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**Board of Supervisors**

Chuck Dennie, P.E., Chairman  
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Dr. Eileen Ming, MPH, Sc.D.

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The Regular Meeting of the BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS was held on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the John L. Myers Building, 1092 Bethel Road, Garnet Valley, PA 19060.

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**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Chuck Dennie, P.E., Chairman  
Stephanie DerOhannessian, MB, Vice-Chairwoman  
Giovanna Iacono, P.E., MBA, Supervisor  
Dr. Eileen Ming, MPH, Sc.D., Supervisor  
Michael Davey, Esq., Supervisor - Zoom

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

**ABSENT:** Ed Plasha, Tax Collector

**OBSERVERS:** Approximately 22 citizens were in attendance.

**The Regular March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting convened at 6:31 PM.**

Chairman Dennie welcomed residents and called the meeting to order at 6:31 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. Chairman Dennie also stated that the proof of publication was at the dais.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Supervisors' Special Meeting: Pyles Walk held on January 27th, 2026.

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes for the Board of Supervisors' Pyles Walk Meeting held on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting held on February 10th, 2026.

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Chairman Dennie and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes for the Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**SWEARING IN:**

Appointment of Junior Supervisor – Nitya Gulati.

**Motion:** On a motion by Supervisor Ming, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Nitya Gulati as the 2026 Junior Supervisor.

The Honorable Judge Wendy Roberts swore in Nitya Gulati as the 2026 Bethel Township Junior Supervisor. The Board welcomed and congratulated her.

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Peter Barsz, Township Treasurer, read the February 2026 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 February 2026 Treasurer's Report and payment of all bills as presented.

**FINANCE/AUDIT/TAXES:**

Tax Collector Report: Chairman Dennie read the February 2026 Tax Collector's Report. He stated that Ed Plasha, the Township Tax Collector, will be holding in-person collection hours and they are posted on the website. 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 February 2026 Police Report. A full copy of the Police Report is available for public inspection at the Township building.

Motion to appoint Alexis Nagel as a Bethel Township Police Officer at a rate of \$29.00 per hour, subject to a one-year probation period.

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Supervisor Iacono and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Alexis Nagel as a Bethel Township Police Officer at a rate of \$29.00 per hour, subject to a one-year probation period.

Bethel Hose Co. #1: Deputy Chief Brett Small read the February 2026 Fire Report. A copy of the full Fire Department Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Bethel Hose Co. #1 will be hosting their April flower sale as well as a carnival. All information will be posted to the Township website when available.

Motion to approve the release of \$11,583.00 from the Fire Tax Fund for the 2026 PEMA loan payment on Truck 66.

**Motion:** On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the Board approved the release of \$11,583.00 from the Fire Tax Fund for the 2026 PEMA loan payment on Truck 66.

Emergency Medical Services: Supervisor Iacono read the February 2026 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 February 2026 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 February 2026 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 February 2026 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: Vice-Chair DerOhanessian presented the Parks & Recreation Report. A full copy of the report is available for public inspection at the Township building.

Appointment of Parks and Recreation Ambassadors – Shruti Sridhar and Elsie Gupta.

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhanessian, seconded by Supervisor Ming and carried unanimously, the Board appointed Shruti Sridhar and Elsie Gupta as Parks and Recreation Ambassadors.

Zoning Hearing Board: Supervisor Davey stated that there was nothing on the agenda for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Planning Commission: Supervisor Iacono read the February 2026 report. A copy of the full Planning Commission Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

Sewer Authority: Supervisor Davey 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 Ming presented 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: Supervisor Ming presented 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 February 2026 Manager’s Report. A copy of the full Manager’s Report is available at the Township building for public inspection.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution No. 2026-23: Adopting a public meeting decorum policy: Vice-Chair DerOhanessian introduced the policy and provided survey data regarding decorum

policies in neighboring municipalities.

Chairman Dennie called a recess at 7:02 PM due to technology issues.

Chairman Dennie called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Supervisor Davey stated that he is completely opposed to the proposed Decorum Policy. He expressed that it is not appropriate to impose a time limit on public comment, emphasizing that residents have the right to attend meetings and share their opinions. Supervisor Davey stated that it is not up to the Board to tell residents what is and isn't important to discuss.

Chairman Dennie stated that the initial draft of the policy was lengthy, and the Township Solicitor sought to ensure it did not infringe upon any rights. As a result, a revised version was drafted and advertised. He added that the policy is modeled after that of the Garnet Valley School Board.

Supervisor Ming stated that there is an opportunity to allow for a longer time limit depending on certain situations that may arise.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Winkler, 1062 Bethel Road, stated that the Decorum Policy is a waste of time, is not friendly to residents, and detracts from the sense of community. He stated that he is opposed to the policy. He stated that we are not the school board and do not need to mirror them. He expressed that the survey that was sent out needs to be sent out to the residents and not surrounding Townships. He also added that it is unclear how the Board would enforce a three-minute limit on residents' comments. He stated that the policy is unnecessary, that he is strongly opposed to it, and that it should be tabled.

Jason Kutz, 86 Overlook Circle, stated that he has attended the meetings over the past two months and felt they were unproductive. He commented that a Q&A format is effective and concise. He added that residents should come prepared, with a plan, and be ready to speak when at the podium.

David Miller, 1431 Arbor Drive, asked what incident prompted the Board to consider the need for this policy.

Chairman Dennie stated that meetings have been getting off track and emphasized the need to conduct meetings in a more effective and orderly manner.

Supervisor Davey stated that residents have the right to attend meetings and ask questions. He added that certain items could be removed from the agenda.

Dianne Smith, 1602 Wendy Way, stated that all Township matters are the residents' business. She expressed that she enjoys the town hall-style meeting format and values her freedom to speak. She added that some topics are sensitive in nature and that many residents may not have time to prepare in advance.

Erica Brignac, 1440 Naamans Creek Road, stated that she applauds the Board for attempting to implement a Decorum Policy. She noted that there have been negative interactions between residents and that rules should be established to address such behavior.

John Nevy, 3213 Sarum Farm Lane, stated that he believes the policy is acceptable to some degree. He added that residents should be permitted to speak on multiple topics, rather than being limited to just one. He stated that major topics should have a longer allotted time.

Chairman Dennie clarified that residents are allowed to speak once per topic.

Dennis Smith, 1602 Wendy Way, stated that the policy violates the Sunshine Act and emphasized that the Board needs to be familiar with the law. He also suggested that the policy should be written more clearly.

Chairman Dennie and Mike Maddren, the Township Solicitor, responded that the Sunshine Act was carefully followed during the drafting of the policy.

Supervisor Ming stated that some comments received during previous meetings have been rude and inappropriate. She explained that the Board may not answer residents' questions and noted that there has been a lot of repetition and off-topic discussion. She added that she appreciates all of the residents' feedback.

**Motion:** On a motion by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian, seconded by Chairman Dennie, with Supervisor Davey and Supervisor Ming opposed, the Board approved Resolution 2026-23 - Adopting a public meeting decorum policy, on a 3-2 vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2026-24: Authorizing a budgetary transfer in the amount of \$80,082.00 from Liquid Fuels account 270.000, Fund Balance to Liquid Fuels account 430.740, LF Capital Purchases to fund the purchase of the Holland Power Star 4-wheel drive Tractor and Root Rake Grapple approved at the February 10, 2026, meeting.

**Motion:** On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the Board approved Resolution 2026-24: Authorizing a budgetary transfer in the amount of \$80,082.00 from Liquid Fuels account 270.000, Fund Balance to Liquid Fuels account 430.740, LF Capital Purchases to fund the purchase of the Holland Power Star 4-wheel drive Tractor and Root Rake Grapple approved at the February 10, 2026, meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Supervisor Ming announced the following events happening within the Township.

The Spring Paper Shredding and Drug Takeback Event will take place on April 4th, 2026, from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM behind the John Myers building.

Brought to you by Bethel Township Parks and Recreation, the annual Egg Hunt will be held on April 4th, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Clayton Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Supervisor Iacono, seconded by Vice-Chair DerOhannessian and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rebecca Crowley