

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT D. Martin Zawarski, President
Michael Hudak, Vice President
Phil Barnard, Commissioner
Thomas Nolan, Commissioner
Pat Breslin, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT James Broughal, Township Solicitor
Melissa Shafer, Township Manager
Doug Bruce, Assistant Township Manager
Brian Dillman, Township Engineer
Nathan Jones, Planning Director
Laura Zapata, Recording Secretary

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT Solicitor Broughal announced that the Board of Commissioners met in executive session on April 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters pursuant to Section 708A of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT President Zawarski announced that the Easton Avenue Culvert Repair has been added to the discussion items on tonight's agenda.

COURTSEY OF THE FLOOR

**GWENDOLYN EVANS CALDWELL
4430 POND VIEW CT.** Ms. Caldwell distributed watercolor paintings of the birds at Green Pond Marsh. She said she believes it is illegal to destroy wildlife and would like to see the birds protected.

**RONALD MORGAN
5725 GREEN POND RD.** Mr. Morgan said he loves the birds. He also said he is concerned that the current infrastructure cannot handle any more traffic.

**KATHY SAWYER GLAGOLA
FARMERSVILLE RD.** Mrs. Sawyer-Glagola asked if questions would be taken after the presentation by Traditions of America. President Zawarski remarked that Traditions of America is only here to review the waivers requested.

**MELISSA DAVIS
4282 WINDSWEPT DR.** Ms. Davis said the Traditions of America project has still a long way to go before they plan can be approved and feels the Board should wait before approving the waiver requests. Ms. Davis said that concerning the Public Comment item on the agenda, residents are entitled to express their opinions and be heard.

**BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth suggested to the Board that a traffic study be done on Ohio Street since it is a cross street with lots of traffic. Mr. Roth believes that cost of the bathrooms at the North Forty is extravagant and that the Bulldogs should pay for this. He also believes the township parks should not be monopolized by one organization.

**MARTIN COMER
3613 DEWALT ST.**

Mr. Comer believes the money for the North Forty bathrooms would be better served elsewhere in the township. He also stated that residents need to be allowed to speak during public comment.

**ROY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.**

Mr. Roth believes too much money is being spent on the North Forty bathrooms. He said money should be spent on township parks such as Chetwin Terrace playground.

**WAYNE KRESGE
4349 CHETWIN TERR.**

Mr. Kresge said money should be spent to fix the water run off on Chetwin Terrace and not the North Forty bathrooms.

**BILL BERRY
3505 DARTMOUTH DR.**

Mr. Berry commented on the Public Comment policy. He said people should be responsible and reasonable and be allowed to speak. Mr. Berry also said that people should be gaveled down when they speak out of turn.

**BOB BIRK
3766 CHRISTIAN
SPRINGS RD.**

Mr. Birk said nothing seems to be getting done and believes that too much money is being spent on the North Forty bathrooms.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Upon motion (Hudak-Breslin) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 regular public meeting as presented.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION R025-15

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE COLD-IN-PLACE ROAD RECYCLING PROJECT

President Zawarski stated that this year's award is to Recon Construction in the amount of \$156,650 and includes the following roads:

Ironstone Road from northern dead end south to cul-de-sac
Rambeau Road from Oakland to Ironstone Road
Sutton Place from Oakland to Rambeau Road
Nijaro Road from Ironstone east to development line
Stanbridge Court from Nijaro to cul-de-sac
Highbridge Court from Nijaro to cul-de-sac

Upon motion (Breslin-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R025-15 awarding the contract for the Cold-In-Place Road Recycling Project to Recon Construction in the amount of \$156,650.00.

RESOLUTION R024-15

A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AND HEALTH NETWORK MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

Nathan Jones, Planning Director said the plan is for a 3 story medical office building and that the Planning Commission looked favorably on this. Mr. Hudak said that he is impressed with the plan and thanked St. Luke's for

working with the township.

Upon motion (Hudak-Barnard), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R024-15 granting conditional approval of the proposed St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network Medical Office Building.

**MOTIONS OF THE
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

MOTION

A MOTION APPROVING A POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Nolan said that to create this policy will have more negative than positive results and preferred to table it at this time. Mr. Hudak said this is not a means to curtail the meeting but a safeguard against people speaking out of turn.

Upon motion (Hudak-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to table the motion approving a policy regarding the public comment at regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

A MOTION APPROVING THE REQUESTED WAIVERS BY TRADITIONS OF AMERICA FOR THE PROPOSED GREEN POND PRD DEVELOPMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

David Biddison and Tim McCarthy of Traditions of America gave a presentation of a plan for 261-home development next to Green Pond Marsh. Mr. Biddison said they are seeking approval for the requested waivers and deferrals as recommended by the Planning Commission.

These waivers and deferrals are granted as depicted on the plans presented to the Board by the Applicant:

-A waiver from the SMO is granted from requiring the design and installation of emergency spillways.

-A waiver from street design standards as per SALDO 230-57.F(1) is granted in favor of 28 foot wide main streets and 26 foot wide secondary streets, as depicted on the plans.

-A waiver from street design standards as per SALDO 230-57.F(1) is granted for relief from minimum centerline radius of horizontal curves of 2 streets, as depicted on the plans.

-A waiver from the requirement of sidewalks on both sides of interior streets of the proposed development is granted in favor of the walking trail system and sidewalks in the development, as depicted by the Applicant.

-A deferral is granted for the requirement of sidewalk and curbing on Church

Road and Farmersville Road, whereas a waiver is granted from the requirement of sidewalk and curbing on Green Pond Road, as depicted by the Applicant.

Upon motion (Hudak-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to grant waivers and deferrals based upon the recommendation of the Bethlehem Township Planning Commission and the discussion of the tonight's meeting. The motion passed 3 to 2. (Mr. Zawarski, Mr. Hudak and Mr. Breslin in favor) (Mr. Nolan and Mr. Barnard opposed).

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY TRAFFIC STUDY

Upon motion (Hudak-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing the Township Manager to execute the agreement of the William Penn Highway Traffic Study.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

- PO 20150929 – Medpro US – BTVFC – \$2,870.00**
- PO 20150934 – PSATC – Administration – \$3,077.05**
- PO 20150962 – Watch Guard – Police – \$11,150.00**
- PO 20150970 – Alick Smith Roofing – PPIS – \$2,480.00**
- PO 20150937 – Cargill, Inc. – Public Works – \$7,320.75**
- PO 20150989 – Cargill, Inc. – Public Works – \$7,949.25**
- PO 20150988 – Cargill, Inc. – Public Works – \$7,494.75**
- PO 20150987 – Cargill, Inc. – Public Works – \$8,109.00**
- PO 20150996 – Hannerscheitz Distributors – PPIS – \$2,300.00**
- PO 20150995 – Maintenance Connection – PPIS – \$5,800.00**

Upon motion (Hudak-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve purchase orders PO 20150929, PO 20150934, PO 20150962, PO 20150970, PO 20150937, PO 20150989, PO 20150988, PO 20150987, 20150996 and PO 20150995 as presented.

BILL AGENDA OF APRIL 17, 2015

Upon motion (Hudak-Breslin), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Bill Agenda of April 17, 2015 as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MARCH 31, 2015

Upon motion (Breslin-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2015 as presented, subject to audit.

ZONING HEARING BOARD AGENDA, MEETING APRIL 29, 2015

There were no questions or comments regarding the April 29, 2015 Zoning Hearing Board meeting agenda.

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2015

There were no comments regarding the approved minutes of March 9, 2015 meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
MONTHLY REPORTS**

All monthly reports were accepted as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**POLICE ACCESS
DRIVEWAY**

President Zawarski said that PennDOT has approved the Highway Occupancy Permit for driveway access onto Easton Avenue from the Police parking lot. This was an unbudgeted item but we can absorb the paving cost of approximately \$5,000 into the Road Materials line item. All design work for this project was done in-house by our Public Works Dept. Mr. Hudak said he is happy that the project is moving forward. No action taken.

**WARD MAP –
AUTHORIZATION TO
SEND TO BOARD OF
ELECTIONS**

Solicitor Broughal said that after the 2010 Census, the wards were deemed unequal and that the proposed map divides the wards equally and fairly.

Upon motion (Nolan-Hudak), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to authorize the Township Solicitor to send the proposed ordinance and map to the Northampton County of Elections for review.

**EASTON AVENUE
CULVERT REPAIR**

Solicitor Broughal said they have a conducted a title search and found that PennDOT testified that they constructed the culvert. He asked the board to consider four options: One, the township do the repair themselves. Two, require property owners to fix it. Three, the township fix the culvert and charge the owners. Four, take the matter to PennDOT.

Upon motion (Nolan-Hudak), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to rescind the action taken at the previous meeting based on the results of a title search done by the Township Solicitor and authorized the Township Manager to take the matter to Penndot.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Nolan-Hudak), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata
Recording Secretary