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BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 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
Andrew Morrow	Township Solicitor
Matthew Mack	Township Engineer

Six (6) audience members were present.

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

COMMENTS - None.

MINUTES - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the July 11, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

ROADMASTER REPORT - Roadmaster Saphore read the report as presented.

Water Problem Complaint Laurel Drive and Spruce Street - Discussion was held and it was determined it is not a township issue. Supervisor Saphore and Engineer Mack will investigate the issue.

ENGINEERS BUSINESS - Engineer Mack reported on the following:

Treeline Ave Pipe Replacement - Pending.

Randy Martin Implement Shed Stormwater Management Plan Approval - Pending.

Christ Lantz Stormwater Plan Approval - Pending.

Chestnut Hill and Blue Mtn Road, NPDES Signature Request and DEP - Municipal Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits - Will be on the August 2024 Planning Commission Agenda for review and discussion.

Matthew Balmer Ag Operation Plan Approval or Time Extension Request - Bruce Light made a motion to accept the Time Extension Request of November 14, 2024. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Arlin Zimmerman Letter of Credit Request - Pending, as-built.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Morrow reported on the following:

Zoning Ordinance Review Update - Will be on the August 2024 Planning Commission Agenda for review and discussion.

Lebanon County Bulletin - Legal Advertisement - The Lebanon County Bulletin shut down and is no longer an option for legal advertisements.

Draft Conditional Use Application for Solar Farms - The attorney for the solar farms informed Attorney Morrow that he will be filing the applications next week. The zoning officer will need to coordinate a special hearing within 60 days.

Camp Strause over Monroe Creek Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project - Attorney Morrow was satisfied with his research and conversation with PennDOT that Camp Strause Road was on the Turnback List since 1998, therefore giving Wilson Engineering the green light to continue with the project.

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RECREATION REPORT – Melissa Johnson gave a brief report.

The Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel Give Back Night will be Wednesday, August 21st from 11 am until 9 pm with 10% of all sales being donated to the park and pool and Kids Fall Fun Day will be held Saturday, September 7th from 1 until 4 pm, at the park.

FSWA REPORT - None, their next meeting is August 19, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented in the meeting packet, subject to audit. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No Parking Signage for Snow Removal - Pending, working on a list of roads.

Fire Company and Fire Police Special Duty Request/Authorization Form - Pending, Supervisor Rudy just received guidance from the township insurance company.

Act 172 - Volunteer Fire Tax Credit - Pending, Michael Saphore would like to meet with both fire companies and prepare a cost estimate.

NEW BUSINESS

C.M. High Traffic Signal Repair Estimates – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the repair estimates from C.M. High Traffic Signal for Rte 22 and Fredericksburg Road \$4,612.80, Rte 22 and Legionaire Drive \$1,977.27 and Rte 22 and Blue Mountain Road \$2,805.45. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Wilson Consulting Request for Time and Material Supplement - Camp Strause Road Bridge - Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the request from Wilson Consulting to finish work on Task 6-PS&E, Task 7-Post-Design Bidding and Award Services and Task 10-Meetings, on a time and material basis, using their current rate schedule and all work beyond the issuance of the NTP letter, on a time and material basis, as outlined in the original agreement. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Camp Strause Road Bridge - Preliminary Design and Cost Estimate - Michael Saphore made a motion to accept the preliminary design submission, which will include replacement of the superstructure, beam seat reconstruction, stone masonry, repointing, full depth pavement reconstruction, roadway drainage improvements, installation of traffic safety features, and construction of scour protection and the preliminary construction estimate of \$577,835.50, which includes a 10% contingency. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Camp Strause Road Bridge - \$2,023.26 Cost for First Energy to Install Warning Flags - Bruce Light made a motion to approve the cost of \$2,023.26, for First Energy to install warning flags on the overhead electric lines over the bridge at Camp Strause Road. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Myer Drive T-517 - Reimburse Bethel Township, Berks Co. for Pavement Overlay - \$7,819.59 - Richard Rudy made a motion to approve reimbursing Bethel Township, Berks County for the pavement overlay on Myer Drive T-517, located in Bethel Township, Lebanon County, for the amount of \$7,819.59. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Lebanon County Municipals Officials Convention October 10, 2024 - Richard Rudy made a motion to authorize attendance and reimbursement of wages for the 2024 Lebanon County Municipals Officials Convention, October 10, 2024, for Richard Rudy, Michael Saphore, Bruce Light and Melissa Johnson.

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Fredericksburg Fire Police Special Duty Request - Hinkelfest, September 13 - 15, 2024

Fredericksburg Fire Police Special Duty Request - Suicide Awareness Benefit, September 21, 2024

Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the Fredericksburg Fire Police Special Duty Requests of September 13 - 15, 2024 for the Hinkelfest and September 21, 2024 for a Suicide Awareness Benefit. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business, Chairman Rudy adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melissa Johnson
Secretary**