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

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

Airstate Group – Mike Graby made a motion to approve preliminary plan condition on all items from SESI review letter dated July 13, 2021 being completed, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors

Library – Steve Burkhart said the brick has been removed, chimney is down and removed. The lights and receptacles are working. Vanities have been installed. Jake Meyer asked about the lights coming on in the lady’s room, Mike Graby will check it. Thursday Martin Water is coming out to test the water. Randall Haag asked about the heating system. Quotes are being obtained. Winter is coming.

Approval of Minutes

Robbi Lane made a motion to approve minutes from June 21, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. Jake Meyer stated a couple of corrections, one under Recreation Board area the should be they and EAC area specker should be speaker. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated what has been on her mind concerning the loader, social media attacks on her and how the community is being torn apart. She then asked about the ages of the equipment. Mike Graby stated the age of our equipment. Then several members of the public questioned the maintenance of the equipment and what the quotes were to repair the current loader. There were not three quotes obtained as requested last meeting. Discussion ensued. Robbi Lane asked why there is a vendetta and she don’t understand why. More discussion ensued. Finally, Robbi Lane made a motion to purchase the loader and fix current loader to sell on Municiped, seconded by Mike Graby. Discussion followed. Jake Meyer is in favor of upgrading equipment where necessary and needed. Fred Bowman stated that two supervisors make the decision outside of the meetings. Mark Hassler stated Amos Stauffer is someone who might be able to give a quote for repairing the current loader. More discussion from the public on getting quotes. Jake Meyer would like to see three quotes for repairs. Calvin Maciejewski has attended meetings and is hearing bickering, he suggested giving the board a chance to do their job, they need help not berated. More discussions and opinions on the loader and where to get quotes. Randy Behney asked when was the other loader delivered to the Township. Mike Graby stated it was delivered about a week before the meeting as a demo. More discussion from
the floor (approximately 50 minutes in total), leading to the Board not approving the motion to purchase loader at this meeting.

   Jake Meyer –
   Michael Graby –

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 4881 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Robbi Lane stated National Night Out is coming up on August 3, 2021 from 5 pm – 9 pm. They are still looking for volunteers to help run some of the stands. There is also going to be a dunk tank.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch

Nothing at this time

Public Works Department Report –

Old Route 22 (East side) milling of roadway – The humps are gone. Herb Zechman said it makes a huge difference, thank you.

Kenworth Truck – Mike Graby was told it should be here in two weeks.

Legion Drive paving project – It was stated we received two bids:

- New Enterprise Stone &Lime $90.20 per ton $59,081.00
- H & K Group Inc $88.26 per ton $57,810.30

Mike Graby made a motion to award to H & K Group for $57,810.30, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price

- UCC County Appeals Board –Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt UCC Ordinance 2021-03, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
- DIAs – The documents are with the developers for Burger King and Weiler Creek Poultry.
- Agenda posting – Stephen Price stated Governor Wolf signed into law posting requirements for agenda being 24-hour notice and exceptions to the rules.
Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
   270 Midway Road release of 18-month maintenance funds – Jake Meyer made a motion to release the 18-month financial security in its entirety, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
   210 Dove Road – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he was out there and took pictures, the violations were sent to the Township. Berks County Conservation District was notified and will do enforcement.
   RAR2 road work – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated they will be placing the concrete on the roadway and their driveways. They are using a stronger faster drying mix which is good. They will be closing one lane at a time, then when that is set, they will switch lanes. This is to be done in the next couple of days to weeks.
   TAC – The TAC members have decided to hold a hearing August 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm to get public comments on the proposed amendments to the Traffic Study. They are looking specifically at Airport Road and 501 intersection, Brown Road from new repaired area out to the end and Old Route 22 from Gravel Pit Road to 419.

Municipal Authority –
   Nothing to report at this time

Library Board – Jake Meyer
   The Township received a bill from Spotts Brothers Inc, contractor, for $2,330.00. There is not an explanation on the bill what it cost is for. Mike Najarian was not aware nor was Jake Meyer. Jayne Seifrit will contact them to see what the cost are for.

Recreation Board – Jake Meyer
   Jake Meyer stated they talked about a dead tree on a neighboring property. Don Almond is going to talk with the owner.
   Speed bump – not talked about
   Maintenance – Dale Stump gave a price of $3,800.00 to repair the gable ends of the existing pavilion at Frystown. They are still looking to get a bid packet out for pavilion at Airport Rd.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer
   Meeting cancelled

Unfinished Business
   Committee Openings - Environmental Advisory Council – still looking
   PSATS Centennial Celebration – Board members are to let the Township Office know if they want to be signed up for the event(s). Robbi Lane made a motion to place a ¼ page ad in the program book at the cost of $100.00, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
   ARF account – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing a separate account be opened for the American Rescue Funds, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
   Dumpster – Jayne Seifrit stated she check to see what it would cost to leave Waste Management, the fee was over $600.00, to stay with them they offered a rate of $60.00 per month for a year. Robbi Lane made a motion to stay with Waste Management at this time, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

New Business
   Fire Extinguisher – County contract – Robbi Lane made a motion to continue to participate in the contract, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
Telephone analysis – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing sending of phone bills to Granite to see if they can get us better pricing, seconded by Jake Meyer. Mike Najarian stated they have used that company for several years and have been very happy. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supplemental Budget – Jayne Seifrit stated the Township received the 2021 allocation of the American Rescue Funds. The money needs to be added to the budget, at this time there were a couple other lines items to be adjusted. They were outlined and listed on Resolution 2021-27. Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-27, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Visa – A letter needs to be sent to Visa because they credited the check to one card account and not split the check between the two bills. They need a letter signed by the card holders to correct their error. Mike Graby made a motion to sign the letter to Visa, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33761-33789 and street light 227.

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

**Public Comment**

John Muir, attorney for Met Ed, asking for an extension of 180 days for the MAIT approved plan. Jake Meyer made a motion to accept 180-day extension, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Thomas Hassler was asking what can be done about the noise and lights during construction. He went to the Planning Commission meeting and was told to come to this meeting. He understands the plan process but this is happening during construction. They are working around the clock with bright lights and it is very noisy. Stephen Price will look into a Nuisance Ordinance for the Board to consider.

Gerald Bender asked about white lines for the parking lot outside. It was stated they are hoping to reseal parking lot next year.

Gerald Bender asked what can be done about the sumac tree growing at the Frystown Fire Company. They will look into it. Jake Meyer is going to go and look.

Thomas Moorehead said with the nuisance we need to make it enforceable and worthwhile. They will just pay fine to make it go away without fixing the issue.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mike Graby to adjourn the meeting. Second by Robbi Lane. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer
Bethel Township Police Department Monthly Report

June 2021

Mileage - 4881
Fuel - 381.994 Gallons
Domestics -5
Thefts - 5
Traffic Citations - 41
Non-Traffic Citations - 5
Parking Tickets - 2
Warning - 18
Criminal Arrests - 5
Phone Assignments - 18
Security Checks - 3
Residential/Commercial Alarms - 6
Reportable Accidents - 5
Non-Reportable Accidents - 9
Reckless Driver Complaints - 3
Motorists Assists - 9
Traffic Stops - 52
Fire and EMS Advisories - 25
Other Law Agency Assists - 25
Suspicious Situations - 12
Disorderly Incidents - 20
Miscellaneous Complainants - 32
Court Appearances - 6

Total Activities: 243
Dated: July 19, 2021
Chief Ryan P. Murphy

Miles on vehicles as of 06/30/2021
Black Ford Explorer - 104,744
Grey Ford Expedition - 122,471
Grey Ford Explorer - 86,478
2021 Grey Ford Explorer - 3893
June Criminal Arrest

1-Misdemeanor Receiving stolen property.

1-Misdemeanor Criminal trespass

3-Misdemeanor Driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance.