The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:42 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
Betty Martin asked about recording the meetings by outside vendor. Steve Price stated the public is allowed to record meetings. She is unsettled and is not in favor of recording and for it to be used against individuals.

Actions from Planning Commission
Moyer Subdivision (George) – Mike Graby made a motion to approve final plan, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Lot 1 West Run – Robbi Lane made a motion to approve final plan, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors
Library – Clerk of Works, Jeffrey Steckbeck, stated he met with library and Scott from Spotts Brothers concerning the library project and what was done in the past and what can be used going forward. Jeffrey Steckbeck floated the idea of Design Build and having the project meet the bidding and advertising rules. We would do a scope of work. Contractors would bid based on cost per square foot, may offer an incentive for early completion. Later Jeffrey Steckbeck stated the 2019 project was estimated to cost $1,050,000.00 the 2021 cost estimate is $1.4 million.

Approval of Minutes
Robbi Lane made a motion to approve minutes from November 15, 2021, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments
Robbi Lane – Robbi Lane stated the trash issue is back along Martha Drive from Samsung.
Jake Meyer – Jake Meyer stated it has been a privilege serving the residents of the Township.
Michael Graby – Mike Graby stated it was a waste of time that he had to attend a hearing because of the Bowmans. If they are thinking of suing the township go ahead, he will make sure residents are aware. If you think you can still get IC, will fight that.

Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy

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Warrants 00  Warnings 35
Parking Tickets 03  Vehicle Maintenance 00
Repos 00  Follow up investigations 00
Thefts 06

Chief Murphy read over the report: 4523 miles were noted. Full copy of the report will be filed with the official minutes.
Jake Meyer asked about the mileage on the vehicles. When is the plan for the next vehicle, Chief Murphy stated in 2023 he is hoping.
2018 cruiser – bumper is repaired.
2021 cruiser – needs parts for the door.
Chris Miller handed in his resignation.
Chief Murphy would like to hire Jeffrey Arnold full time from part time effective January 1, 2022. Jake Meyer made a motion to approve Jeffrey Arnold to full time status, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.
Chief Murphy would like the Board to hire two additional part time officers for more flexibility in scheduling, it will not increase the hours allotted to part time. He would like to rehire Chad Hepler without probation and hire Craig Barkert. Mike Graby made a motion to hire both officers, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Brian Blouch
Tablets – The tablets have arrived. Robbi Lane stated Brian Blouch should be the administrator and it is up to the fire companies to insure against breakage. Mike Graby made a motion to have Brian Blouch be the administrator, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Public Works Department Report –
60 Legion Dr – Mike Graby stated he is trying to get estimates, but didn’t receive any
Spreader and Blower – Robbi Lane made a motion to sell the Spreader for $2700.00 and the Blower for $6,000.00 per the Municibid results, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Solicitor – Stephen Price
Nuisance Ordinance – in the Boards hands
Comment Period Resolution – Stephen Price stated he has prepared two Resolutions; one would allow comments during the meeting but limit the comments from the public to three minutes. The other one allows for public comment at the public comment section of the agenda and would limit each to three minutes. Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-32 limiting public comments to three minutes during the public comment section of the agenda, seconded by Mike Graby. Jake Meyer opposed Resolution 2021-32 Mike Graby and Robbi Lane agreed. Motion carried.
Mandamus for the Bowman et al plan - Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign document, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Jeffrey Steckbeck’
RAR2 release of funds – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated a request was made for the release of the balance of financial security funds for the land development portion of the plan. Thomas Hassler stated there is a dirt pile that has asphalt on it; is that allowed? Jeffrey Steckbeck will look into the issue. Thomas Hassler stated now that the leaves are off of the trees the lighting is an issue; he thought guards were going on the lights. Jeffrey Steckbeck clarified by guards, do you mean diverters; Thomas confirmed, yes that is what he means. Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing the remaining financial security for RAR2 of $18,502.00 be released seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.
Electric stations – Information was given to the Townships about electric charging stations. Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he had Alex Kauffman look into the possibility for Bethel Township. Alex
Kauffman went over the information; it was decided not to do anything at this time. The Board stated SESI can contact businesses in the Township to see if they would be interested.

Faust North Rd – Jeffrey Steckbeck stated he met with Mike and Brian on site.

**Municipal Authority** –

No report at this time.

**Library Board** – Jake Meyer

It was stated the renovation project was the main topic of discussion for most of the meeting.

**Recreation Board** – Jake Meyer

The Recreation Board is wondering where the mats are for under the swings and when they will be put in place. It was known they were dropped off at the police station, and installation was happening to get them out of the way.

The Recreation Board is also checking to see who they will need to contact for Christmas Tree removal. Jayne Seifrit will email Mike Graby Sherri Glass’s phone number so they can coordinate.

**Environmental Advisory Council** – Jake Meyer

Jake Meyer stated the EAC did not have a meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

Loader papers – Mike Graby stated there are not any papers for the delivery of the loader.

Gerald Bowman asked about the loader. Mike Graby stated the same information months ago. He is done talking about the loader.

Website – Contact was made and hope to have a draft in January 2022.

Budget – Tax Levy, no tax increase for 2022. Robbi Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-33, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jake Meyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-34 stating the budget for 2022 of $1,865,289.00, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Appointments for 2022:

- PC – Sheldon Martin
- ZHB – Michael Peace, Carl Kauffman Jr resigned
- MA – Robert Lingle
- EAC – Tamara Ritter – Agreed to continue to serve

Credit Card Fleet – gas card only, not what we are looking for to change.

**New Business**

Midway South – Estoppel – Stephen Price looked over the document. It was stated it can be signed. Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

DEP for 7830 Lancaster Ave – Robbi Lane made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign DEP form, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Chapter 102 for 270 Midway Rd – Mike Graby made a motion authorizing the Chairman sign the Chapter 102 documents, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Berks Treasurer form for taxes – Mike Graby made motion authorizing the Chairman sign the County form, seconded by Robbi Lane. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hidden Driveway sign – Mike Graby stated he ordered the sign today.

Berks County Solid Waste Authority letter – for information

2022 State Conference information

**Payment of Bills**

Payment of bills from the general fund from check 33929-33954, Capital Reserve 175 and street light 232.
Robbi Lane made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Seconded Jake Meyer. All agreed, motion carried.

Public Comment

Herb Zechman thanked Jake Meyer for his dedication and doing what is right.
Betty Martin stated Mr Bowman’s comments earlier showed what she stated earlier about the camera and recording from outside vender. She feels it is being used negatively.
Gerald Bender pointed out shoulder low west of Martha Dr on the northside on Brown Road.
Corey Houser questioned comments from Mike Graby about suing. He also asked about time clocks not being used. Mike Graby replied that was decided a while ago.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Robbi Lane to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mike Graby. All agreed, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Seifrit
Secretary/Treasurer
Bethel Township Police Department Monthly Report

November 2021

Mileage - 4523
Fuel - 299,464 Gallons
Domestics - 7
Thefts - 6
Traffic Citations - 57
Non-Traffic Citations - 4
Warning - 35
Parking Tickets - 3
Criminal Arrests - 11
Phone Assignments - 13
Security Checks - 5
Residential/Commercial Alarms - 10
Reportable Accidents - 10
Non-Reportable Accident - 6
Reckless Driver Complaints - 0
Motorists Assists - 9
Traffic Stops - 72
Fire and EMS Advisories - 26
Other Law Agency Assists - 14
Suspicious Situations - 13
Disorderly Incidents - 22
Miscellaneous Complainants - 35
Court Appearances - 5
School Zone - 13

Total Activities: 269
Dated: December 2, 2021
Chief Ryan P. Murphy

Miles on vehicles as of 11/30/2021
2014 Black Ford Explorer - 106,705
2011 Ford Expedition - 126,700
2018 Grey Ford Explorer - 97,094
2021 Grey Ford Explorer - 11,995
November Criminal Arrest

1) Felony- Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition
2) 3 Misdemeanor- Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance.
3) 3 Misdemeanor- Possession of a Controlled Substance.
4) 2 Misdemeanor- Simple Assault
5) Misdemeanor- Obstructing Administration of Law or Other Governmental Function.
6) Felony- Persons not to Possess, Use Manufacture, Control, Sell or Transfer Firearms.