

BETHEL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Special Joint Meeting
April 8, 2008

The meeting of the Bethel Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman David Younker at 7:09 p.m. on April 8, 2008 at the Bethel Township Community Center, Bethel PA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Chairman Younker called the roll:

Rufus Geesaman – present

Harold Gruber – present

Kevin Stupp –present

David Younker – present

Carl Weaver – present

Also present were Terry Parish, John Roche and Darlene Orendo, Secretary.

The meeting of the Bethel Township Board of Supervisor's was called to order by Chairman Randall Haag at 7:10 p.m. at the Bethel Township Community Center, Bethel, PA.

Attending the meeting were Randall Haag, Michael Orendo and Ken Norton. Also in attendance were Solicitor Eugene Orlando, Engineer James Fisher and Secretary Jayne Seifrit.

New Business:

Tom McKeon and Howard Boddy from BCIDA were also present along with their engineer, Tim Krall from Spotts, Stevens and McCoy. Their request for a meeting with both groups was to discuss revisions to their current development plans. The revisions are to be submitted to the Bethel Township Planning Commission in the next several weeks. The revisions came about from suggestions as potential developers reviewed and felt the current plans are too costly. The changes have now created another problem. The BCIDA's intention was to create a public water system and turn it over to the Authority. The bad news is that it is now too expensive and they are not going to pursue and continue obtaining the permits for the system. All the work and permits done so far by Spotts, Stevens and McCoy would be turned over to the Authority for future use. They are now implementing on-site wells for each building and a fire system with tank to service all three remaining buildings. Randall Haag asked how long the permits would be good for. Tim Krall stated he has seen at least 2 years. An easement for the Authority was discussed with Solicitor Parish, Tim Krall and will get a legal description to him.

Authority members and Supervisor's then took time from the meeting to review the changes to be implemented on plans provided by Tim Krall.

John Roche put together a discussion sheet and items for future consideration. The following are minutes from that discussion. John was looking for some clarification on the zoning map and had a few questions about updates to the 537 plan.

#4 -The community water system was discussed after the presentation from the BCIDA earlier in the meeting. All agreed that it will be discussed at a later time.

#5 – discussion on laterals being placed/or not placed on vacant lots. The Board was looking for some input from the Supervisor's. Supervisor Randall Haag made a motion recommending that the Authority put in laterals now with the clear understanding that this does not mean the lot can be developed, just dropping the laterals in as you go solely to preserve integrity of the alley after their reconstruction without right or assurance to any landowner that have vested interest. Second by Michael Orendo. All agreed. Motion carried. The Board of Supervisor's called executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Discussion by the Municipal Authority continued covering uses on the various properties in both Villages. Rufus Geesaman stated that we should adhere to the established connection ordinance, 1 line for each occupied building. The Board decided that every building on a separate lot has to have its own connection. If it is a mixed use (commercial/residential) all users pay the \$60.00 user fee.

It was also decided to add a dry lateral to any institutional/recreational lots. This gives an option to connect in the future. A dry lateral will also be placed on all vacant lots with the option to hook into the system once approved by the Township.

Solicitor Parish will work with John Roche to draft an ordinance for the Board to formally adopt that covers all these decisions.

Carl Weaver mentioned he had missed the Public Meeting held in March and had heard some talk from residents with some concerns. John affirmed that he is working on specifics for homeowner's and will be putting a technical manual for their use, probably 2-3 months down the road. Carl also mentioned that the Bethel Fire Co is working with Marks Construction regarding hydrants.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. was made by Rufus Geesaman. Second by Kevin Stupp. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene M. Orendo
Secretary