

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018**

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

OTHERS PRESENT James Broughal, Township Solicitor
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
Nathan Jones, Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER President Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Solicitor Broughal announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on March 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss litigation matters pursuant to Section 708a of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

**MS. PATRICIA
2818 HOPE RIDGE DR.** Ms. Patricia thanked the commissioners that attended the meeting with PennEast and the residents of the Hope Ridge community. She asked the board to not approve the right of way and suggested a restriction be placed to dig the pipeline down further and putting up a large berm.

**MR. RALPH
HOPE RIDGE
RESIDENT** Mr. Ralph stated that he watched a report on a news program regarding sinkholes and how they affect the pipeline. He is against the pipeline project and asked the board to turn the project down.

**BILL HAMMOND
2898 HOPE RIDGE DR.** Mr. Hammond said that he is opposed to the placement of the pipeline. He said his neighborhood is susceptible to sink holes and asked what would happen if they appeared. Solicitor Broughal responded by saying that the project would be under the supervision of the United States Department of Transportation.

**DON WRIGHT
2815 HOPE RIDGE DR.** Mr. Wright thanked the commissioners and everyone who attended the PennEast meeting. He said that he would like to see it moved as far from their neighborhood as possible.

**PHYLLIS WERTMAN
2817 HOPE RIDGE DR** Ms. Wertman said the pipeline is too close to their homes and asked that board to protect them not approve the right of way.

**BEN LOQUASTO
2833 HOPE RIDGE DR.** Mr. Loquasto said he opposes the pipeline. Solicitor Broughal stated that the board doesn't approve the route that was approved by FERC, PennEast can condemn the property and there isn't much that the board can do. He said that the board will continue to do everything they can to keep it as far from Hope Ridge as possible.

**JERRY BATCH
2181 HANNAHS LN.** Mr. Batcha was concerned with the legal issues about the property on Hope Road. He questioned if the grants filed to purchase open space could be legally reclassified. Solicitor Broughal said that when the property was purchased, a five

year restriction was placed that it could not be used for anything other than the municipal business. The restrictions were lifted after the fifth year.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2018 regular public meeting as presented.

**SUBDIVISIONS &
LAND DEVELOPMENT**

MOTION

A MOTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE MANUAL OF DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE ST. LUKE'S TOWER TWO LAND DEVELOPMENT, AS REVISED DECEMBER 13, 2017

Upon motion (Gallagher-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve a motion approving a modification to the manual of design guidelines for the St. Luke's Tower Two Land Development, as revised December 13, 2017.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION R034-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF CORPORAL JEREMY ANDERSON AND INVESTIGATOR EDWARD FOX AT THE ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TRAINING CONFERENCE APRIL 4-6, 2018, IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Upon motion (Gallagher-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R034-18 authorizing the attendance of Corporal Jeremy Anderson and Investigator Edward Fox at the annual Pennsylvania Narcotics Officers Association Training conference April 4-6, 2018, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION R029-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF SERGEANT DARYL LAPOINTE AT THE 2018 PENNSYLVANIA TRAFFIC SAFETY CONFERENCE APRIL 3-6, 2018, IN STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Upon motion (Davis-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R029-18 authorizing the attendance of Sergeant Daryl LaPointe at the 2018 Pennsylvania Traffic Safety Conference April 3-6, 2018, in State College, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION R030-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO UTILIZE MUNCIBID ON-LINE GOVERNMENT AUCTION SERVICE FOR THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TRANSFER THE TITLES OF TOWNSHIP-OWNED VEHICLES SOLD ON MUNCIBID

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R030-18 authorizing the township manager to utilize Muncibid on-line government auction service for the sale of township-owned

personal property and transfer the titles of township-owned vehicles sold on Municibid.

RESOLUTION R031-18 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Upon motion (Gallagher-Nolan) the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R031-18 appointing Doug Bruce as Township Manager.

RESOLUTION R032-18 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CONTRIBUTE \$500,000 ANNUALLY TO THE LEHIGH COUNTY REGIONAL INFORMATION INVESTIGATION CENTER (RIIC)

Upon motion (Nolan-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R033-18 requesting Northampton County contribute \$500,000 annually to the Lehigh County Regional Information Investigation Center (RIIC).

RESOLUTION R033-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF ZONING OFFICER DESIGNEE MATT LUBITZ AT THE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL COURSE MAY 7-11, 2018, IN MONROEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R024-18 authorizing the attendance of zoning officer designee Matt Lubitz at the Building Code Official Course May 7-11, 2018, in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MOTION A MOTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS 22 AND 25 FOR BRACY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve a motion approving Change Orders 22 and 25 for Bracy Construction for the community center renovation project.

MOTION A MOTION REJECTING THE BIDS FOR THE CARPENTRY PORTION OF THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR STABILIZATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING RE-BIDDING OF THIS PORTION

Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve a motion rejecting the bids for the carpentry portion of the Housenick mansion exterior stabilization project and authorizing re-bidding of this portion.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS
PO 20180559 – U.S. Municipal Supply Inc. – Public Works – \$11,500.00
PO 20180560 – Snap-On Tools – Public Works – \$10,737.59
PO 20180561 – CDW Government Inc. – Police -- \$2,059.69
PO 20180562 – Dale Koehler & Sons Farm LLC – Public Works – \$9,100.00

PO 20180563 – Watch Guard – Police – \$5,545.00
PO 20180564 – Abel Fence – PPIS – \$3,300.00
PO 20180568 – Watch Guard – Planning – \$5,420.00

Upon motion (Merhottein-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Purchase Orders PO 20180559, PO 20180560, PO 20180561, PO 20180562, PO 20180563, PO 20180564 and PO 20180568 as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEM

**REMAINING BIDS
FOR HOUSENICK
MANSION EXTERIOR
STABILIZATION
PROJECT**

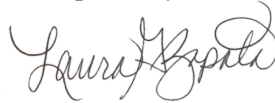
President Hudak said that the board is aware that four other bids were awarded for the project. He said they would like the township manager to reach out to them to see if they will hold their bid until the bid for carpentry work is rebid and received.

Upon motion (Nolan-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to direct the Township Manager to reach out to the bidders asking them to hold on to the bids.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Nolan-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Zapata
Recording Secretary