

MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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;

Bruce Light	Supervisor
Richard Rudy	Supervisor
Michael Saphore	Supervisor
Melissa Johnson	Township Manager
John Enck	Township Solicitor
Matthew Mack	Mack Engineering

Andrew Marrow from Spittler Kilgore and Enck was in attendance along with approximately five (5) audience members.

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

COMMENTS – Clint LeRoy commented on the American flag having yellow tassels, the plastic pipes used along the roads, the fluoride in the public water and the Zafeiri Corp. and how the company could help the township.

MINUTES – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Supervisor Saphore read the report as submitted.

No Parking Signage for Snow Removal - Discussion was held on the possibility of installing No Parking during snow removal signage at problem areas throughout the township. The vehicle code requires an ordinance to be adopted to enforce. The possibility of mailing a newsletter out one time to make the public aware of the issue. The Board will need more time to discuss their options.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS – Engineer Mack reported on the following:

Randy Martin Implement Shed Stormwater Management Plan Approval - Pending, Engineer Mack sending Solicitor Enck the approved cost estimate.

Christ Lantz Stormwater Plan Approval - Pending, financial security.

Christ and Rachel Lantz Sewage Facilities Planning Module - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module, as presented. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Cold Spring Rental, LLC, Poplar Street, Time Extension Request - Michael Saphore made a motion to accept the time extension of April 12, 2024. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Chestnut Hill and Blue Mtn Road, NPDES Signature Request and DEP – Municipal Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits – Pending, Engineer Mack met with Mike Bracrella from Bell and Evans and Alex Kinzey from Steckbeck Engineering to review the design. A letter will be submitted to the township regarding the employees turning right

Eric Hoover & Daryl Brubaker Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration, as presented. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Prologis Letter of Credit Request – Pending, an as-built plan being submitted to the township.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Enck reported on the following:

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Treeline Ave Pipe Replacement Update - The temporary and permanent easements are completed. Solicitor Enck is working on receiving a clear title, he was given permission from Mr. Hitz, but has not received a return call from Mr. Martin.

Zoning Ordinance Review Update - Pending.

Spruce Ave and a portion of Beech Ave - Elvin and Sharon Shilling - Solicitor Enck prepared a draft letter to be mailed to the Shillings for the Board to review. An executive session will be held to discuss the letter and possible litigation regarding Phase I of the Elvin and Sharon Shilling 1997 Development.

Elvin Shilling commented on an invoice he received from Chrisland Engineering. He was advised to contact Chrisland Engineering regarding any concerns he may have regarding the invoice.

Township Line Drive - Agreement with Swatara Township - Pending, a response from Swatara Township if the deed was recorded that Solicitor Enck mailed to them in 2019.

Orderly and Productive Public Meetings/Public Comment Period - A letter was provided to the Board with their options.

Draft Ordinance - Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road - A draft ordinance was provided to the Board to review. This will be a temporary fix until the permanent fix can be designed.

Homes Passed List – Cohen Law Firms Franchise Fees Audit – Discussion was held on reviewing the homes passed list for accuracy of everyone eligible in the township. About 20% of the township do the review. The Board agreed the township should review the list for accuracy. After the review is complete it will be sent to Cohen Law Firm to submit to Comcast for review.

Solicitor Enck announced his retirement as of March 31, 2024. Andrew Marrow from Spitler, Kilgore and Enck was in attendance and will also attend the March meeting.

RECREATION REPORT

2024 Pool Season – Pending, firing lifeguards and concession workers. The maintenance foreman is working on receiving quotes on painting and sandblasting the pool and making sure the pumps are in working order.

River Valley Quote – Woodcarpet - \$4,305.00 – Bruce Light made a motion to approve River Valley's quote for \$4,305.00 to install woodcarpet at Lions Park. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

FSWA REPORT – The Supervisors received an e-mail with an update on the FSWA latest meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 020824 – Lebanon County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Richard Rudy made a motion to adopt Resolution 020824 – LEBANON COUNTY 2023 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

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2024 Salt Contract – Costars August 2024 – July 2025 – Michael Saphore made a motion to participate in the Costars Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) August 2024-July 2025 for 150 tons. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

2024 Fuel Prices – Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the quote from Meyer Oil Company to deliver 12,000 gallons of diesel fuel for \$3.20/gal. + .03 per gallon for winter additive and 7,000.00 gallons of 87 Octane Gasoline for \$2.49/gal. with the escalator/de-escalator provisions. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Countryside Fuel and Talley Petroleum were contacted for a quote, but did not respond.

2024 Snow Blower Contractors – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve Randy Zeigler \$120.00/hr., James Hoover \$200.00/hr., Tim Showers \$175.00/hr. (if really needed) and Joel Seigrist \$120.00/hr., as snow blower contractors for 2024. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Certificate of insurance will be submitted to the township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned temporarily at 8:28 p.m., to be reconvened, to hold an executive session regarding possible litigation regarding the Phase I of the Elvin and Sharon Shilling 1997 Development.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

Michael Saphore made a motion to authorize the solicitor to send the Shillings a letter regarding Phase I, stating the Township's requirements for the improvements to Spruce and Beech Avenues for the township to accept the streets. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Michael Saphore made a motion to authorize the solicitor to send the Shillings a letter regarding Phase I, stating the Township's suggested resolution of the Shillings' obligations regarding the emergency access easement. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melissa Johnson
Secretary**