

MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 14, 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	Township Engineer

Andrew Morrow from Spittler Kilgore and Enck was in attendance along with approximately eight (8) audience members.

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

COMMENTS – James Sholtzberger commented on the snow removal notice.

MINUTES – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the February 8, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Roadmaster Saphore read the report as submitted.

36" Foldable Stop Signs at the Traffic Lights - Engineer Mack will inquire if there are any regulations the township must follow.

2024 Road Project Advertisement - Michael Saphore made a motion to approve advertising the 2024 Road Projects. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS – Engineer Mack reported on the following:

Randy Martin Implement Shed Stormwater Management Plan Approval – Pending,

Christ Lantz Stormwater Plan Approval - Pending, financial security.

Cold Spring Rentals, LLC, Poplar Street, Time Extension Request – Alex Kinzey from Steckbeck Engineering was present to discuss the plan.

Bruce Light made a motion to enter into the Subdivision and Land Development Agreement with Cold Spring Rentals, LLC. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Richard Rudy made a motion to enter into the Stormwater Management Agreement and Declaration of Easement with Cold Spring Rentals, LLC. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Bruce Light made a motion to accept the three deeds and authorize the township solicitor to record the three deeds in the Recorder of Deeds Office. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the Cold Spring Rentals, LLC, plan as submitted. Seconded by Richard Rudy. 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 will meet with Alex Kinzey from Steckbeck Engineering and the applicant. An updated plan will be submitted.

Eric Hoover & Daryl Brubaker Time Extension Request – Bruce Light made a motion to accept the time extension of April 26, 2024. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

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Matthew Balmer Ag Operation Time Extension Request and Waiver Requests – Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the time extension of June 14, 2024. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Waiver Requests:

§22-304.2.A – Preliminary/Final Plan Submission

Bruce Light made a motion to grant waiver request §22-304.2.A – Preliminary/Final Plan Submission. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

§22-403.C.(2)(c) & 22-511 – Maps and Data & Monuments

Michael Saphore made a motion to grant waiver request §22-403.C.(2)(c) & 22-511 – Maps and Data & Monuments, to not set remaining pins. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

§22-512.3.A & 22-512.B & 22-512.3.C – Curbs, Sidewalks and Street Lights

Bruce Light made a motion to grant waiver request §22-512.3.A & 22-512.B & 22-512.3.C – Curbs, Sidewalks and Street Lights. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

§22-510.C.(16) – Second Means of Access

Michael Saphore made a motion to grant waiver request §22-510.C.(16) – Second Means of Access. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Bell and Evans Realty, LLC Revised Subdivision & Land Development Plan Time Extension – Michael Saphore made a motion to accept the time extension of June 28, 2024. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Prologis Letter of Credit Request – Tabled.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Enck reported on the following:

Treeline Ave Pipe Replacement Update – The Deed of Dedication of Right-Of-Way for Tree Line Avenue Pipe Replacement and the Deed of Easement are completed and arrangements will be made for the property owners to sign and have them notarized.

Solicitor Enck is still working on the liens. Mr. Martin has not returned his call. The township will try to reach out to Mr. Martin and ask him to contact Solicitor Enck.

Zoning Ordinance Review Update – Pending, the township zoning officer completing the revisions.

Spruce Ave and a portion of Beech Ave - Elvin and Sharon Shilling – Solicitor Enck mailed the Elvin Shilling and Sharon Shilling a letter on February 9, 2024 regarding, Phase I Final Land Subdivision Plan for Elvin R. and Sharon L. Shilling. No response was received.

Since Mr. Elvin Shilling was in the audience, discussion was held on the letter mailed on February 9, 2024.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Shilling agreed to have a core sample completed. Mr. Shilling will coordinate the driller and Engineer Mack. Mr. Shilling agreed that Engineer Mack can witness the drilling and will be able to choose the places that the core samples are drilled.

Solicitor Enck explained that the township does not have to take dedication of a street or road and the township does not need a reason.

Mr. Shilling will submit a Right to Know form to the Township Right to Know Officer to receive copies of minutes and an engineer report.

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Township Line Drive - Agreement with Swatara Township - Bruce Light made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Deed, Intermunicipal Transfer of Public Street. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

After the Deed, Intermunicipal Transfer of Public Street is recorded the Board of Supervisors may consider signing the agreement that had been presented by Swatara Township to terminate the 2003 agreement concerning Township Line Drive.

Orderly and Productive Public Meetings/Public Comment Period – The Board will take their time reviewing. It will be removed from the agenda.

Draft Ordinance - Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road – Michael Saphore made a motion to authorize Solicitor Enck to advertise the draft ordinance for Mountain Drive and Camp Strause Road. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Another ordinance will have to be adopted for the final design.

RECREATION REPORT

Free Event – Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Fredericksburg Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the Fredericksburg Lions Club to hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th from noon until 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

A.A. Krall and Sons, LLC Plumbing Estimate - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the plumbing estimate from A.A. Krall and Sons, LLC for \$3,989.00. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

2024 Northern Lebanon Little League Field Agreement – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the Northern Lebanon Little League Field Agreement as submitted, with no games on Sunday or if the township is sponsoring an event at the park. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

FSWA REPORT – Supervisor Saphore provided highlighted items as submitted to him by the FSWA Chairman.

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 – 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

No Parking Signage for Snow Removal –The Board of Supervisors will prepare a list of streets for the ordinance.

James Shotzberger commented

Center Street Bridge – Low Volume Road Funding, Cost Estimate – Engineer Mack will email Karl Kerchner at the Lebanon County Conservation District a cost estimate. Engineer Mack informed the Board of Supervisors the cost will be excessive, especially with the new regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, Inc. Request for Support – Richard Rudy made a motion to contribute \$1,500.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to help in the efforts of the restoration and preservation of the Sentry Monument located at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg, PA. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

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James Shotzberger commented.

Lebanon County Bulletin – Legal Advertisement – Jake Keiter and Julie Keiter were present to answer any questions.

Richard Rudy made a motion to authorize the solicitor to do legal research to make sure all legal requirements are met. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

The Keiter's will provide the township with the research requirements that they did and how they met the requirements.

Exoneration of the 2024 Township Real Estate Tax Bill – 137 S. Center Street – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the exoneration of the 2024 Township Real Estate Tax Bill for 137 S. Center Street. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

Fee Schedule – Zoning Hearing Attorney – The Zoning Hearing Board held an executive session on March 7, 2024 at approximately 4:00 p.m. Wesley Harding, and Richard Rabuck were in attendance to discuss professional services.

Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Zoning Hearing Attorney fee schedule from Masano Bradley, LLP Attorneys at Law for \$170.00 an hour. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Fredericksburg Fire Police Special Duty Request – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the Fredericksburg Fire Police Special Duty Request on May 18, 2024 from 10 am – 7 pm at the Northern Lebanon School District. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT – Beth West commented on Mountain Drive and a possible flashing light, the pool and the snow plow drivers.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melissa Johnson
Secretary**