

MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 13, 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
Richard Rudy	Supervisor
Melissa Johnson	Township Manager
John Enck	Township Solicitor
Matt Mack	Township Engineer

Approximately sixteen (16) audience members were in attendance.

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

COMMENTS - James Shotzberger commented on the recently installed Airport Road sidewalks. Mike Bracrella from Bell and Evans commented on the plant access.

Chairman Hernley announced that the township was awarded a \$600,000.00 grant for the Mt. Zion Fire Company and the Fredericksburg Fire Company, thanks to the efforts of the Mount Zion Fire Chief, Carl Sensenig. The township appreciates his time and hard work in securing the funds.

MINUTES - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the April 3, 2023 Ordinance 040323 Hearing minutes and the April 3, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Supervisors Light read the report as presented.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS - Engineer Mack Reported on the following:

John and Rebecca Fisher & Sharon Mennonite Fellowship Minor Subdivision - Plan Approval – Bruce Light made a motion to enter into the deferral agreement with John and Rebecca Fisher. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Bruce Light made a motion to enter into the deferral agreement with the Sharon Mennonite Fellowship. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Donnie Zabinski Land Development Plan - Waiver Request - Molly Hughes from Red Barn was present to discuss the waiver request.

Discussion was held on the cost estimates presented by Red Barn for a fee in lieu of, for curb, sidewalk and street lights on the west side of Legionaire Drive the cost is estimated at \$45,049.60 and sidewalk and street lights with no curbs on the west side of Legionaire Drive the cost is estimated at \$40,796.80. Ms. Hughes stated they are willing to pay a percentage with a starting offer of 20%.

Chestnut Hill Road and Fredericksburg Road Intersection – Per Rettew Project No. 127412000 dated April 13, 2023, based on the traffic count collected on March 30, 2023, at the intersection of Fredericksburg Road and Chestnut Hill Road, it was determined that there is not sufficient traffic to warrant a multi-way STOP installation in accordance with MUTCD warrant criteria.

Bell and Evans – Chestnut Hill Rd/Blue Mountain Rd Improvements - Alex Kinzey from Steckbeck Engineering and Mike Bracrella from Bell and Evans were present to discuss the proposal.

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Richard Rudy made a motion to approve Bell and Evans and Steckbeck Engineering starting the planning of the Concept 2 Alignment Plan prepared by Steckbeck Engineering, dated December 12, 2022, for Chestnut Hill Road and Blue Mountain Road intersection, with a construction update within one year. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Mike Bracella from Bell and Evans asked that after the road improvements are complete that the team members only be allowed to make a right turn. No trucks will be allowed to turn right.

Proposed Driveway Ordinance - A workshop will be scheduled with the township supervisors, engineer, solicitor and zoning officer in attendance.

Paul and Susan Quanbeck - Waiver Requests:

§22-304 Major Subdivision or Land Development Plan:

Bruce Light made a motion to grant waiver request §22-304 – Major Subdivision or Land Development Plan. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

§22.503.C(1) Natural Features:

Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §22.503.C(1) – Natural Features. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

§22-510B & §22-10.C(10)(b) Improvements of Existing Streets and Intersections:

§22-512 Utilities, 3(a) Curbs and 3(b) Sidewalks:

Bruce Light made a motion to grant waiver request §22-510B & §22-10.C(10)(b) Improvements of Existing Streets and Intersections, and §22-512 Utilities, 3(a) Curbs and 3(b) Sidewalks. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Cold Spring Rental, LLC - Time Extension Request July 20, 2023 - Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the time extension of July 20, 2023. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Northern Lebanon Elementary - Airport Road Sidewalk Extension – Pending receiving a plan and a cost estimate from Steckbeck Engineering.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Enck reported on the following:

Comcast Franchise Proposal – An e-mail was sent to Cohen Law Firm informing them the Board indicated that they had reviewed the highlights are ok with them and that the Board took official action to increase the franchise fee from the current 3% to the 5% maximum.

Swopes Valley Road Maintenance and Repair Agreement with Pine Grove Township – Bruce Light made a motion to maintain the status quo. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Agricultural Security Area Addition - Lands of Kevin and Lauren Snader - Pending, Solicitor Enck will prepare a deemed approved resolution for the June meeting.

C.M. High Preventative Maintenance Agreements – Shawn Hernley made a motion to enter into the C.M. High Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signal at Rte 22 and Fredericksburg Road and Rte 22 and Legionaire Road, per PennDOT requirements. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to enter into the C.M. High Preventative Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signal at Rte 22 and Blue Mtn Road, per PennDOT requirements. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

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Prologis – Letter of Credit Request - No action required. The financial security expired today.

Zoning Ordinance Review Update – A lengthy review was completed. Items for the Supervisors to think about are private street standards, Airbnb, short term rentals, event revenues, medical marijuana, vertical farming and charging of electric vehicles.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to give permission to Solicitor Enck to clarify with the Planning Commission members some questions he has with the changes that were made. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

RECREATION REPORT

Wages - Lifeguards \$15.00/hr. and Concession Workers \$10.00/hr. – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the lifeguard wage of \$15.00 an hour and the concession worker wage of \$10.00 an hour. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Reimbursement of Lifeguard Certification - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the reimbursement of 1/2 the cost of the lifeguard certification after 100 hrs. worked in 2023 and 1/2 the cost after 100 hrs. worked in 2024. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Northern Lebanon Little League Field Agreement - Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the field agreement with the Northern Lebanon Little League from March 13, 2023 – November 1, 2023. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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. All voted in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the request from the Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel to use road closure signs and barriers for the June 10, 2023 event. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

ACT 172 – Supervisor Rudy stated he believes they should keep moving forward with discussion and have Shawn Hernley continue with his efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Funds - Standard Allowance for Provision of Government Services – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the Standard Allowance for Provision of Government Services for use of the American Rescue Plan Funds. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

The funds will be used to off set the cost of the Shirksville Road Bridge replacement.

Uniform Pension Plan - Repayment of Funds – The Auditor Generals office will be contacted and let them know the township has no records the state provided any money to the township and ask them if they have any proof, they provided the township funds.

SR022 and Legionaire Drive SR0343 - Application for Traffic Signal Approval - Richard Rudy made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Application for Traffic Signal Approval for SR022 and Legionaire Drive SR0343. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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Shirksville Road Bridge Replacement Fabrication of Beams Inspections - Bruce Light made a motion to accept the proposal from TRC Engineers, Inc. for QA inspection services and Terms and Conditions for the Shirksville Road Bridge. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Richard Rudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Johnson
Secretary