

MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 14, 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;

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| Shawn Hernley | Supervisor |
| Bruce Light | Supervisor |
| Richard Rudy | Supervisor |
| Melissa Johnson | Township Manager |
| John Enck | Township Solicitor |
| Matt Mack | Township Engineer |

Approximately twelve audience members were in attendance.

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

COMMENTS – Jodi Hasbrouck and Mary Ann Carado commented on the Bell and Evans zoning request.

MINUTES – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Bruce Light made a motion to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Supervisors Light read the report as presented.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS - Engineer Mack reported on the following:

Arlin & Stacy Zimmerman Land Development Plan Waiver Request and Plan Approval –

Waiver Requests:

§22-111(9)(A): Stormwater Calculation, Plan and Report Requirements

Richard Rudy made a motion to grant waiver request §22-111(9)(A) Stormwater Calculation, Plan and Report Requirements. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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

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

§22-113.5: Stormwater Pipe Size

Shawn Hernley made a motion to grant waiver request §22-113.5 Stormwater Pipe Size. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Bruce Light made a motion to enter into the Land Development Improvements Agreement with Arlin and Stacy Zimmerman. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Richard Rudy made a motion to enter into the Stormwater Management Agreement and Declaration of Easement with Arlin and Stacy Zimmerman. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

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

Cold Spring Rentals, LLC – Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of November 15, 2023. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

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Mays, 284 Sugar Road Subdivision – Shawn Hernley made a motion to accept the time extension of November 10, 2023. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Hoover/Brubaker Subdivision – Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the time extension of December 19, 2023. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

Northern Lebanon High School Renovations – Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the time extension of October 18, 2023. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Northern Lebanon Elementary School – Letter of Credit – Tabled.

Discussion was held on the school traffic stacking on the township roads. Engineer Mack will contact the school.

Supervisor Hernley stated he talked to the school regarding the grass clippings being blown onto the township road and clogging the inlet boxes.

Treeline Ave Pipe Replacement Update – Engineer Mack emailed the adjoining property owners twice with no response. Supervisor Hernley will try and contact them again.

Intersection of Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road – A copy of the traffic study was provided to the Board. A multi-way stop is recommended. The Board will review before making a decision.

Tim Showers commented.

**Chestnut Hill Road and Blue Mtn Road –
NPDES Signature Request
DEP – Municipal Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits**

Engineer Mack talked to the adjoining property owner and she stated she is in favor of the changes and will email him, but no email has been received as of yet. A copy of the plan will be shared with her and her attorney to review.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Enck reported on the following:

Comcast Franchise Proposal - No new information.

Zoning Ordinance Review Update – Pending, the Planning Commission is holding workshops to review.

Roberta Hamer 2014 Letter of Credit \$8,245.20 GSLB, LLC - Shirksville Road Subdivision – Solicitor Enck mailed a letter to the new owner James Champ on September 11, 2023. If there is no resolution, the township will need to call on the Letter of Credit.

Proposed Driveway Ordinance – Shawn Hernley made a motion to authorize Solicitor Enck to advertise the proposed Driveway Ordinance for the October 12, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Spruce Ave and a portion of Beech Ave – Elvin and Sharon Shilling – Solicitor Enck reviewed the Tax Claim Bureau Sale and what happen over the years to get the township to this point and the official action the Board of Supervisors took at their September 6, 2023 Special Meeting.

The township paying the taxes to remove the property from the sale does not remove the Shilling's obligations.

All parties agree that for the residents, discussion needs to be held to come to a resolution.

An as-built needs to be submitted, the township needs to know the condition of the road and has to give some thought to the emergency access and the issues with the Graby property.

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Discussion was held with Elvin Shilling. Mr. Shilling agreed to submit an as-built to the township. He stated that he did not crack seal the road as agreed upon in 2019, due to the push back he received from the Graby's.

Lisa Rudy commented.

Cold Spring Rentals, LLC Land Development Plan – Discussion was held on the proposed rain garden being constructed on the three lots, and the responsibility of the individual property owner's responsibility to maintain the rain garden. Cold Springs will need to have the deeds prepared with the proper language.

Solicitor Enck will proceed with preparing an agreement.

RECREATION REPORT – Trunk or Treat will be held October 26, 2023 from 5 p.m. -7 p.m.

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 Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 091423 – Yellow Breeches Educational Center, Inc. Issuance of the Tax-Exempt Note – Shawn Hernley made a motion to adopt Resolution 091423 – Yellow Breeches Educational Center, Inc. Issuance of the Tax-Exempt Note. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Bell and Evans Zoning Change Request – Supervisor Light addressed the audience regarding the request and that change is coming and don't be surprised if the request is presented to the township again in the future.

Bruce Light made a motion to deny the request to change the zoning from agricultural to manufacturing for 241 Blue Mountain Road, UPI #19-2343348-40761-0000. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Powerton Generators - Outdoor 60kw Generator Quote \$43,468.00 - ARPA Funds - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve purchasing an Outdoor 60w Generator for \$43,468.00 under Powerton's Costars #320890 from the APRA Funds. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation - Pension Plans - Richard Rudy made a motion that the Board of Supervisors reviewed and approve the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension for the amount of \$29,938.00. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor

C.M. High Preventative Maintenance Estimates - Traffic Lights - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the Preventative Maintenance Repair Estimate #2500 of \$514.44, for the intersection of Rt 22 and Blue Mountain Road. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Preventative Maintenance Repair Estimate #2501 of \$2,107.69, for the intersection of Rt 22 and Legionaire Drive. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Preventative Maintenance Repair Estimate #2502 of \$2,803.74, for the intersection of Rt 22 and Fredericksburg Road/Main Street. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve the Preventative Maintenance Repair Estimate #2503 of \$669.00, for the intersection of Rt 22 and Rt 343. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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Elm Street - Road Closure October 21, 2023 - Shawn Hernley made a motion to approve closing Elm Street on October 21, 2023. Seconded by Bruce Light. Richard Rudy abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Tax Collector's Request to Attend 2023 PSTCA Convention - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the tax collector's request to attend the 2023 PSTCA Convention and reimbursing her expenses of \$768.88. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Trick or Treat Night October 31, 2023 from 6 pm - 8 pm - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve Trick or Treat Night on October 31, 2023 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Seconded by Shawn Hernley. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Richard Rudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melissa Johnson
Secretary**