

Town of Bethel  
Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – 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 Order Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by P. Kough. Members present: P. Kough; K. Phillips; M. Shaver; and L. Crawshaw.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was led by P. Kough.

**3. Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by M. Shaver to accept the January minutes with a correction. The motion was seconded by K. Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Town Clerk's Report:** The clerk's monthly report will be presented at the March meeting due to her absence.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

a. Bills to be paid: M. Shaver presented the bills to be paid. L. Crawshaw moved to accept the bills to be paid report. M. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report: M. Shaver presented the January 2026 Treasurer's Report. L. Crawshaw moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**6. Building Permits:** There were no permits requested in January. Discussion ensued regarding pole buildings and the roof pitch. M. Shaver made a motion to change our policy to a 6' pitch instead of an 8' pitch when constructing a pole building. K. Phillips seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

**7. Complaints:** Council discussed complaints and how we will enforce complaints. All the ordinances will be examined to see if they are able to be enforced. M. Shaver suggested that a letter be sent to all residents asking them to look at their properties and make them presentable.

**8. Ordinance Committee:** A request was made to repeal chapters 12, 13 and 14 of the Code for Bethel. M. Shaver moved to repeal the ordinances. L. Crawshaw seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

**9. Dock Update:** A paper stating the high and mean high water line is needed to complete the application. The town may need a county permit.

**10. Hopkins House:** The owner states that she is having trouble contacting the demolition company. She wants some items from the house. P. Kough has two other names of demolition companies.

**11. Old/New Business:** Steve Beers needs poll workers. P. Kough will ask some Bethel residents to help.

**12. Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.