

Town of Bethel
Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 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 Order Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by P. Kough. Members present: M. Shaver; P. Kough; K. Phillips; L. Crawshaw; M. Hawkins.

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 approve the April minutes with the correction in the treasurer's report. The motion was made by M. Shaver and seconded by K. Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Town Clerk's Report: The clerk presented her monthly report. M. Shaver stated that the town picnic is being held June 14th at 4:30pm. The town picnic will be posted on the sign outside the community house. M. Shaver 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 moved to accept the treasurer's bills to be paid report. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report: M. Shaver presented the April 2025 Treasurer's report. K. Phillips moved to accept the treasurer's report. L. Crawshaw seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

6.. Building Permits: There were four permits presented. The permits included: an above ground pool, a porch, solar panels, and a new home at 607 Shady Lane.

7. Bracken Property Status: P. Kough discussed the email she had received from E. Bracken. The message included steps taken to prepare for the building's future.

8. Town Dock Status: K. Layfield was absent for this report.

9. Complaints: There were no complaints this month.

10. Ordinance Committee: marijuana ordinance: The public reading took place. L. Crawshaw made a motion to approve the marijuana ordinance. M. Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Planning and Zoning Commission: S. Beers asked if the Council would adopt the map as official. L. Crawshaw moved to accept the motion and K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Building Hazard Inspection Committee: P. Kough stated that we need a council member to be on this committee. K. Phillips was asked to join the committee and he accepted.

13. Graveyard Grass Cutting: K. Phillips discussed some options to get the cemetery grass cut. This topic will be tabled until next month. P. Kough will contact the CDBG to obtain grant money.

14. Old/New Business: K. Phillips asked if the town would donate \$500.00 to the Sussex County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Fundraiser. M. Shaver made a motion to approve the donation and K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Hawkins announced that she would not be here May 7 but will be open the 14th as usual.

The striping company will be here May 15th and, on the 16th, to do the striping.

M. Shaver discussed two plans from the exterminating company; quarterly and yearly. The quarterly plan was \$140/quarter. M. Shaver moved to accept the quarterly plan. K. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding items town members have in their yard. H. Graves stated that it may be a matter of free speech.

15. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.