BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
March 15, 2021

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. Meetings recorded but only kept until meeting minutes are approved.

Attending the meeting were Jacob Meyer, Michael Graby and Robbi Lane. Also, in attendance were Solicitor, Stephen Price, Engineer, Jeffrey Steckbeek and Township Secretary Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Actions from Planning Commission

Extension letter for MAIT until June 30, 2021 – Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension until June 30, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Extension letter for Bowman et al until August 11, 2021 – Mike Graby made a motion to accept extension until August 11, 2021, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.


Hearing of Visitors

Approval of Minutes

Mike Graby made a motion to approve minutes from February 17, 2021, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated Steve Burkhart has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission. Robbi Lane made a motion to appoint Steve Burkhart to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Robbi Lane stated the impound lot is complete, they installed the gate.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the Township received a resignation letter from Lisa Ilus effective April 28, 2021. Robbi Lane reluctantly made a motion to accepted the resignation from Lisa Ilus effective April 28, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Michael Graby – Mike Graby stated they have talked about having the BOS meetings at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Robbi Lane made a motion to change the starting time of the Board of Supervisors meeting to 6:00 pm and authorize advertising, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Traffic Stops 32  Fire & EMS Advisories 19
Criminal Arrest 02  Other Law Agency Assists 11
School Detail 00  Suspicious Situations 09
Disorderly Incidents 06  Reckless Drivers 02
Warrants 00  Warnings 14
Parking Tickets 00  Vehicle Maintenance 02
Repos 00  Follow up investigations 01
Thefts 03

Chief Murphy read over the report: 4302.5 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch
Brian Blouch stated the County is not going to be getting the Covid-19 vaccine, we are on our own if you want the vaccine.
Brian Blouch asked about the HOP for Brown Rd. Jeffrey Steckbeck reiterated the information from last meeting. We are waiting to hear back from Penn DOT.
Brian Blouch asked how the location of hydrants are determined on the warehouse properties and if changes are requested how that is handled. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated it is on the plans and on As-Built plans. Jeffrey Steckbeck asked if the EMA would like to be included in discussions and relocations. Brian Blouch stated they would like to be involved.

Public Works Department Report –
Line Painting – Mike Graby stated he has called and we are first on the list.
Complaint concerning plowed over mailbox – The stand is, it is the responsibility of the resident to replace.
Line Painting for 2021 – Jayne Seifrit asked which section of the Township is going to be listed for the 2021 contract. Jayne Seifrit will check the quantities and list on form and have Mike Graby sign the form so it can be sent prior to April 1, 2021.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Fort Motel Dr – Stephen Price stated the grantor information needs to be corrected. It will be ready in a couple of weeks or so.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Brown Rd HOP - discussed under EMA
Concrete Safety concrete placement – Jeffrey Steckbeck prepared a letter to go out to Concrete Safety concerning the placement of concrete on section of Airport Road between the driveways used to access their properties. The desire is to have it in place prior to paving Airport Rd.

Adam Martin release – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the items in the development improvements and plan were changed. He needs time to review and see if the changes are acceptable. He does recommend the reduction of $38,207.97 thus leaving a balance of $23,280.39. Robbi Lane made a motion to reduce the letter of credit by $38,207.97 and leaving $23,280.39, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

270 Midway Rd – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated there are outstanding items, once completed and inspected Board action can happen at that time.
Midway South – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the release of $77,905.20 can happen once the Township received the 18-month maintenance funds of $133,753.00. Mike Graby made a motion to approve the release of $77,905.20 once the Township receives the financial security for the 18-month maintenance period of $133,753.00, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

TIF – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the Board desires to move forward with amending the Transportation Impact Study. The Township office will contact the list of committee members to see if they are still willing to serve. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing Steckbeck Engineering and Surveying Inc to move forward with amendments, and authorize advertising for meeting on April 13, 2021 at 6:15 pm, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Municipal Authority –

John Brown stated they have changed engineers and since the change the Frystown Plant expansion is gaining speed.

Library Board – Jake Meyer

Mike Najarian requested to add Linda Wilcox as a member of the board – Robbi Lane made a motion to approve Linda Wilcox to the Library Board, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Recreation Board – Jacob Meyer

Jake Meyer stated they were snowed out.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated will be working on the Wet Lands and it was recommended to check with the Boy Scouts for a service project. Dave Omstead was in attendance and he said he would look into it.

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

Home Town Hero Banners – Mike Graby stated he believes the banners should be replaced as they are dry rotted and faded. They could do a town at a time. After discussion it was decided to replace the banners in Bethel this year. Robbi Lane made a motion to replace banners in Bethel, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Trash – Mike Graby said he contacted Teen Challenge to see whether they pick up trash. They said they would, and request a donation. Concern about speeding on Brown Road and trash email was received. The Board stated several places have trash issues and a letter should go out. Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing Jayne and Lisa send out letters to Truck Wash on Midway Rd, Pilot, Dollar General and DGI, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. The Board discussed a time frame for compliance; 14 to 30 days depending where being mailed. Chief Murphy stated we need warmer weather to paint lines for speed enforcement; will be doing as soon as we can.

Land Use for Weiler Poultry – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign form, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Penn DOT Bridge Letter – just informational
Chapter 102 permit for 550 Brown Rd – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33598-33633 state aid 170 and 171 and street light 223.

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

**Public Comment**

Dennis Seiverling stated there are several pot holes and asked when they would be repaired. Mike Graby stated the winter equipment is still on trucks. They are looking to remove equipment and get cold patch next week or so.

Dean Klopp asked where the approved Library Board member lives. Jayne Seifrit stated she lives in Tulpehocken Township and the Library By-laws request approval by Township. Dean Klopp was asking because if the person lives out of the community they seem to not care about the spending.

Lloyd Brubacker stated Daub Road was missed often during snow plowing. Mike Graby stated it was done. Lloyd Brubacker stated he had to do it because it was not done by the Township.

Bonnie Behney asked about the virtual meeting equipment progress. Jayne Seifrit explained the equipment has been ordered and we are waiting for install date. There will be some tweaking and may be adding on. Fred Bowman asked why not a 360-degree camera. Not sure we need that at this time.

Thomas Hassler asked about making a list of missed roads during snow plowing events. Jayne Seifrit explained when a call comes in a call goes out to the person in charge and they can deal with it right away or as soon as possible.

Dennis Seiverling asked if the Township received money for the sale of the warehouse at Midway and Old Route 22. Jayne Seifrit stated we did, round number $340,000.00.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Robbi Lane, to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer
Bethel Township Police Department Monthly Report

February 2021

Mileage – 4302.50
Fuel – 284.611 Gallons
Domestics – 6
Thefts - 3
Traffic Citations – 27
Non-Traffic Citations - 3
Warning - 14
Criminal Arrests - 2
Phone Assignments – 18
Security Checks - 3
Residential/Commercial Alarms – 9
Reportable Accidents - 7
Non-Reportable Accidents – 9
Reckless Driver Complaints - 2
Motorists Assists – 24
Traffic Stops – 32
Fire and EMS Advisories – 19
Other Law Agency Assists - 11
Follow up investigations - 1
Suspicious Situations - 9
Disorderly Incidents - 6
Miscellaneous Complainants – 29
Court Appearances - 1
Vehicle Maintenance - 2

Total Activities: 207

Dated: March 11, 2021
Chief Ryan P. Murphy

Miles on vehicles as of 02/28/2021
Black Ford Explorer – 101,079
Grey Ford Expedition – 119,015
Grey Ford Explorer – 77,259
FEBRUARY CRIMINAL ARREST

1) MISDEMEANOR SIMPLE ASSAULT
2) MISDEMEANOR TERRORISTIC THREATS