

MINUTES
BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 12, 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

Eleven (11) audience members were in attendance.

The Call to Order was made and the Pledge to the Flag was completed and a moment of silence was held for the 343 first responders lost in 9/11.

ANNOUNCEMENT – An executive session was held on September 12, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel issues regarding policy issues and performance. Supervisors Rudy, Light and Saphore were in attendance.

Roadmaster Saphore announced that Chase Bressler from Sleepy Hollow invites everyone from the township to Sleepy Hollow on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

COMMENTS – Mike Bracrella from Bell and Evans and Alex Kinzey from Steckbeck Engineering were present to discuss the force main project. Engineer Mack and Solicitor Morrow will review and an agreement will be prepared for the reimbursement of the professional fees.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT - Roadmaster Saphore read the report as presented.

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 – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the plan as submitted and to enter into the Stormwater Management Agreement and Declaration of Easement with Chris Lantz. 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 - Will be on the September 17, 2024 Planning Commission Agenda for review and discussion.

Matthew Balmer Ag Operation Plan Approval – Pending.

Arlin Zimmerman Release of Escrow – Bruce Light made a motion to approve releasing \$41,557.80 of the financial security, and to continue to hold \$17,175.00. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Weaver Distribution Release of Escrow – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve releasing \$2,500.00, the remaining balance of the financial security. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

James & Frances Hoover Greenview Tractor Release of Escrow – Bruce Light made a motion to approve releasing \$45,728.75 of the financial security, and to continue to hold \$371.25 for 12 months. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

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Weaver Lot Addition Final Subdivision Plan Waiver Requests – Bruce Light made a motion to grant waiver request §22-402.C.(2)(a) – Bearings and distances shall be shown for all corporations lines, easements, water courses (if any), and floodplain boundaries. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Michael Saphore made a motion to grant waiver request §22-510B – 4' wide improved shoulder should be provided for Mt. Zion Road. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Bell and Evans Realty II, LLC – 2929 & 2957 SR 22 Stormwater Management Plan Approval – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

The approved plan and signed easement need to be recorded and a check for the amount of \$4,008.90 has to be provided to the township.

Hoover/Brubaker Time Extension Request – December 30, 2024 - Bruce Light made a motion to accept the time extension of December 30, 2024. Seconded by Richard Rudy. All voted in favor.

SOLICITOR BUSINESS - Solicitor Morrow reported on the following:

Zoning Ordinance Review Update – On tract to have a final draft by October or November.

Conditional Use Application for Solar Farms – The hearing will be held on October 2, 2024 here at the township building at 6:00 p.m.

RECREATION REPORT – Melissa Johnson gave a brief report.

Board Members – Resignation of Kenneth Jay Rhoads and Appointment of Lauren Snader – Richard Rudy made a motion to accept the resignation of Kenneth Jay Rhoads from the Park and Recreation Board. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Michael Saphore made a motion to appoint Lauren Snader to fill the vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Trunk or Treat October 17, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve Trunk or Treat on October 17, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Viking Baseball Club 10u – Baseball Field Agreement and Request to Use Large Pavilion – Bruce Light made a motion to approve the Viking Baseball Club 10u field agreement and the use the large pavilion. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

The Park and Recreation Board will evaluate the maintenance and improvements on the large pavilion, as promised, and if it is not acceptable the township officials will reevaluate charging for the use of the pavilion.

FSWA REPORT - Supervisors Rudy reported the next meeting is Monday, September 16, 2024.

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 – Michael Saphore 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 – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve the roads as follows: Village Drive, Vista Drive, Shirk Drive, Creek Drive, Elizabeth Run Drive, Horizon Drive and Weaverland Drive, for the No Parking during snow removal signage and to have Solicitor Morrow prepare an ordinance. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

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Fire Company and Fire Police Special Duty Request/Authorization Form – Pending, still working on.

Act 172 - Volunteer Fire Tax Credit – Pending, more information was requested from the fire companies.

Executive Session – Spruce Ave and a portion of Beech Ave – Elvin and Sharon Shilling – An executive session was held until from 7:45 p.m. until approximately 8:40 p.m. to discuss Spruce Ave and a portion of Beech Ave – Elvin and Sharon Shilling and possible litigation. In attendance were Supervisors Rudy, Saphore, Light, Engineer Mack and Attorney Morrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Shawn Hernley Wage Increase – Michael Saphore made a motion to increase Shawn Hernley’s wage by \$1.50, effective September 16, 2024. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Camp Strause Road Bridge – Temporary Construction Easement – Bruce Light made a motion to approve Engineer Mack and Solicitor Morrow working on the Temporary Construction Easement. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Trick or Treat Night – October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Richard Rudy made a motion to approve the County wide Trick or Treat Night as October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation \$45,206.00 – Michael Saphore made a motion that the Board of Supervisors reviewed and approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$45,206.00, for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

Request to Dedicate the Bethel Twp Portion of Rte 343 to the 343 First Responders Lives Lost in 9/11 – Michael Saphore made a motion to approve dedicating the Bethel Township portion of Rte 343 to the 343 First Responders lives lost in 9/11 and to have Supervisor Saphore research how to proceed. Seconded by Bruce Light. All voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, Richard Rudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Michael Saphore. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melissa Johnson
Secretary**