

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

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

OTHERS PRESENT James Broughal, Township Solicitor
Melissa Shafer, Township Manager
Doug Bruce, Assistant Township Manager
Andy Freda, Finance Director
Nathan Jones, Planning Director
Brian Dillman, Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER President Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 February 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

**BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth stated that Housenick Park belongs to the Township and is self-contained by 50% from the Trust and 50% from grants. He asked Mr. Breslin to do more research in the future as he believes the misinformation made the Township look foolish.

**ROY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth said he is concerned about the traffic on Brodhead Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Upon motion (Davis-Breslin) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular public meeting as presented.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION R015-17 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD FOR A PARK ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT**

Upon motion (Nolan-Jenkins), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R015-17 authorizing an application to the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board for a Park Acquisition and Development Program Grant.

RESOLUTION R016-17 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF FISCAL TECHNICIAN DAWN WAGNER AT THE 2017 BENECON HEALTH BENEFITS SEMINAR MARCH 9-10, 2017 IN LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

Upon motion (Jenkins-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R016-17 authorizing the attendance of Fiscal Technician Dawn Wagner at the 2017 Benecon Health Benefits Seminar March 9-10, 2017 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION R017-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PIDCOCK COMPANY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RELATED TO THE FREEMANSBURG AVENUE-MADISON BOULEVARD INTERSECTION

Upon motion (Breslin-Jenkins), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R017-17 authorizing the Pidcock Company to file an application for Traffic Signal Approval with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on behalf of Bethlehem Township related to the Freemansburg Avenue-Madison Boulevard Intersection.

RESOLUTION R018-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HANOVER ENGINEERING TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RELATED TO THE ROUTE 191 AND BETHLEHEM SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER/K-MART DRIVE INTERSECTION

Upon motion (Breslin-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R018-17 authorizing Hanover Engineering to file an Application for Traffic Signal Approval with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on behalf of Bethlehem Township related to the Route 191 and Bethlehem Square Shopping Center/K-Mart Drive Intersection.

MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX EXONERATION OF PARCELS N7-4-1 AND N7-4-4C FOR THE BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$553.73

Upon motion (Davis-Jenkins), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to table a motion authorizing the tax exoneration of parcels N7-4-1 and N7-4-4C for the Bethlehem Area School District in the amount of \$553.73.

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE BEGINNING OF THE MAINTENANCE PERIOD AND RELEVANT SECURITY RELEASE OF \$822,139.01 FOR THE NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DORMITORY PROJECT

Upon motion (Jenkins-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing the beginning of the maintenance period and relevant security release of \$822,139.01 for the Northampton Community College Dormitory Project.

**APPROVAL OF BILL
AGENDA OF
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Upon motion (Davis-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Bill Agenda of February 15, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE ORDERS**

PO 20170286 – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Police – \$3,090.40
PO 20170288 – Barrett Custom Carpentry LLC – PPIS – \$5,560.00
PO 20170289 – Maintenance Connection – PPIS – \$3,510.53
PO 20170381 – Signal Service Inc. – Police – \$31,497.76

Upon motion (Nolan-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Purchase Orders PO 20170286, PO 20170288, PO 20170289 and PO 20170381 as presented.

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER’S REPORT
OF JANUARY 31, 2017**

Upon motion (Breslin-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Treasurer’s Report of December 31, 2016 as presented subject to audit.

**ZONING HEARING
BOARD MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

It was announced that the Zoning Hearing Board meeting of February 22, 2017 will be held in the Administrative Conference Room in the Municipal Building at the regularly scheduled time.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
MONTHLY REPORTS**

All monthly reports were accepted as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Davis announced that the next Meet the Commissioners meeting is Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center.

COMMENTS

Mr. Nolan commented about the radio interview Mr. Breslin had with Bobby Gunther Walsh and said he was disappointed to learn that the issues brought up were deceiving and not true. He believes the information should have been checked and verified and that it is not a good idea to go on the radio to express viewpoints. Mr. Nolan said the opinions expressed by Mr. Breslin were his and not the majority of the will of the Board. Ms. Davis agreed with Mr. Nolan. Mr. Huda also agreed and added that in the future, facts should be checked.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Shafer congratulated Planning Director Nathan Jones and his wife on the arrival of their new baby boy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Davis-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata
Recording Secretary