

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 16, 2018**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Michael Hudak, President
Thomas Nolan, Vice-President
Malissa Davis, Commissioner
John Gallagher, Commissioner
John Merhottein Commissioner
- OTHERS PRESENT** Wendy Nicolosi, Township Solicitor
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
- CALL TO ORDER** President Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Solicitor Nicolosi announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss litigation matters pursuant to Section 708a of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.
- COURTESY OF THE FLOOR** There were no comments during Courtesy of the Floor.
- MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
- MOTION** **A MOTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP AND THE HOUSENICK MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**
- Mr. Merhottein believes that approving the grant agreement with the stipulation of completing the first floor is irresponsible because there is no funding. He said if the board were to pay for the exterior on their own, they would be in a better position to do the renovations. Ms. Davis believes the agreement should not be deferred. Mr. Gallagher said that if the board waits too long to act, the interior will suffer. He believes that they should proceed with the exterior renovation. Mr. Nolan said he supports with revised grant agreement. He said there is a lot of support in the community for this project. President Hudak said he agreed with Mr. Merhottein as there is no guarantee that they will obtain the funds necessary to renovate the first floor.
- BEN HEDRICK
3653 IRONSTONE RD.** Mr. Hedrick believes that the use of the mansion should fit in with the criteria noted in the will. President Hudak said the will limits the uses of the mansion and cannot be used for business such as a wedding. He said the board will be looking into a consultant to research a use for the mansion.
- ROD LAW
4210 ANTHONY LN.** Mr. Law asked why the agreement was not made readily available to the public. Solicitor Broughal said that any contract that is being negotiated on cannot be released until made final.
- WAYNE KRESGE
4349 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Kresge asked why the mansion was giving to township in the first place. President Hudak said that it came with the park. Mr. Kresge believes it is a bad idea

to agree to renovate the first floor without knowing the condition of it and how much it will cost.

**ANDY AZAN
4212 BEDFORD DR.**

Mr. Azan spoke on behalf of Gloria Fuller, 4247 Bedford Drive, who believes the project will be a drain on the township and should be torn down.

**BARBARA WALTERS
2804 JEFFERSON ST.**

Ms. Walters said that she attended the open house and feels it is a money pit. She suggested that it be torn down and replaced with a pavilion.

MOTION

Upon motion (Nolan-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve a motion approving a grant agreement between Bethlehem Township and the Housenick Memorial Foundation. The motion passed 3 to 2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR EXTENDED SERVICES WITH BOYLE CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR REBIDDING OF THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT

MOTION

Upon motion (Nolan-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing the township manager to enter into an agreement for extended services with Boyle Construction Inc. for rebidding of the Housenick mansion exterior renovation project. The motion passed 3 to 2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS WITH SPILLMAN FARMER ARCHITECTS FOR REBIDDING OF THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT

Upon motion (Gallagher-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing the township manager to enter into an agreement for additional costs with Spillman Farmer Architects for rebidding of the Housenick mansion exterior renovation project. The motion passed 3 to 2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION R045-18

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR MASONRY FOR THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT

Upon motion (Nolan-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R045-18 awarding the masonry contract base plus alternates M2.2, M2.3, M2.4, M2.5 and M2.8 for the Housenick mansion exterior renovation project to Mora Restoration for an amount of \$214,225.00. The motion passed 3 to 2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

RESOLUTION R046-18

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR ROOFING FOR THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT

Upon motion (Gallagher-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to

approve Resolution R046-18 awarding the roofing contract base plus alternate R1.2 for the Housenick mansion exterior renovation project to Alan Kunsman Roofing & Siding, Inc. for an amount of \$163,800.00. The motion passed 3 to 2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

RESOLUTION R047-18 A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR PAINTING FOR THE HOUSENICK MANSION EXTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT

Upon motion (Nolan-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R047-18 awarding the painting contract base plus alternates P4.4, P4.5, P4.6 and P4.7 for painting for the Housenick mansion exterior renovation project to Sobrinski Painting Inc., for an amount of \$105,735.00 The motion passed 3 to 2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

MOTION Upon motion (Nolan-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to authorize the Township Manager to move forward with the previously approved carpentry rebidding process. The motion passed 3-2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

MOTION Upon motion (Gallagher-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to authorize the Township Manager to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an interior renovation consultant. The motion passed 3-2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein opposed.

ADJOURNMENT There being no other business, upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata
Recording Secretary