

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2018**

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

OTHERS PRESENT James Broughal, 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.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR There were no comments during Courtesy of the Floor.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION R076-18 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Solicitor Broughal said there are 3 applicants being considered for the Commissioner appointment:

Amna Ehsan, an Administrative Assistant from Northampton County Corrections Department.

Kristine Blake, an attorney for a private corporation.

Arthur Murphy, a senior accountant for Selvaggio Construction, previously served on the Board of Commissioners for 8 years and served 10 years on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Solicitor Broughal asked for nominations at this time.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to nominate Kristine Blake and was seconded by Ms. Davis.

Mr. Merhottein made a motion to nominate Arthur Murphy and was seconded by Mr. Hudak.

The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to appoint a member to the Board of Commissioners. The motion was a tie vote and did not pass. Ms. Davis voted for Kristine Blake. Mr. Hudak voted for Arthur Murphy. Mr. Merhottein voted for Arthur Murphy. Mr. Gallagher voted for Kristine Blake.

Solicitor Broughal announced a tie and instituted a provisions period of 15 days that would commence on the 30th day period to fill the appointment. He said a special meeting by the Vacancy Board would need to be set and advertised and the

Chairman would vote as the fifth vote.

Mr. Merhottein asked if the board could accept more applications. Solicitor Broughal said there is nothing in the law that prohibits accepting new applications for the appointment.

Ms. Davis said for the record that she based her vote not on party affiliation but solely on qualifications.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Davis-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata
Recording Secretary