BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
October 18, 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 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

**Daub Road Warehouse** - Extension – Robbi Lane made a motion to accept extension until December 21, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Crossroads X LLC Subdivision** – DEP Planning – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing Chairman sign document, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane made a motion approving final plan condition on all items being completed on SESI review letter dated October 12, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Moyer Subdivision (Ralph)** – Waiver’s request – Jeffrey Steckbeck went over the request. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve waivers for Section 4.02.3 not show existing contours, 4.02.C.2.a not show wetland delineation and 5.11.B not require additional right of way or widening of Deck Dr or Frystown Rd., seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried. Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing Chairman sign DEP document, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Jake Meyer made a motion approving final plan condition on all items being completed on SESI review letter dated October 12, 2021, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors

Library – Steve Burkhart stated he believes the furnace was done last month. The Library Board will get ideas together to be included in the addition project. Then the scope of work would be clear, and a plan can be done. Jeffrey Steckbeck sent the Board Costars information. His office will put together specs for the roof repair and the Township Office will put it out on Costars.

Randy Behney is asking about a crosswalk for the Salem Reform Church and appropriate signage. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated Penn DOT gives cones out free that say yield to pedestrians.

Approval of Minutes

Robbi Lane made a motion to approve minutes from September 20, 2021, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane wanted to thank Brian Blouch, Jim, Ed, Robbie and Jeff for picking up the slack during Mike’s absence.

Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated Leigh Beamesderfer’s probationary period was completed 2 months ago. They agreed she is doing a good job. Jake Meyer made a motion to change her hourly compensation to $18.50 retro to completion of probation, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Michael Graby – absent
Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Chief Murphy read over the report: 3986 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch

Tablets - Brian Blouch stated we are looking into pricing. Jayne Seifrit stated the contact we had is not the one for Berks County. Prices received are higher than what was previously quoted. Jayne Seifrit stated the new phone company also quoted but it was just received and it needs to be gone over, they are quoting a pooled data plan. It was stated they need unlimited. Will place on November agenda.

Brian Blouch stated there is a Hazard Mitigation Grant opportunity, they have filed preliminary paperwork in four locations in the Township. Not sure of timing of award.

Public Works Department Report –

60 Legion Dr – Home owner stated the water run off is still an issue, Brian Blouch will go out and speak to the property owner.

North Faust Rd – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated there was a delay, and a bog turtle study needs to be done, they did finally receive the emergency permit. Robbi Lane made a motion to pay the bill that was received from H & K Group for the work that was performed, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mecksville Rd Bridge – Brian Blouch thought it was cleared of debris. He will check to see if it is all done and get pictures to the Township Office.

Midway Road Bridge – Brian Blouch stated he had spoken with the Road Master in Tulpehocken. There was clearing done on the Bethel Township side by our public works department. A patch of pavement was put in place to fill the bump, to make a smooth transition. Brian Blouch was told Tulpehocken Township will be closing the bridge because of the extensive damage.

1995 Ford Truck – Robbi Lane stated pictures were taken and a description has been sent to the Township Office for placing the Truck on Municibid for sale. The starting price is $10,000.00 and would like to have the bids received by November 12, 2021. Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the advertising for the 1995 truck on Municibid and an ad in the Reading Eagle stating the bid requirements on Municibid, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jeff Brown stated several of the items being completed by the Public Works Department are: improved outside lighting at the Police Department, replaced and placed reflector on roadways, cold patched roads, removed brush and debris, cleaned out culvert on Club Road, two trucks ready for winter, and they are looking into solar lights for warning of stop sign ahead for the intersection of Old Route 22 and Midway Road to accompany the markings on the roadway.
Solicitor – Stephen Price
Nuisance Ordinance - Stephen Price passed out the nuisance ordinance last month, the Board would like another month to look it over.

Comment Period Resolution – Stephen Price stated it will be ready for next month.

TAC – Stephen Price stated the Resolution for the amendments for the Transportation Impact Fee can be adopted; and the Ordinance is ready to be advertised for next months adoption. Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-31 and authorize the advertising of the Ordinance, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck
Airport Road Pavilion – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated Alex Kauffman is here and can go over the process. Alex Kauffman stated one bid was received from Dutchman Contracting for $62,393.00. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the Recreation Board had an estimate for just over $28,000.00. The bid is being rejected for cost. The Recreation Board is looking to have two pickleball courts installed one at each of the recreation locations. Alex Kauffman stated he will be getting the information together.

Dunkard Brethren Church Stormwater Application – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated this does not need to be acted on by the Board of Supervisors. He approved the stormwater plan and they are good to move forward.

Brown Road update – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the contractor added topsoil and seeded the shoulders along the road they reconstructed.

RAR2 release of funds – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated a request was made for the release of financial security funds. It will be reviewed for next month.

NorthPoint – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated last month there was a partial release, soon will be requesting full release

Thomas Hasler thanked Robbi, Jake and Jeff for dealing with the lighting issue. The changes the developer made are working at this time.

Municipal Authority –
No report at this time.

Library Board – Jake Meyer
They held the 5-K run.

Recreation Board – Jake Meyer
Pavilion at Frystown - Robbi Lane made a motion to have Dale Stump repair the pavilion, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Environmental Advisory Council – Jake Meyer
Jake Meyer stated the EAC did a litter pick-up at the 501 ramps.

Unfinished Business
Committee Openings - Environmental Advisory Council – still looking
Masano Bradley – letter for Zoning Hearing Attorney, will look into to see what options they have.

Website – There is a Tulpehocken High School looking to do senior project.
Budget dates – Robbi Lane made a motion to hold budget meetings November 10 and if needed November 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
American Rescue Plan Allocation funds – The powers that be changed the reporting requirement until January 31, 2022.
Reminder that Trick or Treat will be held October 31, 2021 from 6pm – 8pm.

New Business
LERTA applications for Central Logistics lot 2, 3, 4, and 5 – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing Chairman sign the 4 applications, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
C M High – Video detector not working – Jayne Seifrit stated it has been set in automatic mode since Mike Graby notified C M High it wasn’t working. This is not an allowed permanent mode per the permit for that light. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing C M High replace with a new trafficcam video system $4600.00, seconded by Robbi lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Recorder of Deeds Contact sheet – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing Chairman sign the Recorder of Deeds form, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.
Foreign Fire Relief Funds – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Treasurer Jayne Seifrit sign form and disburse funds, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills
Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33867-33895 and street light 230.
Robbi Lane made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Seconded Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried.

Public Comment
Dennis Seiverling stated they need to get the microphones fixed, still cannot hear. The Board members pulled the microphones closer to themselves, and could then be heard. Problem solved.
Gerald Bender asked where the LERTA lots are located. He was told on Fort Motel Dr and Central Blvd.
Betty Martin read a fact sheet she compiled pertaining to the Bowman project. Once she finished with stating the facts, she asked two questions 1. What does the curbing, sidewalk and lighting look like? and 2. Why did the Board of Supervisor use the time technicality for this plan instead of using the traditional process? Jake Meyer stated he can answer question 2, he didn’t vote to deny extension. Robbi Lane stated she may have misunderstood, but feeling there were many extensions were already granted. The Bowman’s are not locked into this plan they can file as many as they would like.
Dave Younkner asked if the loader was talked about previously at this meeting. It was stated it was not discussed.
Randy Haag asked how many active warehouses are in the Township? It was stated 11 or so are active, open. Randy Haag made the statement the Board should consider reducing the taxes.
Lisa Hassler read her letter to the Board concerning the loader and timing of the repairs, leasing etc. There were repairs done then a repair was done without Board approval. There was more discussion on the repair of the 2004 CAT loader. There were photos taken of what was repaired. Much more heated discussion.

Adjourn
A motion was made by Robbi Lane to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer