BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 10, 2026 6:00 PM
AGENDA
PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

Resolution 2022-32 Public Participation - A member of the public present at a Board meeting may address the Board in accordance with Resolution 2022-32; In order to efficiently conduct Board Meetings and promote continuity of business each person making public comment shall be limited to **three (3) minutes**. Persons who duplicate comments or discuss nongermane subject matter may be cut off at the discretion of the Chair.

Meeting being recorded

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes
   Board of Supervisors may approve minutes of previous meetings held August 13, 2026

4. Public Comment on Agenda items Only

Planning Commission Recommendations –

1931 Schubert Road - Time Extension until January 15, 2027
RGM Transport – Time Extension until January 15, 2027

Adam Light 230 School Road– waivers and deferrals
Waivers
Section 3.04 – Requirement to submit a preliminary plan prior to the submission of a final plan.
- The plan is minor in scope limited to the construction of three agricultural barns
- The final size, location, and use of the buildings is known at this time.
Section 4.03.C.1 – Requirement to provide the location map scale not exceeding 1" = 800' for land development plans.
- The property is a very large farm in the agricultural district where a larger scale does not detract from showing the information necessary to identify the farm.
Section 4.03.C.5.a. – Requirement to provide the plan scale not exceeding 1" = 20' for land development plans.
- The scale used on the plans is required in order to fit the entire property and project on one plan sheet.
- All text and details will remain legible at a greater scale.
Section 4.03.C.9. – Requirement to provide a hydrogeological study if more than 2 EDUs are supplied by the proposed well.
- A groundwater recharge analysis has been provided, assuming 400 GPD of groundwater recharge per acre. The analysis demonstrates 71% remaining groundwater during peak consumption. This section requires a minimum of 20%.

Section 5.04.C.1 – Requirement to provide a visual barrier composed of a solid fence at least 8

feet high and at least 1 row of evergreen vegetation.
- The site is located in an Agricultural District and southeast of adjoining residents
Section 5.10 – Requirement for the proposed well to meet fire protection needs.
- Agricultural buildings represent a low risk for loss of life in the event of a fire.
- The poultry house is separated with enough distance to other structures to prevent a fire from spreading.
Section 5.02.G – Requirement for no structure or building to be erected within the drainage easement.
- The proposed pipes are travelling underneath the proposed barns, and would require the barns to be located within the easement if the easement is to encapsulate the entirety of the pipe runs.
- The pipes are privately owned and will be maintained by the owner.

Deferrals -
Section 4.03.E.2 & 5.11.C.10.B – Requirement to dedicate additional right-of-way to the township or state.
This project is limited to an agricultural improvement plan.
- Vehicular traffic is limited to an average of 1 truck per day.
- No additional improvements outside of the driveway access is proposed with this project.
Section 5.11.C.10.B – Requirement to improve existing streets abutting the project site.
- The project is limited to an agricultural improvement plan.
- The vehicular traffic is limited to an average of 1 truck per day.
- The driveway has been designed to allow for safe movements and to allow the wheel path to remain on pavement so it doesn't break up the edge of the road.
Section 5.13.A & 5.13.B – Requirement to provide curbing and sidewalk.
- The project involves construction of a new poultry operation with no employees and the use is not changing. Expected traffic for the site is limited to 1 truck per week to supply the operation.
- No curbing or sidewalk currently exists in the immediate surrounding area of the proposed site.

550/551 Brown Road waivers and modifications-

Modification – SALDO Section 5.20.A.2, 5.20.A.6 through 5.20.A.9 and 5.20.A.14 requiring parking lot paving, lighting, painting, etc. The board deferred on the truck parking lighting on the south side but customer/employee parking must have lighting and curb stops for car parking only.

Waiver – SALDO Section 3.04.A.3,3.04.B,3.05.A and 3.05B to the extent needed to provide for a waiver for the preliminary plan submission and allow a combined preliminary and final plan submission.

Next meeting is October 13, 2026 at 7pm

5. Supervisors Comments
   a. Robbi Greenfield –
   - Municibid police cruiser bidding and Bernville Police cruiser bidding not to exceed $75,000.
   - Library donation $15,000
   - Union and Frystown Fire Company Donation $25,000 each
   - Bethel Ambulance Donation $25,000
   - 50 cat vouchers for No Nonsense Neutering
   - Library AC Service Invoice from Best Mechanical $515.00 splitting the cost with the library
   - Berks County Conservation District request for Donation/Sponsorship of their 80th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

   b. Jay Bicksler –
   - Budget workshop advertisement for October 15, 2026.
   - October Meeting Date change and advertisement for October 15, 2026
   - Trick or Treat/Trunk or Treat advertisement in the advertiser

   c. Mike Graby –
   - Municibid Peterbilt 335 Dump truck bidding from Earl Township not to exceed $60,000.00
   - PennDOT winter maintenance agreement

6. Police Department Report – Chief Ryan Murphy
   August Report

7. Emergency Management Coordinator Report – Brian Blouch
   Snow blowing contracts

8. Public Works Department Report – Status report

   2nd cycle State Road mowing completed

9. Solicitor Report – Elizabeth Magovern
   - Right-to-Know email address resolution approval
   - Justin and Bethany Hurst Ag Security for 310 Frystown Rd acceptance and 1st round of advertisements

10. Engineer Report – Alex Kauffman

    Petsmart Concrete Apron Work. Petsmart is willing to contribute $5,000 towards the repairs. Motion needed for repair quotes.

11. Parks and Rec

- Playground Equipment prior meeting approved up to $100,000. Motion to approve additional cost which includes Installation and Freight in the amount of $71,438.00.

- Ridgeline Concrete Frystown playground block wall cap around basketball court repair $5,600.00

12. Library Board

13. Unfinished Business

14. Old Business

15. New Business
    The Berks County Public Works Association meeting and Trade Show is on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Registration is due by September 16, 2026.

    2026 Berks County Association of Township Officials' Annual County Convention is on Thursday, October 15, 2026. RSVP form due by October 1, 2026.

16. Payment of Bills and Treasurer's Report
    2026-2027 Workers Comp Premium Invoice $92,146.45
    2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension
17. RTK Officer report – Bobbi Westhafer
    August Report
    - George Loughery
    - Bonnie Behney
    - Lisa Hassler
    - Jocelyn Harper
    - Hallie Bennett

18. Public Comment Non-Agenda Items Only

19. Adjournment of Meeting

<u>Upcoming Meetings:</u>

Bethel Township Municipal Authority	September 15, 2026 6:00pm
Planning Commission Workshop (If needed)	October 13, 2026 6:00pm
Planning Commission Meeting	October 13, 2026 7:00pm
Zoning Hearing Board <u>(If needed)</u>	October 14, 2026 6:00pm
Board of Supervisors	October 15, 2026 6:00pm