Michael Graby – absent

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 5178 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Chief Murphy stated Robert Hummel, former fire police, police officer, had passed away. In his will he left $5,000.00 to the police department and $5,000.00 each to 4 fire companies. Chief Murphy stated they could purchase an In-Synch System with a portion of the funds. It would aid in evidence logging, quote is for $2,820.00. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing purchase of In-Synch system, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Chief Murphy stated two pistols are also needed as one of the officers is using his personal one.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – Brian Blouch

Brian Blouch reported the security has been up dated on the EMA laptop.

Brian Blouch stated there will be a knox box installed at the Helena property for after hour emergencies.

Alicia Moyer stated the EOP’s are completed. Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-24 adopting EOP’s for Bethel Township, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to sign the EOP’s, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Public Works Department Report** –

Road bids received are as follows:

- New Enterprise Stone & Lime
  - Gravel Pit Rd
    - 1a. leveling course $11,174.40
    - 1b. overlay 9.5 mm $21,695.04
  - Airport Rd
    - 2a. leveling course $18,158.40
    - 2b. Overlay 9.5mm $35,103.78
  - Little Mt Rd (south)ld
    - 3a. leveling course $19,766.25
    - 3b. Overlay 9.5mm $39,112.20
    - **$145,010.07**
  - Merkey Rd
    - 1. Overlay 9.5mm $31,638.60
    - Little Mt Rd (north)
      - 2. Overlay 9.5mm $7,619.50
Faust South
1. 19mm paving $18,257.40
Fort Henry Rd
2. 19mm paving $25,383.82

Grand Total $43,641.22

Construction Masters
Gravel Pit Rd
1a. leveling course $12,000.00
1b. overlay 9.5 mm $30,960.00
Airport Rd
2a. leveling course $19,500.00
2b. Overlay 9.5mm $50,095.00
Little Mt R (south)d
3a. leveling course $22,500.00
3b. Overlay 9.5mm $58,050.00

$193,105.00

Merkey Rd
1. Overlay 9.5mm $45,150.00
Little Mt Rd (north)
2. Overlay 9.5mm $50,417.50

Faust South
3. 19mm paving $22,680.00
Fort Henry Rd
4. 19mm paving $33,390.00

Grand Total $299,2592.50

H & K Group Inc
Gravel Pit Rd
1a. leveling course $11,610.00
1b. overlay 9.5 mm $19,995.84
Airport Rd
2a. leveling course $17,949.75
2b. Overlay 9.5mm $32,154.00
Little Mt R (south)d
3a. leveling course $20,430.00
3b. Overlay 9.5mm $37,260.00

$139,399.59

Merkey Rd
1. Overlay 9.5mm $35,683.20
Little Mt Rd (north)
2. Overlay 9.5mm $4,772.60

$227,909.39

$39,258.10
Faust South
1. 19mm paving
   $17,153.64
Fort Henry Rd
2. 19mm paving
   $25,135.25
Grand Total
   $42,288.89

$40,455.80

Robbi Lane made a motion to approve H & K Group bid for $222,144.28, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Second Amendment – Stephen Price stated it was advertised as required. The Board can take action if desire. Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-02, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Fort Motel Dr – Stephen Price stated he has met with Steve Buck attorney for Vesper concerning dedication of Fort Motel Dr. They have concluded language can be added in the agreement that protects the Township if the road gets damaged but allows them to move forward with dedicating the road. Jake Meyer asked about including Township Engineer in the language to be included in agreement. Stephen Price stated he will include Jeffrey Steckbeck in reviewing language.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Brown Rd vacation and HOP for Brown Road can go together. We don’t want to vacate if we are requesting it be opened for emergency access. The HOP is with Penn DOT now.

Helena Chemical – This was approved last month, but plans were not received by the Township, was there a change? Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he understands the plans are at Helena waiting for their signatures. The Township should receive them soon.

Airport Road – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he met with Pete Davis and Mike Graby last spring out on Airport Rd to discuss Concrete Safety concreting section of Airport Rd between their two driveways because of the breaking up of the asphalt roadway. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the Planning Commission recommended the waiving of doing a land development plan for the 6,000 sqft addition onto an existing building. Jeffrey Steckbeck recommends the Board agree with the Planning Commission but condition it on Concrete Safety concreting the section of Airport Road that is being damaged; and it is done prior to road paving project so as to not damage new road.

TIF – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he was to look into using TIF funds for various projects. He stated the projects discussed do not qualify under the current TIF plan. The plan needs to be updated. Discussion on getting a committee together, and getting started updating the plan in March. Robbi Lane made a motion to assemble the Transportation Committee and start process of updating the plan (Section 504-A), seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority –
John Brown stated they are looking to get another person to help Randy out when it snows. Jayne Seifrit stated she believes the position is filled.

John Brown stated the Authority is working on drilling wells at both plants.
Library Board – Jake Meyer
   Apple Dumpling sale, orders in by March 2 or 5, pick up of Apple Dumplings on March 12th.
   Jake Meyer stated the Library is looking to sponsor a 5k Run and a fall festival.

Recreation Board – Jacob Meyer
   Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Recreation Board to move forward with pavilion, work shed and fence, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer
   Jake Meyer stated they did not meet in February because of the weather. They are looking to partner with the Recreation Board on the Airport Road property with some ideas.

Unfinished Business
   Committee Openings
      Recreation Board – still looking
      Environmental Advisory Council – still looking
      Planning Commission – Robbi Lane might have a member

New Business
   Lucas Wicks, Wicks Signs, wanted to thank the Board for their part of getting the property cleaned up along Brown Rd. He stopped and spoke with the clean-up crew. He found out they were hired to clean it up.
   Insurance Renewal Forms – Robbi Lane made a motion to have Chairman sign the insurance renewal forms, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Act 44 Disclosure Statement – Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt the Act 44 Disclosure Statement, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Pension Data Sheets – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the Data Sheets for the two pensions, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
   DEP sewage planning module application mailer for Burger King – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the DEP form, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
   SEO Reimbursement Forms – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the documents, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills
   Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33560-33579 and street light 222.
   Jake Meyer made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed, motion carried.

Public Comment
   An Independent Journalist was denied access to the chicken house fire. The roads were not blocked off properly; and fireman were taking pictures. He was asked for id, and the conversation was getting heated. Stephen Price told the journalist to get the Township the information and then it can be looked into. The journalist stated he spoke to his attorney and his
attorney stated this could be case law. He continued to comment about the way he was treated. Stephen Price stated he is represented by council then it will be handled in that way, through the attorneys.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Robbi Lane, to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer
Bethel Township Police Department Monthly Report

January 2021

Mileage - 5178
Fuel - 364.404 Gallons
Domestics - 4
Thefts - 5
Non-Traffic Citation - 5
Traffic Citations - 48
Warning - 17
Criminal Arrests - 7
Phone Assignments - 30
Security Checks - 3
Residential/Commercial Alarms - 11
Reportable Accidents - 9
Non-Reportable Accidents - 5
Reckless Driver Complaints - 2
Motorists Assists - 6
Traffic Stops - 50
Fire and EMS Advisories - 29
Other Law Agency Assists - 16
Follow up investigations - 4
Suspicious Situations - 12
Disorderly Incidents - 11
Miscellaneous Complainants - 35
Court Appearances - 3
Serve Subpoena - 1
Vehicle Maintenance - 2

Total Activities: 245

Dated: February 16, 2021

Chief Ryan P. Murphy

Miles on vehicles as of 01/31/2021

Black Ford Explorer – 100,112
Grey Ford Expedition – 118,402
Grey Ford Explorer – 74,563
January Criminal Arrests

5 Misdemeanor- Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance.
1 Misdemeanor- Possession of a small amount of marihuana.
1 Misdemeanor- Driving while Operating Privilege is Suspended or Revoked (DUI) related.