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DELAWARE COUNTY
1092 BETHEL ROAD
GARNET VALLEY, PA 19060

Board of Supervisors

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The Regular Meeting of the BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS was held on Tuesday, December 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

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

ABSENT:

OBSERVERS: Approximately 50 citizens were in attendance.

The Regular December 9th, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting convened at 6:33 PM.

Chairman Dennie welcomed residents and called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 Preliminary Budget Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on November 10th, 2025.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Preliminary Budget meeting minutes of November 10th, 2025.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on November 18th, 2025.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of November 18th, 2025.

PROCLAMATION 2025-06:

The Brandywine Youth Club (BYC) 9U Varsity Football Team was recognized for winning the championship after completing an undefeated regular season. Supervisor D'Agostino congratulated the team and presented a proclamation in recognition of their achievement.

Motion to approve the Proclamation 2025-06, Brandywine Youth Club (BYC) 9u Varsity Football team.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor D'Agostino, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Proclamation 2025-06 honoring Brandywine Youth Club (BYC) 9u Varsity Football team for a wonderful season.

REPORTS:

TREASURER REPORT:

Peter Barsz, Township Treasurer, read the November 2025 Treasurer's Report. 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 November 2025 Treasurer's Report and payment of all bills as presented.

FINANCE/AUDIT/TAXES:

Adoption of 2026 Final Budget.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, to adopt the 2026 Final Budget.

Public Comment:

Donna Vance, 1612 Wendy Way, expressed her concerns with making a motion on something before comments from residents are heard.

Board Comments:

Supervisor Davey stated that he looked at the revised budget for public works, \$25,000.00 was taken out of 430.199. Highway department expense funds.

Chairman Dennie stated that there was an ARP carryover.

Supervisor D'Agostino asked if we could show the residents where the changes have been made.

Chairman Dennie went through the line items that were revised/reduced.

Public Comment:

Donna Vance, 1612 Wendy Way, expressed concerns regarding North American Land Trust (NALT) and urged the Board to continue listening to residents, citing past instances when community input on the police department and sewer billing was considered by the Board. Ms. Vance submitted copies of a petition to the supervisors expressing support for maintaining Shaffer Preserve as unimproved open space.

Dorina McHale, 2112 Shadyside Lane, expressed concerns regarding potential tax increases, Shaffer Preserve, and the number of Township-sponsored events, including doing away with the corn boil and fireworks.

Joe Thurstlic, 1641 Village Avenue, expressed concerns regarding the budget and stated that the Township should also present budget projections for 2027, 2028, and 2029.

Patricia Zeits, 1670 Wisteria Way, asked several questions regarding the Township's financial situation, including whether the Board is concerned, how the current situation developed, how households respond when funds are limited, and what will occur when Township reserves are depleted.

John Nevy, 3213 Sarum Farm Lane, expressed concerns regarding the budget and stated that the deficit would continue without a plan in place. He encouraged the Board to be proactive moving forward and suggested that reductions to the Police Department be considered as part of the discussion.

Dianne Smith, 1602 Wendy Way, expressed concerns with the budget, expressing that it needs to be lowered. She wanted to know if a check was sent to North American Land Trust (NALT).

James McDaniel, 1415 Zebley Road, expressed concerns regarding Shaffer Preserve and questioned funds sent to Simone Collins. He also noted that the county tax rate is increasing by 19%.

Robert Gretzmacher, 1237 Longmeadow Road, expressed concerns about tax increases within the Township.

Donna Vance, 1612 Wendy Way, expressed concerns regarding the permitting process and questioned why permits are being pursued before the plans are reviewed by the North American Land Trust (NALT). She also requested that the Board table the budget until the matter can be further investigated.

David Winkler, 1062 Bethel Road, expressed concerns about what he described as poor planning by the Board, against a full-time police department, citing the additional expense.

Ed Miles, 23 Robins Road, stated that emergency services need to be addressed. He expressed concerns that the Board lacks understanding of the budget and that a full-time police department would be too costly.

Supervisor Davey stated that he shares many of the concerns expressed by residents. He noted his disappointment that the Board has not fully considered resident input. He added that Shaffer Preserve could be postponed until sufficient funds are available and acknowledged the legal obligation to approve a budget but indicated this matter could be deferred.

Chairman Dennie stated that he is concerned about what he perceives as a lack of commitment and input from Supervisor Davey regarding the budget.

Supervisor Davey experienced technology issues, and Chairman Dennie called a recess to allow time for him to return.

Chairman Dennie reconvened the meeting following the recess.

Erica Brignac, 1440 Naamans Creek Road, suggested that the Board consider changing the meeting structure by implementing time limits and clarifying that Public Comment is not a question-and-answer session.

Supervisor Davey called for a Roll Call at this time. At Supervisor Davey's request, the Township Solicitor conducted the roll call, and the Township Manager recorded the responses at 9:08 PM.

Michael Davey – No
Giovanna Iacono – Yes
Stephanie DerOhannessian – Yes
Chuck Dennie – Yes
Michael D'Agostino – No

The roll call vote resulted in a 3–2 decision in favor of adopting the 2026 Budget.

Motion to accept the resignation of Debra Miles from the Board of Auditors.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the Board approved the resignation of Debra Miles from the Board of Auditors.

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

Ed Deisher, 1108 Old Post Circle, inquired about the status of an investigation into mail being placed in mailboxes illegally.

Chief McCarthy responded that the U.S. Postal Inspection Service chose not to proceed with the investigation, as the presence of postage on most of the envelopes suggested an intent to mail the letters through proper channels.

Motion to ratify the employment of Peter J. Yannatelli as a Bethel Township Police Officer at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, subject to a one-year probation period.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board ratified the employment of Peter J.

Yannatelli as a Bethel Township Police Officer at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, subject to a one-year probation period.

At 9:19 PM, Supervisor Davey voluntarily logged off the meeting and did not return.

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

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

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

Zoning Hearing Board: There was nothing on the agenda for the Zoning Hearing Board, and there will not be a meeting in December. Their next meeting will be in January 2026.

Planning Commission: No meeting for Planning this month. Their next meeting will be in January 2026.

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: Vice-Chair DerOhannessian 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.

Rachel Kohl Library: Vice-Chair DerOhannessian 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. William Addison read the November 2025 Managers Report. A copy of the full Manager's Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 245 repealing and restating Section 68-1 of the Bethel Township Code to establish annual compensation for members of the Board of Supervisors at \$2,500.00 per year.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, Supervisor D'Agostino opposed, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 245, repealing and restating Section 68-1 of the Bethel Township Code to establish annual compensation for members of the Board of Supervisors at \$2,500.00 per year on a 3-1 vote.

Discussion and possible action: Authorizing Boates Brothers General Contracting to install a public-access wall, door, window, and counter within the Township office through the COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program, at a cost not to exceed \$17,079.36, subject to solicitor review.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, Supervisor D'Agostino opposed, the Board approved Boates Brothers General Contracting to install a public-access wall, door, window, and counter within the Township office through the COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program, at a cost not to exceed \$17,079.36, subject to solicitor review on a 3-1 vote.

Discussion and possible action: Authorizing Total Security Solutions, Inc. to install a foyer and front-entrance monitoring system within the Township building, in an amount not to exceed \$1,329.95, subject to solicitor review.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, Supervisor D'Agostino opposed, the Board approved Total Security Solutions, Inc. to install a foyer and front-entrance monitoring system within the Township building, in an amount not to exceed \$1,329.95, subject to solicitor review on a 3-1 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tina Picciotti, 3246 Goodley Road, commented that funds slated for the Shaffer project should be used for the security for the Township instead of the Police budget.

Resolution 2025-37 — Authorizing a budgetary transfer of \$18,409.31 from Account 410.130 (Police Officers Payroll) to Account 409.300 (Building Repairs and Maintenance) to fund the installation of a public-access wall, door, window, and countertop within the Township office.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, Supervisor D'Agostino opposed, the Board adopted Resolution 2025-37 — Authorizing a budgetary transfer of \$18,409.31 from Account 410.130 (Police Officers Payroll) to Account 409.300 (Building Repairs and Maintenance) to fund the installation of a public-access wall, door, window, and countertop within the Township office on a 3-1 vote.

Authorization to advertise the 2026 meetings.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Supervisor Iacono, the Board approved the authorization to advertise the 2026 meetings.

Motion to approve EvoGov to modernize the Township's website framework through a full redesign, prioritizing ADA/WCAG accessibility compliance, while also enhancing system speed, mobile and portable-device responsiveness, CMS migration, integration, and redirect implementation, in an amount of \$4,465, subject to solicitor review.

Motion: On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Supervisor Iacono, Supervisor D'Agostino opposed, the Board approved EvoGov to modernize the Township's website framework through a full redesign, prioritizing ADA/WCAG accessibility compliance, while also enhancing system speed, mobile and portable-device responsiveness, CMS migration, integration, and redirect implementation, in an amount of \$4,465, subject to solicitor review on a 3-1 vote.

Supervisor Iacono stated that we should get a comprehensive list of additions that need to be added and then send everything over once we have it finalized to not expend additional funds to consistently update the website.

Supervisor D'Agostino stated that he agrees with Supervisor Iacono.

Motion to approve the authorization for InnConn to replace the inlet tops on four Township inlets for a total cost of \$8,800.00.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved InnConn to replace the inlet tops on four Township inlets for a total cost of \$8,800.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Mancini, 204 Half Mile Post, wanted clarification on what exactly would be going into this inlet work.

Motion to authorize final payment to Lenni Electric Corporation in the amount of \$9,550.60, for the Bethel Township Detection Upgrade Project.

Motion: On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved the final payment to Lenni Electric Corporation in the amount of \$9,550.60, for the Bethel Township Detection Upgrade Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dorina McHale, 2112 Shadyside Lane, asked for clarification on what the Bethel Township Detection Upgrade Project is.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bethel Township would like to remind residents that curbside Christmas tree pick-up will begin on Monday, January 5, 2026. Residents are asked to place their trees at the curb on their regular trash collection day. Please make sure trees are free of lights, ornaments, plastic wrap, and tinsel to ensure proper disposal.

The Board of Supervisors will hear a presentation on the proposed Pyle's Walk development, formerly called "Independence Towns," on Thursday, December 11th, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Township Building.

Chairman Dennie took a moment to thank Supervisor D'Agostino for his service as a Bethel Township Supervisor.

Supervisor D'Agostino expressed his gratitude to the residents, stating that his time in office was well spent and that he always aimed to be a voice for the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.

The Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5th, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Crowley