

**MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 8, 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 seven (7) audience members were in attendance.

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

COMMENTS – Evelyn Spangler commented on the water runoff from the high school parking lot.

MINUTES - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Rudy. The motion carried.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Supervisors Light read the report as presented.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS - Engineer Mack reported on the following:

Donnie Zabinski Land Development Plan - Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of December 31, 2023. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

After some discussion, Bruce Light made a motion to accept \$34,013.85, 60% of the total cost, in lieu of the installation of the concrete sidewalk, curb and street lights for the west and waive the improvements on the east side. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Paul and Susan Quanbeck Final Land Development Plan - Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of August 31, 2023. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

The financial security and recreation fees were not submitted to the township.

James Skipper was present to request the approval of the plan on condition that the financial security and recreation fees would be submitted to the township in the next week or two.

Solicitor Enck informed the Board that the township does not normally approve plans on conditions without an agreement. If the Quanbecks would have informed him of the issues ahead of time, he would have been able to make an agreement for the conditional agreement.

After some discussion, Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the plan as presented, with the understanding the plans will not be signed or recorded until the letter of credit is approved by the township solicitor and the recreation fees are paid to the township. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Northern Lebanon Elementary - Airport Road Sidewalk Extension - The township received a letter from Stock and Leader Attorneys at Law dated May 23, 2023, stating the Northern Lebanon School District will move forward to install the sidewalks along Airport Road as part of the Elementary School Project.

Cold Spring Rentals, LLC –

Waivers Requests:

§22-304.2(a): Preliminary/Final

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Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §22-304.2(a) - Preliminary/Final, to the Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

§22-512.3(a)(c): Street Lighting

Bruce Light made a motion to deny waiver request §22-512.3(a)(c) - Street Lighting. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

§22-403.C(3): Streets, Utilities, Topography and natural features on the proposed subdivision and within 100 feet of the boundaries

Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §22-403.C(3) - Streets, Utilities, Topography and natural features on the proposed subdivision and within 100 feet of the boundaries. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

§22-510.b chart: Right of Way – Requires a 50' right of way, a 20-foot wide cartway is required, as well as a 4-foot wide improved shoulder or 24' cartway if curb provided

Bruce Light made a motion to deny waiver request §22-510.b chart - Right of Way – Requires a 50' right of way, a 20-foot wide cartway is required, as well as a 4-foot wide improved shoulder or 24' cartway if curb provided, for Strawberry Street. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

§22.510.C(10)(b): Sidewalks

Richard Rudy made a motion to grant waiver request §22.510.C(10)(b) – Sidewalks, for Strawberry Street. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

§22-510(11)(1): Street Improvements

Shawn Hernley made a motion to deny waiver request §22-510(11)(1) - Street Improvements, for Strawberry Street. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

§14.d - Stormwater: The top of the berm shall be at least 12" above the peak water elevation for the 100-year storm event

Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §14.d – The top of the berm shall be at least 12" above the peak water elevation for the 100-year storm event, with an additional plan note that the berm is built a little higher for settlement. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

§22-519.E: All dead-end parking spaces to have suitable backup areas

Richard Rudy made a motion to grant waiver request §22-519.E: All dead-end parking spaces to have suitable backup areas. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

§22-404.D.2: The person responsible for wetland determination needs to be identified on the plan

Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §22-404.D.2 - The person responsible for wetland determination needs to be identified on the plan. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

§22-512.3.A&B chart: Curbing and sidewalks to be installed along all existing street frontage for lots that are not solely single family detached residential home or when the lot size is less than 1 acre in area

Richard Rudy made a motion to grant waiver request §22-512.3.A&B chart: Curbing and sidewalks to be installed along all existing street frontage for lots that are not solely single family detached residential home or when the lot size is less than 1 acre in area, for Strawberry Street. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

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§22-113.5: All pipes shall have a minimum diameter of 15 inches

Richard Rudy made a motion to grant waiver request §22-113.5: All pipes shall have a minimum diameter of 15 inches. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Arlin & Stacy Zimmerman Land Development Plan – Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of August 14, 2023. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Waiver Requests:

§22-304: Major Subdivision or Land Development Plan

Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §22-403.C(5)(a) – Major Subdivision or Land Development Plan. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

§22-512.3(a) & §22-512.3(b): Installation of Curbs & Sidewalks

Bruce Light made a motion to approve the deferral of waiver requests §22-512.3(a) & §22-512.3(b): Installation of Curbs & Sidewalks. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Tree Line Ave Pipe Replacement – Engineer Mack reported that a meeting was held with the neighbors and they are in agreement to give the township easements, possibly temporary and permanent. Engineer Mack will work on the agreements with the Solicitor Enck. There was some discussion on possible tree replacement and the possibility of not needing to obtain a DEP permit to complete the work.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Enck reported on the following:

Comcast Franchise Proposal – No new information.

Resolution 060822 - Agricultural Security Area Addition - Lands of Kevin and Lauren Snader – Richard Rudy made a motion to adopt Resolution 060822, Agricultural Security Area Addition for the lands of Kevin and Lauren Snader. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Zoning Ordinance Review Update – Pending the Planning Commissions review and comments to Solicitor Enck's correspondence.

Roberta Hamer 2014 Letter of Credit \$8,245.20 GSLB, LLC – Shirksville Road Subdivision – Discussion was held and Engineer Mack will do an inspection of the property. The UPI will be sent to Solicitor Enck along with a copy of the shed permit if one was obtained.

Proposed Driveway Ordinance – Engineer Mack has to revise one part of the ordinance and update the exhibit. The Board of Supervisors will review and provide any input at next month's meeting.

Draft Grant Agreement with Fire Companies – Solicitor Enck reviewed the proposed draft grant agreement. Each fire company will each receive \$300,000.00, towards the purchase of fire apparatus. A copy of the draft agreement will be sent to the fire companies for review and signature approval.

RECREATION REPORT

Kids Fall Fun Day - Will be held September 9, 2023.

2023 Pool Season - After some discussion, Shawn Hernley made the difficult decision to make a motion not to open the pool for the 2023 pool season. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Evie Spangler and James Sholtzberger commented.

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NLLL Baseball Field Agreement – Shawn Hernley made a motion to enter in the Baseball Field Agreement with the Northern Lebanon Little League June 28th – July 11th for the 10 U District Tournament. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

FSWA REPORT - None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Richard Rudy 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 – Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented in the meeting packet. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Traffic Signal Intersections Line Painting Estimate – Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the proposal from Berks Traffic Inc. for traffic signal line painting; \$4,496.00 for Rte 22 and Blue Mtn Road, \$3,071.00 for Rte 22 and Legionaire Drive, \$7,822.25 for Rte 22 and Fredericksburg Road, \$2,495.00 for Rte 22, South Pine Grove Street and \$980.00 for miscellaneous stop bars Rte 22 and Center Street and Rte 22 and School Drive. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Bell and Evans and Park 139 Fredericksburg Road (Ace Hardware) will be invoiced for their portion of the financial responsibility for maintaining the traffic signal per the agreement.

Zoning Officer/Ordinance Enforcement Officer Vacancy – Bruce Light made a motion to advertise for a zoning officer/ordinance enforcement officer/administrative assistant. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collection Committee (EIT) Vacancy - Any interested in serving on the Tax Collection Committee for the Northern Lebanon municipalities should submit a letter of interest to the township.

The meetings are held four times a year on a Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

James Shotzberger commented.

Intersection of Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road - Discussion was held on the email from a township resident with concerns regarding the intersection of Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road. Since the intersection was altered the options would be to put the grass back or do a traffic study.

Richard Rudy made a motion to approve Engineer Mack requesting a quote from Rettew to perform a traffic study at the intersection of Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Association Request for a Letter of Support for the Restoration of the Monument - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the request to send a letter of support to the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association for the restoration of the monument dedicated to all who served the Union during the Civil War. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Richard Rudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melissa Johnson
Secretary**