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BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AUGUST 11, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bethel Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel Township Building, 3015 S. Pine Grove Street, Fredericksburg, Pa with the following people present;

Bruce Light	Supervisor
Richard Rudy	Supervisor
Melissa Johnson	Township Manager
John Enck	Township Solicitor
Matthew Mack	Township Engineer

Also, in attendance were approximately six (6) audience members.

The Call to Order was made and the Pledge to the Flag was completed.

**COMMENTS** – None.

**MINUTES** – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the July 14, 2022 and the July 27, 2022 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

**ROADMASTER REPORT** – Roadmaster Light read the report as presented.

**ENGINEERS BUSINESS** – Engineer Mack reported on the following:

**Aaron Smoker Land Development Plan** – Pending the financial security and agreements.

**Tree Line Ave Pipe** – Discussion was held on the budgetary proposal from L & N Excavating Inc., which did not include permits, clearing, E&S controls, restoration and night and weekend work. The emergency access and the possibility of negotiations of payment with Elvin Shilling and the possible liability that may occur if the emergency access is not accessible and a possible access off Mountain Drive.

Bruce Light made a motion to proceed with Mack Engineering preparing the plan for the jack & bore under Tree Line Ave. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Tim Showers and Kevin Snader commented.

**Paul and Susan Quanbeck Land Development Time Extension Request** – Bruce Light made a motion to accept the time extension of November 21, 2022. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

**Proposed Resolution – Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement, Rte 22 & Fredericksburg Road** – Discussion was held on the proposed resolution and PennDOT's requirements and the possibility to have Bell and Evans install a battery back-up.

It was reiterated that the prior discussions that the Board has come to the conclusion there is no need for a separate traffic signal agreement with Bell and Evans because the modifications are minor and will not increase the township costs.

Lisa Rudy encourages the Board to consider installing preemption devices on the traffic signals that do not have them installed already.

**SOLICITOR BUSINESS**

**Resolution 081122 - Agricultural Security Area Addition Lands of Matthew & Jennifer Balmer** - Bruce Light made a motion to adopt Resolution 081122 - Agricultural Security Area Addition Lands of Matthew A. Blamer and Jennifer A. Balmer. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

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**Shirksville Road (T-531) over Earlackill Run – Verizon Cost to Relocate a Pole for a fee of \$25,254.49 (estimated Cost)** – Pending a response from Verizon.

Solicitor Enck provide Verizon a copy of the right of way agreement with the Zimmerman's and also requested the citation that allows Verizon to pass the cost to relocate the pole onto the township. Verizon questioned if the project was federally funded. The township responded informing them that the project was not federally funded.

Solicitor Enck sent a follow-up email today, requesting a response.

**Comcast Franchise Proposal** – Bruce Light made a motion to enter into the engagement of the Cohen Law Group to perform cable franchise renewal services and authorize Melissa Johnson, Township Manager to sign the agreement. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

**Timothy and Andrea Showers - Addendum to the Stormwater Facilities Construction, Management, and Operation Agreement and Declaration of Easement** – Bruce Light made a motion to enter into the Addendum to the Stormwater Facilities Construction, Management, and Operation Agreement and Declaration of Easement.

**RECREATION REPORT** - Touch-a-Truck will be held September 24, 2022, from 11:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

**FSWA REPORT** - None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented, subject to audit. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

**BILLS PAYABLE** – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fire Companies - Act 172** - Solicitor Enck reviewed Act 172 with the Act 91 amendments with the Board of Supervisors. He provided a copy of PSATS Guidance to Act 172 of 2016. Some discussion was held with representatives from the Fredericksburg Fire Company. A workshop may be scheduled in the future to meet with both the chiefs from the Fredericksburg Fire Company and the Mt. Zion Fire Company to go over the requirements.

The Supervisors agreed this will be a process and they will need to go step by step to get it done.

Lisa Rudy, James Shotzberger, Tim Showers, Kevin Snader, Lucas Stoner, and Beth West commented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Horizon Drive – Sidewalk Estimate** – Bruce Light made a motion to accept the estimate from Riverside Concrete for \$24,084.40, for the installation of sidewalks in four sections along Horizon Drive. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the sidewalks only being installed after the street lights are installed.

**Fredericksburg Fire Special Police, Special Duty Request – Hinkelfest 9/16/22-9/18/22** – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Fredericksburg Fire Special Police, Special Duty Request for the Hinkelfest September 16, 2022 through September 18, 2022.

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**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Richard Rudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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**Melissa Johnson**  
**Secretary**