

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT	John K. Gallagher, Vice President Matthew C. Deckman, Commissioner DeAnn L. Lawrence, Commissioner John J. Merhottein, President
MEMBERS ABSENT	Michael D. Hudak, Commissioner
OTHERS PRESENT	James L. Broughal, Township Solicitor Doug Bruce, Township Manager Samantha Smith, Community Development Director Ron Gawlik, Township Engineer
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	There were no comments during Courtesy of the Floor.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Upon motion (Gallagher-Deckman), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the January 19, 2026 regular public meeting minutes. Mr. Hudak was absent.
PRESENTATION	STORMWATER PROGRAM UPDATE – CASEY LALONDE AND MIKE CALLAHAN, HRG Casey LaLonde, project manager for Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, the township's stormwater engineer, presented an overview and update on the township's stormwater program and capital improvement plan.
GLENN KREIER 3942 KENRICK DR.	Mr. Kreier asked about present and future stormwater projects. Mr. LaLonde said the next projects coming up are Sculac Drive stream restoration and Phase 1A of the Easton Avenue flood mitigation project.
BARRY ROTH 4323 CHETWIN TERR.	Mr. Roth said the eastern end of Ohio Street and Chetwin Terrace have severe flooding issues.
MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	
MOTION	A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP - EMERGENCY TRAFFIC SIGNALS (SR 2018) FREEMANSBURG AVENUE AND 9TH STREET - 1-21-26 - DESIGN SUMMARY FOR PUBLIC BID Mr. Gawlik explained that the emergency preemption light is similar to the one Nancy Run Fire Company. It will allow safer passage of emergency vehicles from Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company's station onto Freemansburg Avenue. Mr. Gallagher asked if certain lights would be red. Mr. Gawlik said all will be red. Mr. Deckman asked how much grant money

was received. Mr. Merhottein said \$450,000 in state funding. Mr. Gawlik said he hope it will cover the expenses.

Upon motion (Deckman-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote authorizing the township manager to advertise the Bethlehem Township - Emergency Traffic Signals (SR 2018) Freemansburg Avenue and 9th Street - 1-21-26 - Design Summary for public bid. Mr. Hudak was absent.

MOTION

A MOTION APPOINTING STEVEN GRECO AS RECREATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Upon motion (Gallagher-Deckman), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote appointing Steven Greco as recreation committee representative on the comprehensive plan steering committee. Mr. Hudak was absent.

PURCHASE ORDERS

**PO 20260206 – JWC ENVIRONMENTAL – PPIS – \$23,204.07
PO 20260215 – TRANS-BRIDGE INC. – BTCC – \$3,029.43
PO 20260216 – RECREONICS, INC. – BTCC – \$3,416.66
PO 20260217 – METZ, INC. – BTCC – \$9,211.00
PO 20260223 – EVERBRIDGE – BTPD – \$7,597.19
PO 20260244 – WHITESTONE – ADMIN – \$10,000.00
PO 20260246 – TRIAD TRUCK EQUIPMENT – PW – \$2,524.58
PO 20260247 – M&J OUTDOOR SERVICE – PW – \$10,950.00
PO 20260248 – DALE KOEHLER & SONS FARM – PW – \$6,492.44
PO 20260249 – AUTOMOTIVE LIFT SPECIALIST – PW – \$17,990.00
PO 20260250 – LOWE & MOYER GARAGE – PW – \$2,944.03**

Mr. Gallagher said there were a number of complaints regarding the quality of the snow removal in Madison Farms. Mr. Bruce said the development is difficult to plow because of the narrow streets and the township hires a contractor to plow and remove snowfalls over four inches. Mr. Merhottein said he drove through the area and said the streets were narrow and there was no place put the snow.

Upon motion (Lawrence-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the purchase orders as presented. Mr. Hudak was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary