

**MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 9, 2023**

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
Matt Mack	Township Engineer

Approximately nine (9) audience members were in attendance.

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 February 9, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Supervisors Light read the report as presented.

Martin Paving – Extension of 2022 Paving Project – Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant the date to be extended until May 31, 2023 for the 2022 Bituminous Seal Coat Contract, to complete the double seal coat on Maple Drive for the price of \$3.67 per square yard. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Advertisement for the 2023 Paving Projects – Bruce Light made a motion to approve advertising the 2023 Paving Projects. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS

John and Rebecca Fisher & Sharon Mennonite Fellowship Minor Subdivision, Waiver Request, Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration and Plan Approval – Russ Frantz from Chrisland Engineering was present to discuss the plan.

Waiver Requests:

§22-402.E(5): Certifications & Dedications

Bruce Light made a motion to grant waiver request §22-402.E(5) – Certifications & Dedications. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration as presented. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of May 13, 2023. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Patrick Piergallini Stormwater Management Plan Approval – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the zoning official noting on the permit the structure is for residential use only, no commercial use. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Corey & Kimberly Wolfe Subdivision Plan – Russ Frantz from Chrisland Engineering was present to discuss the plan.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to enter into the Subdivision and Land Development Improvements Agreement with Corey and Kimberly Wolfe. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

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Shawn Hernley made a motion to enter into the Stormwater Management and Declaration of Easement Agreement with Corey and Kimberly Wolfe. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Bruce Light made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Donnie Zabinski Land Development Plan – Time Extension Request 6/30/23, Waiver Request and Sewage Planning Module -

Bruce Light made a motion to accept the time extension request of June 30, 2023. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Waiver Request – Tabled, no one was present to discuss the request and a cost estimate for a fee in lieu of was not received.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Sewage Module as presented. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Chestnut Hill Road and Fredericksburg Road Intersection – Shawn Hernley made a motion to hire a traffic engineering for the cost of approximately \$4,600.00 to complete a traffic study for the possible placement of stop signs. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Proposed Driveway Ordinance – Some discussion was held and the Supervisors were asked to look at the sample ordinance and provide the township engineer and solicitor what they are looking to protect with the ordinance at next month's meeting.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Enck reported on the following:

Comcast Franchise Proposal – Bruce Light made a motion to have Solicitor Enck communicate that the highlights are fine and to raise the franchise fee paid by the consumers in Bethel Township from 3% to 5%. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

James Sholtzberger commented.

Swopes Valley Road Maintenance and Repair Agreement with Pine Grove Township – No new information was received. Solicitor Enck will contact them again if he doesn't hear from them in a couple of days.

Resolution 030923 - Agriculture Security Area Addition - Lands of Sophie R. Light – Bruce Light announced that Sophie R. Light is his mother and he has no direct financial interest in the property. At the advice of Solicitor Enck, Bruce Light may vote on the proposed resolution due to Supervisor Rudy not being in attendance.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to adopt Resolution 030923 – Agriculture Security Area Addition, Lands of Sophie R. and Richard L. (dec) Light. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Agricultural Security Area Addition - Lands of Kevin and Lauren Snader – Pending, June meeting.

Proposed Ordinance 040323 -Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Panel Regulations – A special meeting and hearing will be held April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Solicitor Enck reviewed the steps that need to take place before the Board can consider the proposed ordinance.

The Planning Commission will be invited to attend.

C.M. High Preventative Maintenance Agreements – Shawn Hernley made a motion to enter into the revised preventative maintenance agreement to meet PennDOT's requirements with C.M. High. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

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Solicitor Enck is still waiting on the revised agreements for the traffic signals owned by the township, but maintained by Bell and Evans and Ace Hardware.

Prologis Letter of Credit Request – Bruce Light made a motion to reduce the financial security to \$132,000.00, as recommended by the township engineer and authorize Solicitor Enck to call in the \$132,000.00 if the township does not receive a check by March 13, 2023 or that check does not clear the bank in a reasonable time. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT

Hinkelfest – Request to use Picnic Tables September 15-17, 2023 - Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the request by the Hinkelfest Committee to use the township's park picnic tables for the Hinkelfest, September 15-17, 2023. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Fredericksburg Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 8th – Request to use Park - Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Fredericksburg Lions Club's request to use the park on April 8, 2023 to hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

FSWA REPORT - None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented in the meeting packet, subject to audit. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented in the meeting packet. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Salt Contract – Costars August 2023 – July 2024 – Bruce made a motion to participate in the Costars Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) August 2023-July 2024 for 100 tons. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Shirksville Road Bridge Structure Replacement – Contractor Executed Contract Documents - Bruce Light made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign form F and date form G of the Contractor Executed Contract Documents for the Shirksville Road Bridge Structure Replacement. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 County Liquid Fuels \$5,132.00 – General Maintenance on Township Roads – Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve applying for the 2023 County Liquid Fuels Funds of \$5,132.00 for general maintenance on the township roads. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel – Request to Close Center Street from 9 am – 9 pm June 10, 2023 – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the request from the Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel to close Center Street from Center Street and Main Street to Center Street and Tile Street on June 10, 2023 from 9 am – 9pm. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Exoneration of Municipal Real Estate Bill – 137 S. Center St, 19:2335533-406282-0000 – Shawn Hernley made a motion to exonerate the Municipal Real Estate Bill for the township rental property located at 137 S. Center Street, Fredericksburg. Seconded by Bruce Light. The motion carried.

The Lebanon Valley Conservancy Agenda Request – Carol Hickey, Vice-President and Ron Birch, Treasurer of The Lebanon Valley Conservancy Board gave a presentation about the Conservancy and what they do for Lebanon County communities and asked since they are non-profit that the township consider a donation in next year's budget.

Beth West commented.

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ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Bruce Light made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Johnson
Secretary