

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** John J. Merhottein, President  
John K. Gallagher, Vice President  
DeAnn L. Lawrence, Commissioner  
Michael D. Hudak, Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Jan Beatty, Commissioner

**OTHERS PRESENT** Anthony Giovannini, Jr., Township Solicitor  
Doug Bruce, Township Manager

**CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Merhottein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

**BARRY ROTH  
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth asked if the rules on truck parking in the township could be included in the next newsletter. He also suggested that the 2017 police cruiser currently not in operation should be used as a backup vehicle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Upon motion (Hudak-Lawrence) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the August 19, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Beatty was absent.

**SUBDIVISIONS &  
LAND  
DEVELOPMENT**

**MOTION** **A MOTION APPROVING IMPROVEMENTS SECURITY RELEASE CERTIFICATION NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 173,478.25, FOR LVIP VI LOT 43**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Improvements Security Release Certification No. 1, in the amount of \$ 173,478.25, for LVIP VI Lot 43. Ms. Beatty was absent.

**MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MOTION** **A MOTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RELATED TO THE COUNTY'S STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT AT MONOCACY CREEK**

Upon motion (Hudak-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to untable the motion to approve a temporary construction easement agreement between Bethlehem Township and Northampton County related to the county's stream restoration project at Monocacy Creek. Ms. Beatty was absent.

**BARRY ROTH  
4323 CHETWIN TERR.**

Mr. Roth asked what kind of work was being done. Mr. Gallagher said they are improving the water quality. He said he would have appreciated a presentation on the project from the county.

Upon motion (Hudak-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a temporary construction easement agreement between Bethlehem Township and Northampton County related to the county's stream restoration project at Monocacy Creek. Ms. Beatty was absent.

**MOTION**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Upon motion (Hudak-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to table the motion authorizing the township manager to enter into a cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Ms. Beatty was absent.

**MOTION**

**A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE TO INCUR LEASE RENTAL DEBT, AS EVIDENCED BY THE GUARANTEED REVENUE NOTE IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,710,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC STORMWATER FACILITIES**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the township manager to advertise an ordinance to incur lease rental debt, as evidenced by the guaranteed revenue note in the maximum principal amount of \$2,710,000 in connection with the construction, alteration, and improvements to the public stormwater facilities. Ms. Beatty was absent.

**APPROVAL OF  
PURCHASE ORDERS**

**PO 20242032 – Lift Fitness – BTCC – \$19,011.75**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata  
Recording Secretary