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Board of Supervisors

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The Regular Meeting of the BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS was held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, in the John L. Myers Building, 1092 Bethel Road, Garnet Valley, PA 19060.

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PRESENT:

Chuck Dennie, P.E., Chairman
Stephanie DerOhannessian, MB, Vice-Chairwoman
Giovanna Iacono, P.E., MBA, Supervisor
Michael D'Agostino, Esq., Supervisor
Michael Davey, Esq., Supervisor- Zoom
Leah Consiglio, Junior Supervisor

William Addison, Township Manager
Matthew Houtmann, P.E., Engineer
Michael Maddren, Esq., Solicitor
Ed Plasha, Tax Collector

ABSENT:

Peter Barsz, Treasurer

OBSERVERS:

Approximately 15 citizens were in attendance.

The Regular September 9th, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting convened at 6:32 PM.

Chairman Dennie welcomed residents and called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Dennie requested everyone to please

silence all electronic equipment and announced the presence of a recording device for the purpose of minute taking. The recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved at the following meeting. Chairman Dennie mentioned that the Township is livestreaming this meeting on its official YouTube channel. An executive session took place immediately prior to the meeting to discuss legal, real estate, and personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on August 12th, 2025.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of August 12th, 2025.

REPORTS:

TREASURER REPORT:

Peter Barsz, the Township Treasurer, submitted a summary to the Board. Details by fund are included within the report, which is on record at the Township building and is available for public inspection.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, pay bills and release all relevant escrows.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the Board approved the August 2025 Treasurer's Report and payment of all bills as presented.

FINANCE/AUDIT/TAXES:

Supervisor D'Agostino corrected that agenda item i. under Finance should say 2026 minimum obligation and not 2025.

Motion to accept the 2026 minimum municipal obligation for the employee's retirement plan in the amount \$34,000.00.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board accepted the 2026 minimum municipal obligation for the employee's retirement plan in the amount \$34,000.00.

Tax Collector Report: Chairman Dennie read the August 2025 Tax Collector's Report. A copy of the full Tax Collector's Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department: Chief McCarthy read the August 2025 Police Report. A full copy of the Police Report is available for public inspection at the Township building.

Chief McCarthy gave a presentation on stop sticks obtained through a grant from Vest-A-Cop. He noted that the devices are single-use and can be replaced for \$500 each.

Bethel Hose Co. #1: Supervisor D'Agostino read the August 2025 Fire Report. A copy of the full Fire Department Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Motion to approve the release of \$11,583.00 from the Fire Tax Fund for the 2025 PEMA loan payment on Truck 66.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor D'Agostino, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved the release of \$11,583.00 from the Fire Tax Fund for the 2025 PEMA loan payment on Truck 66.

Supervisor D'Agostino explained the Volunteer Firefighter Real Estate Tax Credit Program; Bethel Township can advertise an Ordinance stating that volunteers with the fire company may be eligible for a real estate tax refund by mail after meeting specific criteria.

Ed Plasha, Township Tax Collector, stated that this only applies to certain taxes, not the trash fee.

Joe Connors, 3317 Foulk Road, asked whether the program applies only to property owners or if it also covers firefighters who reside in the home.

Michael Maddren, the Township Solicitor, stated that this is for the property owner only. They are also looking into reciprocity from other townships if they honor the same program.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise an ordinance implementing a volunteer firefighter real estate tax credit program pursuant to Act 172 of 2016.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor D'Agostino, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the Township Solicitor to advertise an ordinance implementing a volunteer firefighter real estate tax credit program pursuant to Act 172 of 2016.

Emergency Medical Services: Supervisor Iacono read the August 2025 Emergency Medical Services Report. A copy of the full Emergency Medical Services Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Supervisor Iacono read the August 2025 Emergency Management Report. A copy of the full Emergency Management Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE:

Highway Department: Supervisor Iacono read the August 2025 Highway Report. A copy of the full Highway Department Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Motion to appoint Jay Orfotel to the Highway Department at a rate of \$23.00 per hour for 36 hours per week, subject to a one-year probationary period.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Jay Orfotel to the Highway Department at a rate of \$23.00 per hour for 36 hours per week, subject to a one-year probationary period.

Motion to authorize Millennium Strategies to assist the Township in preparing and submitting Local Share Grant applications for Shaffer Preserve, Goodley Road Culvert, and Sharon Basin projects in an amount not to exceed \$6,300.00.

Supervisor Iacono stated that we did apply for these programs last year. There is a meeting scheduled this month to discuss awards for grants, but this meeting has been pushed to later months in the past. Supervisor Iacono said that it is unlikely for there to be any grant announcements this month, but if we do receive any awards, we may not need this motion. She also stated that we budgeted \$40,000.00 for this service and only \$8,000.00 has been used to date.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Chairman Dennie, with Supervisor Davey opposed, the Board approved Millennium Strategies to assist the Township in preparing and submitting Local Share Grant applications for Shaffer Preserve, Goodley Road Culvert, and Sharon Basin projects in an amount not to exceed \$6,300.00 in a 4 to 1 vote.

George Lincoln, 1418 Deer Meadow Lane, asked for more information about how we have used Millennium Strategies so far and if their services have been used to submit grants for the Goodley Culvert project and Shaffer Preserve.

Dianne Smith, 1602 Wendy Way, expressed concerns with the success of Millennium Strategies and if there will be an analysis at the end of the year to evaluate their success.

Supervisor Iacono stated that we don't have enough information to give an accurate evaluation at this time. The Board would need to wait a full cycle to be able to evaluate and analyze their success.

Donna Vance, 1612 Wendy Way, asked how much of the \$40,000.00 budgeted have we used on Millennium Strategies.

Supervisor Iacono reiterated we have only used \$8,000.00 to date.

Building/Grounds: Supervisor Iacono read the August 2025 Highway Report. A copy of the full Building and Grounds Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

BOARDS:

Parks and Recreation Board: Chairman Dennie read the August 2025 Parks and Rec Report. A copy of the full Parks and Rec Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Motion to authorize entering into an agreement with Sky Shooters Pyrotechnics, LLC for the 2026 fireworks display in the amount of \$6,200.00, subject to the Solicitor's approval.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the Board approved an agreement with Sky Shooters Pyrotechnics, LLC for the 2026 fireworks display in the amount of \$6,200.00, subject to the Solicitor's approval.

Zoning Hearing Board: Vice-Chair DerOhannessian read the August 2025 Zoning Hearing Board Report. A copy of the full Zoning Hearing Board Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission did not meet this month, so there is no report.

Sewer Authority: Supervisor D'Agostino read the Sewer Authority Report. A copy of the full Sewer Authority Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

EDUCATION:

Garnet Valley School District: Supervisor Davey read the Garnet Valley School District report. A copy of the full Garnet Valley School District Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Supervisor Davey recognized Leah Consiglio for her hard work and dedication during her term on the Board, noting that she did an excellent job as Junior Supervisor.

Junior Supervisor Consiglio reported on the events happening within the school district as school just started a few weeks ago. She mentioned that a lot of things are happening for the seniors including Senior Sunrise and Paint the Shack. Junior Supervisor Consiglio also presented the events that are happening in September and October. She presented an update on the Pennington Project and added a QR code for residents to access. Junior Supervisor Consiglio explained her findings to the audience.

Vice-Chair DerOhannessian asked Junior Supervisor Consiglio about the extent of the damage Garnet Valley High School sustained during the recent storms.

Junior Supervisor Consiglio reported that the auditorium was damaged; much of the flooring has been removed and needs to be replaced. The Drama Club is concerned about when repairs will be completed.

Rachel Kohl Library: Supervisor Davey read the Rachel Kohl Library report. A copy of the full Rachel Kohl Library Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER’S REPORT:

Dr. Addison read the August 2025 Manager’s Report. A copy of the full Manager’s Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to authorize payment to Lenni Electric Corporation in the amount of \$170,751.24 for the installation of the Bethel Township Traffic Light Detection Upgrade Project.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved payment to Lenni Electric Corporation in the amount of \$170,751.24 for the installation of the Bethel Township Traffic Light Detection Upgrade Project.

Motion to enter into a Purchase Agreement with the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust for the provision of employee healthcare benefits for the term January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, subject to solicitor review.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved a Purchase Agreement with the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust for the provision of employee healthcare benefits for the term January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, subject to solicitor review.

Motion to authorize Brandywine Tree & Shrub to remove five dead trees from the creek bed and berm area of 3260 Goodley Road, Parcel ID: 03-00-00333-99, at an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor Iacono seconded by Chairman Dennie, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized Brandywine Tree & Shrub to remove five dead trees from the creek bed and berm area of 3260 Goodley Road, Parcel ID: 03-00-00333-99, at an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Motion to discuss and consider approval of a municipal waiver request from Section 311.B.1.b.ii of the Stormwater Management Ordinance (Riparian Buffer Encroachment) for the property at 81 Robins Road.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved a municipal waiver request from Section 311.B.1.b.ii of the Stormwater Management Ordinance (Riparian Buffer Encroachment) for the property at 81 Robins Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Iacono announced that Bethel Township's Paper Shredding and Drug Takeback Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM behind the Myers Building.

Vice-Chair DerOhannessian announced that Bethel Township's Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th, at Bethel Springs Elementary School starting at 6:30 PM. The rain date is Saturday, September 20th.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Crowley