REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT
Michael Hudak, President
Malissa Davis, Vice President
Kristine Blake, Commissioner
John Gallagher, Commissioner
John Merhottein, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT
James L. Broughal, Township Solicitor
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
Amanda Raudenbush, Planning Director
Ron Gawlik, Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER
President Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 July 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss litigation matters pursuant to Section 708a of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

MARK BOGANSKY
3522 DRIFTWOOD PL.
Mr. Bogansky said that Amanda Raudenbush and Abe Hoffner visited the site but did not see any bamboo because the owner had mowed the lawn. He said the barrier is not sufficient. Mr. Bogansky asked that the complaint be kept open until the bamboo has been properly remediated. Solicitor Broughal said the complaint will be remain open as the township will continue to monitor the situation. President Hudak said the neighbors are allowed to grow bamboo but it must be contained.

Upon motion (Davis-Blake), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to authorize the township solicitor to file an injunction against 3512 Driftwood Place for failure to contain the bamboo from spreading to the neighboring property at 3522 Driftwood Place. The motion passed 4 to 1. Mr. Gallagher opposed.

BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.
Mr. Roth commented that the warehouse on Brodhead Road is finished and the road is still in disrepair. President Hudak replied that the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. Mr. Roth asked the board to look into recycling the light bars from the old police vehicles as they are costly. President Hudak agreed and said he will look into it.

ROXANNE NELSON
CHRISTIAN SPRINGS ROAD.
Mrs. Nelson said that although police presence has increased, it is not enough. Cars and trucks continue to make a left onto Nazareth Pike from Christian Springs Road.

KEVIN KALMAN
1451 3RD STREET
Mr. Kalman said he disagreed with Mr. Roth. He said that equipment on police vehicles going to auction is not easily transferrable as they come in different sizes.

KEITH SARKADY
3939 KENDRICK DR.

Mr. Sarkady expressed his concerns about the constant fireworks going off in the township. He said he had reported this to the police several times and responding officers told him there was nothing they could do because of state law. Mrs. Davis suggested he contact his legislative representatives about getting the law repealed. Mr. Sarkady asked if the township police had cited anyone for fireworks violations this year. Mr. Bruce said the police have responded to numerous calls but no arrests were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular public meeting as presented. Mr. Hudak abstained. The motion passed 4-0-1.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION R039-19 **A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL OF LEHIGH VALLEY UNDERGROUND**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R039-19 granting conditional preliminary/final land development approval of Lehigh Valley Underground.

MOTION **A MOTION NOTING FOR THE RECORD THE DEVELOPER OF MILL CREEK CORPORATE CENTER HAS AGREED TO A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE PROJECT TO OCTOBER 31, 2019**

Upon motion (Davis-Blake), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion noting for the record the developer of Mill Creek Corporate Center has agreed to a time extension for the project to October 31, 2019.

RESOLUTION R040-19 **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEEDS OF DEDICATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY ON 12TH STREET AND FREEMANSBURG AVENUE RELATED TO THE BIRCHWOOD COMMONS DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion (Merhottein- Blake), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R040-19 accepting deeds of dedication for right of way on 12th Street and Freemansburg Avenue related to the Birchwood Commons development.

RESOLUTION R041-19 **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEEDS OF EASEMENT RELATED TO THE BIRCHWOOD COMMONS DEVELOPMENT**

Upon motion (Merhottein- Blake), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R041-19 accepting deeds of easement related to the Birchwood Commons development.

RESOLUTION R042-19 **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP AND BIRCHWOOD COMMONS LLC**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Blake), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R042-19 approving the first addendum to the land development agreement between Bethlehem Township and Birchwood Commons LLC.

RESOLUTION R043-19 **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF PRIMA DRIVE, WESTWOOD DRIVE, TIFFANY DRIVE, AND CHIPMAN ROAD**

Upon motion (Davis- Blake), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R043-19 accepting the offer of dedication of Prima Drive, Westwood Drive, Tiffany Drive, and Chipman Road.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION R044-19 **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Upon motion (Davis-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R044-19 appointing Randi L. Blauth to the Bethlehem Area Public Library Advisory Board

APPROVAL OF BILL AGENDA OFJULY 10, 2019

Upon motion (Davis-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve the Bill Agenda of July 10, 2019.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

PO 20191519 – CORE & MAIN – PPIS – $14,040.00
PO 20191539 – NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING – PPIS – $35,050.00
PO 20191555 – BATH SUPPLY CO. INC. – PPIS – $6,802.00
PO 20191559 – ALAN KUNSMAN ROOFING – PPIS – $5,700.00
PO 20191586 – XYLEM DEWATERING SOLUTIONS – PPIS – $8,240.90
PO 20191588 – JOAO & BRADLEY CONSTRUCTION – PPIS – $80,485.00
PO 20191595 – CORE & MAIN – PPIS – $2,340.00
PO 20191741 – JOAO & BRADLEY CONSTRUCTION – PPIS – $45,520.00
PO 20191751 – SCHLOUCH INC. – PW – $16,926.84
PO 20191743 – IF IT'S WATER INC. – BTCC – $3,156.16

Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Purchase Orders 20191519, PO 20191539, PO 20191555, PO 20191559, PO 20191586, PO 20191588, PO 20191595, PO 20191741, PO 20191751 and PO 20191743 as presented.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT OF JUNE 30, 2019

Upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2019 as presented subject to audit.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING OF JULY 31, 2019

There were no comments or concerns regarding the Zoning Hearing Board meeting agenda of July 31, 2019.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no questions or concerns regarding the monthly reports.

DISCUSSION ITEM

REQUEST TO PENNDOT REGARDING SIGNAGE FOR CHRISTIAN SPRINGS ROAD

Mr. Gallagher said the sign would be an improvement to prohibit trucks from turning onto Christian Springs Road. Doug Bruce, Township Manager said the sign was suggested by a resident on Christian Springs Road.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to authorize the township manager to send a letter to Penndot regarding signage restricting truck turns from Nazareth Pike onto Christian Springs Road and supplementing the warning signage for the entrance to Christian Springs Road.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary