

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
JULY 2, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Thomas Nolan, Vice-President  
Malissa Davis, Commissioner  
John Gallagher, Commissioner  
John Merhottein Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Michael Hudak, President

**OTHERS PRESENT** Wendy Nicolosi, Township Solicitor  
Doug Bruce, Township Manager

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice-President Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COURTESY OF THE  
FLOOR**

**ROY ROTH  
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth asked the board how the ordinance concerning high grass and weeds is enforced. He said that the area around St. Luke's hospital property and Hope Road has high grass and overgrown weeds. Vice President Nolan said that the township is complaint driven and invited Mr. Roth to fill out the form.

**MARTY COMER  
3613 DEWALT ST.** Mr. Comer said that the street sign on Dewalt Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Street is down and said he would like to see it replaced. Mr. Comer also asked where the old swings and slide from Comer Park went. Mr. Grube, Public Works Director responded that they cannot be sold or given away because of liability. He said they will be disposed of.

**TOM KEIFFER  
3803 CARTER RD.** Mr. Keiffer asked if the police department had a plan to control fireworks as they go off every night in his neighborhood. Vice President Nolan said he will check with Chief Pancoast.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES** Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 special public meeting as presented. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**RESOLUTIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION R056-18 A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR CARPENTRY FOR THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R056-18 awarding the contract for carpentry for the Housenick mansion exterior renovation project to Contek Construction LLC for an amount of \$195,125.00 to include base bid and alternates C3.3, C3.6, and C3.7, conditional to confirmation by project construction manager Boyle Construction. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**RESOLUTION R057-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORPORAL JEREMY ANDERSON AND INVESTIGATOR ANTHONY STEVENS TO ATTEND THE CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY TRAINING COURSE JULY 9-13, 2018, IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R057-18 authorizing Corporal Jeremy Anderson and Investigator Anthony Stevens to attend the crime scene photography training course July 9-13, 2018, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**RESOLUTION R058-18 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE OFFICIAL SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP WHICH INCLUDES AN ACT 537 PLANNING SPECIAL STUDY**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R058-18 adopting a revision to the official sewage facilities plan of Bethlehem Township which includes an Act 537 planning special study. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**RESOLUTION R059-18 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R059-18 appointing Malissa Davis to the Bethlehem Area Public Library Advisory Board. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MOTION**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THAT GERALD LEBEDUIK BE GRANTED A LATE RETIREMENT FROM THE AFSCME PENSION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,598.69 PER MONTH FOR LIFE WITH JOINT AND 100 PERCENT SURVIVOR PENSION BENEFITS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018**

Upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing that Gerald Lebeduik be granted a late retirement from the AFSCME pension fund in the amount of \$1,598.69 per month for life with joint and 100 percent survivor pension benefits effective June 1, 2018. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**MOTION**

**A MOTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP AND WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY CONCERNING RESTORATION OF A TRIBUTARY TO NANCY RUN**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve a motion approving a memorandum of understanding between Bethlehem Township and Wildlands Conservancy concerning restoration of a tributary to Nancy Run. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**APPROVAL OF  
PURCHASE ORDERS**

**PO 20181590 – TP Trailers Inc. – PPIS – \$1,922.64  
PO 20181619 – Schuylkill Paving Inc. – Public Works – \$32,710.00**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Purchase Order PO 20181590 and PO 20181619 as presented. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**BTVFC LIGHT  
RESCUE TRUCK**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to untable the discussion about the purchase of a light rescue truck for the Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Hudak was absent.

Mr. Merhottein and Ms. Davis thanked the Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company for getting the information to the board. Vice President Nolan said that he and Mr. Gallagher sit in the Fire Relations Committee and that they are charged with providing information and updates to the board. Chief Stapinski said that a five year plan was done a few years back but communication was lost. He said he can email the board minutes from the previous meetings.

Mr. Roth said that the fire companies are first responders and need the board's support.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the township manager to proceed with the purchase of the light rescue truck for the Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Hudak was absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Bruce announced that due to the extreme hot weather, the outdoor pool at the community center is being temporarily restricted to members and residents until further notice for safety reasons.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Hudak was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata  
Recording Secretary