

**BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2025**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** John J. Merhottein, President
John K. Gallagher, Vice President
Matthew C. Deckman, Commissioner
DeAnn L. Lawrence, Commissioner
Michael D. Hudak, Commissioner
- OTHERS PRESENT** James L. Broughal, Township Solicitor
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
Ronald J. 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 or concerns during Courtesy of the Floor.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Upon motion (Hudak-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the December 16, 2024 regular public meeting minutes.
- RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
- RESOLUTION R001-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**
- Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Hudak nominated Les Walker. Mr. Gallagher nominated Mr. Wright.
- The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution R001-25 appointing Don Wright to the Bethlehem Township Planning Commission. The motion carried 4-1. Mr. Hudak voted for Les Walker.
- RESOLUTION R002-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**
- Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Hudak nominated Les Walker. Mr. Gallagher nominated Brian LaFlamme.
- The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution R002-25 appointing Les Walker to the Bethlehem Township Planning Commission. The motion carried 4-1. Mr. Gallagher voted for Brian LaFlamme.
- RESOLUTION R003-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION**
- Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Hudak nominated Marilyn Minder. Mr. Gallagher nominated Chris Brown.

The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution R003-25 appointing Chris Brown to the Bethlehem Township Recreation Commission. The motion carried 4-1. Mr. Hudak voted for Marilyn Minder.

RESOLUTION R004-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Richard Pelizzoni. Mr. Hudak nominated Dennis Koehler.

The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution R004-25 appointing Dennis Koehler to the Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board. The motion carried 3-2. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Deckman voted for Richard Pelizzoni.

RESOLUTION R005-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP VACANCY BOARD

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Frank Pologruto.

Upon nomination by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R005-25 reappointing Frank Pologruto to the Bethlehem Township Vacancy Board.

RESOLUTION R006-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Merhottein nominated Peggy Salvatore.

Upon nomination by Mr. Merhottein, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R006-25 reappointing Peggy Salvatore to the Bethlehem Area Public Library Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION R007-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Luke Verdes. Mr. Hudak nominated George Boksan.

The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution R007-25 reappointing George Boksan to the Bethlehem Township Civil Service Commission. The motion carried 3-2. Ms. Lawrence and Mr. Gallagher voted for Luke Verdes.

RESOLUTION R008-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Luke Verdes.

Upon nomination by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R008-25 reappointing Luke Verdes to the Bethlehem Township Civil Service Commission.

RESOLUTION R009-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Ron Gori.

Upon nomination by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R009-25 reappointing Ron Gori to the Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority.

RESOLUTION R010-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Hudak nominated Brian Hillard.

Upon nomination by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R010-25 reappointing Brian Hillard to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council.

RESOLUTION R011-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Tina Bartley.

Upon nomination by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R011-25 appointing Tina Bartley to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council.

RESOLUTION R012-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Hudak nominated Jim Daley. Mr. Gallagher nominated Luke Verdes.

The Board of Commissioners voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution R011-25 appointing Luke Verdes to the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council. The motion carried 3-2. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Merhottein voted for Jim Daley.

RESOLUTION R013-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSOCIATED COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Gallagher nominated Jaydon Antoine.

Upon nomination by Mr. Gallagher, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R013-25 reappointing Jaydon Antoine to associated council member of the Bethlehem Township Environmental Advisory Council.

RESOLUTION R014-25 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Merhottein called for nominations. Mr. Hudak nominated Hanover Engineering Associates.

Upon nomination by Mr. Hudak, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution R014-25 appointing Hanover Engineering Associates as Assistant Township Engineer.

**MOTIONS OF THE
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MOTION

**A MOTION APPROVING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER THE PIDCOCK
COMPANY’S RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

Mr. Merhottein said the rate increase by three percent. Mr. Gallagher asked when the last increase was approved. Mr. Gawlik said last year.

Upon motion (Hudak-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve township engineer The Pidcock Company’s rate schedule for 2025.

PURCHASE ORDERS

**PO 20250007 – H.T. LYONS CONTRACTORS – PPIS – \$33,178.67
PO 20250016 – SIG SAUER – BTPD – \$3,196.36**

**GLENN KRIER
3692 KENRICK DR.**

Mr. Krier said there were only two purchase orders listed on the agenda. Ms. Zapata apologized to the board for not printing out the revised agenda. For the record, purchase orders 3-6 were not properly posted and could not be voted on.

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

**2025 BLANKET
PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Gallagher asked if the items on the list were budgeted. Mr. Merhottein replied yes.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the 2025 blanket purchase orders as presented.

**DON WRIGHT
281 HOPE RIDGE DR.**

Mr. Wright said since he was appointed to the Planning Commission, he will submit his letter of resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board this week. Mr. Merhottein said the board will appoint someone to the Zoning Hearing Board at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary