

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
MAY 2, 2022**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Malissa K. Davis, Vice President  
Jan Beatty, Commissioner  
John K. Gallagher, Commissioner  
Dale A. Sourbeck, Commissioner
- MEMBERS ABSENT** John J. Merhottein, President
- OTHERS PRESENT** James L. Broughal, Township Solicitor  
Doug Bruce, Township Manager  
David Backenstoe, Township Solicitor
- CALL TO ORDER** Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- COURTESY OF THE FLOOR** There were no comments during Courtesy of the Floor.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Upon motion (Sourbeck-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 regular public meeting as presented. Mr. Merhottein was absent.
- RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** Ms. Davis explained that the next six resolutions are appointments to the newly formed Environmental Advisory Council. The appointments have staggered three, two and one term appointments. Ms. Davis said four vacancies remain: one voting member, two non-voting student members, and a non-voting member of the Environmental Advisory Council from a neighboring municipality.
- RESOLUTION R046-22** **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**
- Ms. Davis said this appointment is for a three-year term.
- Upon motion (Gallagher-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R046-22 appointing Brian Hilliard to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term. Mr. Merhottein was absent.
- RESOLUTION R047-22** **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**
- Ms. Davis said this appointment is for a three-year term.
- Upon motion (Sourbeck-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R047-22 appointing Les Walker to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term. Mr. Merhottein was absent.
- RESOLUTION R048-22** **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**
- Ms. Davis said this appointment is for a two-year term.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R048-22 appointing Kelly VonSteuben to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council for a two-year term. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**RESOLUTION R049-22 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ms. Davis said this appointment is for a two-year term.

Upon motion (Beatty-Sourbeck), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R049-22 appointing Steven Greco to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council for a two-year term. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**RESOLUTION R050-22 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ms. Davis said this appointment is for a one-year term.

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R050-22 appointing Michael Dewey to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council for a one-year term. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**RESOLUTION R051-22 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ms. Davis said this appointment is for a one-year term.

Upon motion (Beatty-Sourbeck), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R051-22 appointing John Gallagher to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council for a one-year term. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**MOTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MOTION**

**A MOTION APPOINTING LUCAS REPKA AS SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL**

Solicitor Backenstoe said he needed assistance to handle litigation issues and outstanding invoices regarding PC Land Development. He recommended Attorney Lucas Repka be appointed as Special Litigation Counsel to work with Solicitor Backenstoe.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Sourbeck), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion appointing Lucas Repka as special litigation counsel. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

**PO 20220976 – CONCRETE ALTERNATIVES – PPIS – \$3,400.00**  
**PO 20220977 – STOTZ & FATZINGER OFFICE SUPPLY – PPIS – \$20,679.01**  
**PO 20220978 – GAME TIME – PW – \$6,386.48**  
**PO 20221023 – METZ INC. – BTCC – \$5,615.00**  
**PO 20221029 – PORTNOFF LAW ASSOCIATES – FINANCE – \$3,185.00**

**PO 20220134 – GLICK FIRE EQUIPMENT – NRFC – \$23,027.06**

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Purchase Order 20220976, 20220977, 20220978, 20221023, 20221029 and 20220134. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**JOHNSTON MANSION  
POTENTIAL USES**

Ms. Davis said SCF Architect provided a recommendation report and analysis for potential uses for the mansion. She said the goal is to renovate the first floor for these activities, saving the second and third floors for later development. Some example general and community activities are:

- Community club meetings- garden club, book clubs, etc.
- Scout meetings
- Small concerts
- School meetings
- Discussion groups, such as small businesses, environmental groups, etc.
- Art classes/exhibits
- Maybe small catered get togethers
- Small workshops

Mr. Gallagher said this is a great first step and added that limited uses would keep initial expenses down. Mr. Sourbeck asked how many people would the first floor accommodate. Ms. Davis said according to the Fire Marshal they couldn't have more than 50 people.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Sourbeck), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to adopt the list preliminary uses of the Johnston Mansion as detailed. Mr. Merhottein was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners Ms. Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata  
Recording Secretary