

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT	John J. Merhottein, President John K. Gallagher, Vice President Matthew C. Deckman, Commissioner Michael D. Hudak, Commissioner DeAnn L. Lawrence, Commissioner
OTHERS PRESENT	James L. Broughal, Jr., Township Solicitor Edward D. Hozza, Jr., Township Manager Samantha Smith, Community Development Director Gregory J. Gottschall, Chief of Police
CALL TO ORDER	Mr. Merhottein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
COURTESY OF THE FLOOR	
PAUL PULEO 4003 VICTORS WAY	Mr. Puleo reported that no work was done since the prior Board of Commissioners' meeting, two weeks ago, and not a word from the developer. He noted the following in his development: • BTMA marked for laterals • Sinkhole on Victors Way was repaired. • Two smaller sinkholes developed but have not been repaired. • Fencing around detention ponds have not been done. • Curb repair still not finished He distributed photos to the board and asked them not to grant anymore time extensions.
PAT GRUBE 6TH STREET	Ms. Grube asked if Christian Spring Road was on the schedule to be repaved. She said she researched what the cost would be to pave the road at \$3.10 a foot. Mr. Hudak said it would cost a lot more than that. He said the road has a dirt base which needs replacing. The road also needs widening but are unsure who owns the field. The township engineer looked at it and said it would cost \$3 million for road reconstruction.
DAVID BUCHERER 4220 NICHOLAS ST.	Mr. Bucherer asked for the noise ordinance to be published in the newsletter. He also asked if the police officers were informed about it. Mr. Merhottein said they are aware of the ordinance.
GLENN KRIER 3942 KENRICK DR.	Mr. Krier asked for a status on the tree plantings at River Hill Estates. Ms. Smith said staff is working with them to determine where to place them. Mr. Krier asked for a status on the retaining wall. Mr. Merhottein said that as of now, they have to move the wall.
EILEEN TRUSCOTT 4385 HILLTOP CIR.	Ms. Truscott inquired about the realignment of Farmersville Road and Freemansburg Avenue project. Ms. Smith said it was supposed to start the end of this year. Mr. Hudak said he would like to see more concrete numbers.

ROBERT CONKLIN
3947 VICTORS WAY

Mr. Conklin shared the same concerns as Mr. Puleo regarding the work in his development and asked if there is a list of work to complete. Ms. Smith said they are working on it for total completion.

KIM GOBRESKI
2169 EMANUEL CT.

Ms. Gobreski said there is a landscaping company that illegally parks their truck on Raya Way all day. Chief Gottschall said he would look into the matter.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Upon motion (Gallagher-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the July 20, 2026 regular public meeting minutes.

SUBDIVISIONS &
LAND
DEVELOPMENT

MOTION

A MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEVELOPER'S OBLIGATION TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO THE 2022 RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL, TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2027 FOR THE MOWER ROAD LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Upon motion (Hudak-Gallagher) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to table the motion to extend the developer's obligation to complete improvements, pursuant to the 2022 resolution of approval, to September 19, 2027 for the Mower Road Land Development Plan.

MOTION

A MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEVELOPER'S OBLIGATION TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, TO AUGUST 18, 2028 FOR THE LVIP VI LOT 43 (PETRUCCI OFFICE BUILDING) LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.

Mr. Roth asked if the money to repair anything damaged comes out of the security. Solicitor Broughal said the developer would still be liable.

Upon motion (Hudak-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to extend the developer's obligation to complete improvements, pursuant to the land development agreement, to August 18, 2028 for the LVIP VI Lot 43 (Petrucci Office Building) Land Development Plan.

MOTION

A MOTION TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENTS SECURITY RELEASE #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,545.63 FOR LVIP VI LOT 43

Upon motion (Hudak-Deckman), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Improvements Security Release #2 in the amount of \$281,545.63 for LVIP VI Lot 43.

RESOLUTIONS OF
THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION R058-26

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SERGEANT TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The board congratulated Sergeant Knouss.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R058-26 conditionally appointing Jarod Knouss as Sergeant of the Bethlehem Township Police Department.

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RESOLUTION R059-26 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CORPORAL TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

The board congratulated Corporal Ebner.

Upon motion (Lawrence-Deckman), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R059-26 conditionally appointing Adam Ebner as Corporal of the Bethlehem Township Police Department.

RESOLUTION R060-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO UTILIZE MUNICIBID ON-LINE GOVERNMENT AUCTION SERVICE FOR THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY

Upon motion (Lawrence-Deckman), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R060-26 authorizing the township manager to utilize Municibid on-line government auction service for the sale of township-owned personal property.

RESOLUTION R061-26 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Upon motion (Gallagher-Hudak), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R061-26 appointing Gerald Lebeduik to the Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority.

**PURCHASE ORDERS PO 20261509 – PENN POWER GROUP LLC. – PPIS – \$8,016.69
PO 20261510 – BROWN-DAUB DODGE – PPIS – \$6,033.15
PO 20261511 – CORE & MAIN – PPIS – \$75,006.00
PO 20261519 – IF IT’S WATER, INC. – BTCC – \$48,500.00
PO 20261531 – ALBARELL ELECTRIC, INC. – PPIS – \$5,025.00
PO 20261548 – CITY OF ALLENTOWN – POLICE – \$24,000.00**

Upon motion (Deckman-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve all purchase orders as presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION Solicitor Broughal noted for the record that the board would meet in Executive
ANNOUNCEMENT Session after tonight’s meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting
at 7:44 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary