

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Michael Hudak, President  
Thomas Nolan, Vice-President  
Malissa Davis, Commissioner  
Kim Jenkins, Commissioner  
Pat Breslin, Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT** James Broughal, Township Solicitor  
Melissa Shafer, Township Manager  
Doug Bruce, Assistant Township Manager  
Nathan Jones, Planning Director

**CALL TO ORDER** President Hudak 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**

**BARRY ROTH  
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth asked that the pictures in the main meeting room that were taken down by the previous administration be hung up. Mrs. Shafer said that a picture of the current board members was professionally framed and will make sure all pictures are hung up by the next board meeting. Mr. Roth said he received notification from Northampton County and now has to vote at a church. He said he finds it very inconvenient. President Hudak agreed but stated that the polling location is up to the county and a done deal. Mrs. Shafer said the redistricting of the wards was announced on the website, on the newsletter and on the municipal bulletin board.

**GENE BOYER  
FARMERSVILLE RD.** Mr. Boyer said the February minutes were not on the website. Mrs. Shafer said she will check with the webmaster to ensure they are posted.

**ELIZABETH SLEVIN  
2322 TOURSDALE DR.** Ms. Slevin read her statement for the record about climate change and protecting the environment. She asked the commissioners for their support by passing a resolution.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Upon motion (Nolan-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to untable the March 20, 2017 regular public meeting minutes.

Upon motion (Davis-Jenkins), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 and March 20, 2017 regular public meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 03-17** **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR GRIFFIN LAND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT IN LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE TRANSMISSION THROUGH BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY LINES AND TREATMENT AT THE CITY OF**

## **BETHLEHEM WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Upon motion (Davis-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adopt Ordinance 03-17 authorizing the First Amendment to the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement for Griffin Land Subdivision and Land Development in Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, for the transmission through Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority Lines and treatment at the City of Bethlehem Waste Water Treatment Plant as presented.

### **SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **RESOLUTION R032-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A DECLARATION OF TAKING AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF LAND FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO FREEMANSBURG AVENUE**

Upon motion (Breslin-Jenkins), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R032-17 authorizing preparation and submission of a Declaration of Taking and related documentation for the condemnation of land for roadway improvements to Freemansburg Avenue.

### **RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **RESOLUTION R027-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD FOR PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT**

Upon motion (Jenkins-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R027-17 authorizing an application to the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board for Park Acquisition and Development Program Grant.

#### **RESOLUTION R028-17 A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CONTRACT #1 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION**

Upon motion (Nolan-Jenkins), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R028-17 awarding the contract for the Bethlehem Township Community Center Repairs and Improvements Project, Contract #1 General Construction to Bracy Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,107,347.00.

#### **RESOLUTION R029-17 A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CONTRACT #2 PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION**

Upon motion (Davis-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R029-17 awarding the contract for the Bethlehem Township Community Center Repairs and Improvements Project, Contract #2 Plumbing Construction to H.T. Lyons, Inc., in the amount of \$137,680.00. President Hudak

abstained.

**RESOLUTION R030-17 A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CONTRACT #3 HVAC CONSTRUCTION**

Upon motion (Nolan-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R030-17 awarding the contract for the Bethlehem Township Community Center Repairs and Improvements Project, Contract #3 HVAC Construction to Elliot-Lewis Corp. in the amount of \$533,550.00.

**RESOLUTION R031-17 A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CONTRACT #4 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION**

Upon motion (Davis-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R031-17 awarding the contract for the Bethlehem Township Community Center Repairs and Improvements Project, Contract #4 Electrical Construction to Wind Gap Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$41,700.00.

**MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MOTION**

**A MOTION APPROVING IMPROVEMENTS SECURITY RELEASE NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$826,714.35 FOR THE OLD DOMINION FREIGHT DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion (Nolan-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion approving Improvements Security Release No. 1 in the amount of \$826,714.35 for the Old Dominion Freight development.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

**PO 20170692 – Cody Systems – Police – \$2,663.20**  
**PO 20170779 – E. J. Breneman LP – Public Works – \$2,184.80**  
**PO 20170783 – MedPro US– BTVFC – \$3,465.00**  
**PO 20170784 – Golden Equipment Co. Inc. – PPIS– \$2,929.99**

Upon motion (Nolan-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Purchase Orders PO 20170692, PO 20170779, PO 20170783 and PO 20170784 as presented.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**FAIR DISTRICTS PA**

Ms. Davis stated that a constitutional amendment is required to redistrict after the new census is done. Fair Districts PA is asking municipalities to participate by resolution and would like to attend the next meeting to give a presentation. President Hudak said he believes it is a good idea and directed the Township Manager to prepare a resolution in advance in case the board decides to act.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**TRADITIONS OF  
AMERICA PUBLIC  
HEARING SCHEDULE**

Mrs. Shafer, Township Manager said that the next Public Hearing for Traditions of America is Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. She said public comments will be taken from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, upon motion (Jenkins-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata  
Recording Secretary