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BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEPTEMBER 8, 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;

Shawn Hernley	Supervisor
Bruce Light	Supervisor
Melissa Johnson	Township Manager
John Enck	Township Solicitor
Matthew Mack	Township Engineer

Also, in attendance were approximately seven (7) 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 August 11, 2022 minutes as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. 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** - Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of November 17, 2022. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

**Tree Line Ave Pipe** - Pending.

**Northern Lebanon School District Sidewalk** - After a lengthy discussion with Chad Smith from Steckbeck Engineering, Bruce Light made a motion to allow Chad Smith, from Steckbeck Engineering to obtain a cost estimate from the contractor on the savings of removing the retaining wall and sidewalk on the east end of the school property. After review of the cost estimate an official determination will be made how to proceed with the concept as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

The Board was generally in support of removing a portion of the sidewalk along airport road that required a retaining wall and replacing with mulch path going up the hill.

**Palmyra Homes Financial Security Request** - Shawn Hernley made a motion to release the \$10,347.77 financial security in its entirety for the Palmyra Homes Plan. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

**Paul and Susan Quanbeck, 2400 Mt. Zion Road Financial Security Request** - Pending.

**Frantz Minor Subdivision - Request to Defer Subdivision Review to Pine Grove Township** - Bruce Light made a motion to defer the subdivision review to Pine Grove Township as per Mack Engineering Inc. letter dated August 14, 2022. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

**Fredericksburg American Legion - Waiver of Land Development** - After discussion, Shawn Hernley made a motion to get a letter signed by the record real estate owner agreeing to comments a thru i, per Mack Engineering Inc. letter dated August 14, 2022 in return for the township waiving the application of the subdivision and land development plans and in addition that the zoning and building permit application on condition that they do not occupy the new building until the old building is down. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Randall Wright from Hanover Engineering and Chad Weaver from HR Weaver Building Systems commented. Mr. Weaver stated that there will be a few weeks where they will be moving items from one

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building to the other. The Supervisors agreed that only one building is allowed to be open for business at a time.

**Collins Self Storage Financial Security Request** - Shawn Hernley made a motion to reduce the financial security by \$109,947.87 for the Collins Self Storage Plan. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

**Timothy and Andrea Showers** - Bruce Light made a motion to release the \$23,103.00 financial security in its entirety for the Timothy and Andrea Showers Stormwater Plan. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

### **SOLICITOR BUSINESS**

**Shirksville Road (T-531) over Earlackill Run - Verizon Cost to Relocate a Pole for a fee of \$25,254.49 (estimated cost)** - Per an e-mail from Lance Dunlop, Verizon dated September 7, 2022, he stated since he can't get a clear answer from their ROW department on the existing ROW and their existing lines. Verizon will eat the cost since this is time sensitive and needs to get moving.

**Comcast Franchise Proposal** - Pending.

**Proposed Resolution - Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement, Rte 22 & Fredericksburg Road** - Solicitor Enck reviewed the PennDOT Traffic Signal Agreement highlighting all PennDOT's requirements with the Board of Supervisors.

After review of the request from Bell and Evans to adoption the resolution Solicitor Enck determined that if approved the documents would cover all the traffic signals not just the one located at Rte 22 and Fredericksburg Road.

Solicitor Enck would like to review the maintenance agreement with C.M. High. to make sure all PennDOT requirements are in the agreement.

Engineer Mack will reach out to Bell and Evans regarding them installing the preemption devices on the traffic lights located at Rte 22 and Fredericksburg Road and Rte 22 and Legionaire Drive and the battery back-up for the traffic Light located at Rte 22 and Blue Mountain Road.

The Board of Supervisors agreed to move forward with executing the agreement and adopting the resolution.

Lisa Rudy commented.

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

**FSWA REPORT** - None.

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

**BILLS PAYABLE** - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fire Companies - Act 172** - Solicitor Enck provided a brief review of Act 172 with the Act 91 amendments to Supervisor Hernley.

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He also stated that he believes that there is not a conflict of interest for any of the Board of Supervisors who are members of the fire company to take part in the discussion or to vote on it because it effects a group people.

Copies of sample ordinances were provided for the Board of Supervisors to review at their convenience.

The Board of Supervisors would like to meet with both fire companies to review the information.

Kevin Snader commented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hinkelfest Request to use Park Picnic Tables** - Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the request to use the township's park picnic tables at the Hinkelfest. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

**Shirksville Road (T-531) Bridge Over Earlakill Run Plan Approval** - Bruce Light made a motion to sign the Shirksville Road bridge plan as presented by Wilson Consulting. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

**2022-2027 Lebanon County Local Bridge Inspection Program - Local Municipality Participation** - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the local municipality participation in the 2022-2027 Lebanon County Local Bridge Inspection Program. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

**2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation \$30,442.00** - Shawn Hernley made a motion that the Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension for the amount of \$30,442.00. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

**2022 Lebanon County Convention October 6, 2022** - Bruce Light made a motion to approve Shawn Hernley, Bruce Light, Richard Rudy and Melissa Johnson attending the 2022 Lebanon County Convention on Thursday, October 6, 2022, with compensation. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

**Agriculture Security Area Addition - Lands of Sophie R. and Richard L. (dec) Light** - Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the Agriculture Security Application. The motion died for a lack of a second.

After some discussion, it was determined it would be best to wait until Supervisor Rudy is present to take an official vote, due to Supervisor Light having a possible financial conflict.

The 180-day time runs from the date the township received the application.

**Swopes Valley Road Pine and Pine Grove Township** – The township manager will send Solicitor Enck the link to access the current PennDOT liquid fuels map and the total cost of the repairs to date for Swopes Valley Road.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business, Bruce Light made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

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**Melissa Johnson**  
**Secretary**