BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
April 19, 2021

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 6:00 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 Steckbeck and Township Secretary Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Actions from Planning Commission
RAR2 – Jeffrey Steckbeck explained the changes they would like to do on the project. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated these items can be addressed during the inspection process and shown on as built plans. Planning Commission recommended the Board approve changes. Robbi Lane made a motion to approve recommendation from Planning Commission to have changes inspected and placed on as builtts, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

MAIT – Robbi Lane made a motion to have Chairman sign DEP form for MAIT, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve final plan conditioned on all items being completed on SESI review letter date April 13, 2021, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

550 & 551 Brown Rd – Jake Meyer made a motion to accept extension until July 13, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Crossroads X LLC Extension – Robbi Lane made a motion to accept extension until June 30, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Airstate Group Extension – Jake Meyer made a motion to accept extension until July 13, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors
1830 Camp Swatara Rd – Delmar Burkholder stated 1830 Camp Swatara Rd is for sale and he is interested but cannot afford the entire 19.72 acres. The neighbor Tim Byers would be interested in 10 acres that would be annexed to his existing property 1728 Camp Swatara Rd, and he would have the remaining acreage. They don’t want to move forward if the subdivision cannot be done. It was suggested they double check the clean and green status on the property because of roll back taxes could occur if in clean and green. They need to discuss further with Robin Royer, Zoning Officer, concerning the subdivision ability.

Approval of Minutes
Jake Meyer made a motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments
Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated Tulpehocken Township Road Master Lester Feick talked to her concerning the truck traffic on Gravel Pit Rd. They are going to have their Engineer do a study, the construction of the road can handle the trucks but the layout of the road with the sharp turns is the concern. They will let us know what the conclusion of the study reveals.
Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated the bridge inspection report meeting did not happen; they will reschedule at a later date.

Michael Graby – nothing at this time

**Police Department Report** – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 4587 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – Brian Blouch

Nothing at this time

**Public Works Department Report** –

Paving – Mike Graby stated they will be out to do the paving next week.

Brown Road speed and trash – Mike Graby stated he has spoken to Dave Omstead, the boy scouts will be out mid-May to do a service project. Chief Murphy stated did not happen; line will be painted so they can enforce speed.

Line Painting – Mike Graby stated they are coming out to do the markings at the intersection for the traffic lights.

Complaint on Legion Dr about cars and debris – Mike Graby stated he did not see an issue.

**Solicitor – Stephen Price**

Fort Motel Dr – Stephen Price stated the Deed of Dedication for Fort Motel Dr was recorded. The Resolution is ready for adoption. Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-25 Deed of Dedication for Fort Motel Dr eastern section, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Klahr Denitrification Agreement – Stephen Price stated he had reached out to their attorney; he has not heard back. He will reach out again.

**Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck**

Brown Rd HOP – nothing new

Concrete Safety concrete placement – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the concrete has been done and Mike Graby checked it out.

NorthPoint reduction – Jeffrey Steckbeck issued a reduction letter for NorthPoint recommending the reduction of $3,324,938.93 and leaving $7,213,151.08 in escrow. Robbi
Lane made a motion to reduce the letter of credit by $3,324,938.93 and leaving $7,213,151.08, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

RAR2 drainage complaint – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated at the Planning Commission meeting last week Thomas Hassler brought up about the water issue from the RAR2 property going onto his property. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated personnel from his office went out to inspect, DEP and Berk County Conservation District were also notified and involved. Jeffrey Steckbeck explained the issue is covered by existing permitting with the stated. They are the higher entity and will be handling the issue.

RAR2 roadway issue – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the concrete aprons will be installed and was told the roadway will be corrected/repairs at that time. Fred Bowman asked about the water and concrete. It will be addressed during the fixing of the roadway.

TAC – Jeffrey Steckbeck handed to the Board the information that was provided at the TAC meeting. The next meeting for TAC will be May 11, 2021 at 6:15 pm.

**Municipal Authority** –
John Brown stated the wells will be completed soon.
John Brown asked who is doing the road project, it was stated it is H & K Group.

**Library Board – Jake Meyer**
Jake Meyer stated their sticky bun sale was successful. They are doing a sub sale shortly, and a 5K run later. They are working on personnel policy and reviews. The building project is awaiting information to come back from USDA.

**Recreation Board – Jake Meyer**
Jake Meyer stated they would like to be utilizing the Facebook page that was created, but they stated they don’t have the time to maintain. They are asking the Township to maintain their Facebook page. Jayne Seifrit stated the Township Office can certainly do it, however it cannot be labor intensive, we do maintain the website that includes a Recreation tab. Certainly not interested in monitoring for content coming in from the outside. We will coordinate to see what they are requesting. Jake Meyer stated a quote was received for the pavilion. It is over the bid limit and needs to be advertised. Bid packet can be done through the Township Engineer.

**Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer**
Jake Meyer stated they are working on wetlands and the cleanup. Jake Meyer stated the EAC has been hosting ramp clean up day around Earth Day for many years, except last year. They are looking to do it again later in the year.

**Unfinished Business**
Committee Openings
  Recreation Board – still looking
  Environmental Advisory Council – still looking

Zoom equipment – The Township received a quote for a computer and projector to aid in the success of zoom meetings from Smrtguys; computer $1827.00 and projector $1361.00.
Robbi Lane made a motion to approve purchase of projector and computer, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane stated she has been pricing podiums. It was suggested she look at JDM also.
New Business

American Rescue Plan – Jayne Seifrit stated the Board should become familiar with the program and have a plan. Jayne Seifrit stated the Township has already received a letter from the Western Berks Ambulance Association. Jayne Seifrit stated there was a businessman in the township office asking about process to receive money, he was told by his accountant.

DEP for NP Chapter 102 – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

County UCC Appeals Board – Stephen Price has read the intergovernmental agreement and stated the Board can continue to participate in the County UCC Appeals if they wish, a Resolution needs to be prepared in addition to signing the agreement.

Fence damage during snowplowing – The Township received a complaint and bill for damage to the fence at 1 Hickory Dr. The Board is not reimbursing for a fence.

Community Fire Company of Frystown – The Township has received the Compliance Audit from the PA Auditor General’s office.

Payment of Bills

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33646-33682 and street light 224.

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

Public Comment

Corey Houser is asking for speed enforcement in Frystown. He stated drivers are flying and almost hit two children.

Helen Strickler stated there is an issue with septic at the house next to Meckville Road. She is here for the Kolb’s to see about hooking up to the sewer and not doing a sand mound. Jayne Seifrit will contact Kolb’s with telephone numbers they need.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer
Bethel Township Police Department Monthly Report

March 2021

Mileage - 4587
Fuel - 328.239 Gallons
Domestics - 7
Thefts - 6
Traffic Citations - 30
Non-Traffic Citations - 3
Warning - 18
Criminal Arrests - 1
Phone Assignments - 18
Security Checks - 1
Residential/Commercial Alarms - 10
Reportable Accidents - 6
Non-Reportable Accidents - 9
Reckless Driver Complaints - 3
Motorists Assists - 9
Traffic Stops - 52
Fire and EMS Advisories - 29
Other Law Agency Assists - 17
Follow up investigations - 1

Suspicious Situations - 15
Disorderly Incidents - 5
Miscellaneous Complainants - 39
Court Appearances - 9
Vehicle Maintenance - 1

Total Activities: 238
Dated: April 19, 2021

Chief Ryan P. Murphy

Miles on vehicles as of 03/31/2021

Black Ford Explorer - 102,848
Grey Ford Expedition - 119,890
Grey Ford Explorer - 79,360
March Criminal Arrest

1) Misdemeanor Simple Assault