

Town of Bethel
Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

7769 Main Street

Bethel Community House, Bethel, De

ZOOM Meeting ID: 897 9575 2155, Passcode: 084671 - Phone number is 301-715-8592

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by P. Kough. Present were P. Kough; M. Shaver; K. Layfield; L. Crawshaw; K. Phillips; and Town Clerk, M. Hawkins.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P. Kough.
- 3. Secretary's Report:** M. Shaver made a motion to approve the March 4, 2025 meeting minutes. P. Kough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Town Clerk's Report:** Town Clerk, M. Hawkins, presented the Town Clerk's report. L. Crawshaw moved to accept the Town Clerk's report. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Bills to be paid: M. Shaver presented the bills to be paid. L. Crawshaw made a motion to pay the bills as presented. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: M. Shaver presented the February 2025 Treasurer's report. P. Kough moved to accept the report. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Building Permits:** K. Phillips reported that there were no new permits this month.
- 7. Bracken Property Status:** P. Kough reported that she was waiting for a response from M. Smith, Town Solicitor, for advice on the letter to the Bracken house owner.
- 8. Town Dock Status:** K. Layfield reported that the dock committee was waiting to schedule a meeting.
- 9. Complaints:** No new complaints were received this month.
- 10. Ordinance Committee: Marijuana Ordinance-** L. Crawshaw moved to review the marijuana ordinance at the May 2025 Town Council meeting. K. Layfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance Committee will schedule a public reading of the marijuana ordinance before the May 2025 Town Council Meeting.

11. Planning and Zoning Commission: Comprehensive Plan Update: S. Beers thanked all members for their work on the comprehensive plan. S. Beers read the resolution regarding the comprehensive plan. K. Layfield made a motion to accept the resolution. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. New Leaf Solar Farm: Application Withdrawal L. Crawshaw moved to accept the application withdrawal from New Leaf Solar Farm. K. Layfield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Old/New Business: P. Kough contacted Straight Line Striping Company, and the company said they would contact her in early April when the weather is warmer.

The CDBG was completed and picked up by the county .

Barry Brumley stated the group (Count on Me) who cuts the grass at the Community Center and the Cemetery were running out of money and needed assistance. P. Kough will contact M. Smith to see if the town would be in violation if it assisted with the grass cutting. K. Phillips stated that Delaware allocates money to keep up the cemeteries. K. Phillips will look into state funding for the cemetery upkeep.

R. West made a request to turn off lighting at night to encourage insect populations. M. Shaver will turn off the park light tonight and turn them back on in September.

M. Hawkins reported that there is a fox with mange near Sailor's Path.

M. Hawkins discussed spraying for mosquitoes. The county will do the spraying at night. The spraying will not cost the town. K. Layfield made a motion to have 13 and 15 Sailor's Path sprayed for mosquitoes. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rich Kough thanked the town council for their contribution to the basketball/pickleball court.

Rich Kough reported that there will be a town picnic on June 14th.

P. Kough read a proclamation regarding the Professional Municipal Clerk group recognizing the week of May 4th-10th as Professional Municipal Clerk week and to recognize M. Hawkins. K. Phillips made a motion to accept this proclamation. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.