

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 6, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT Michael D. Hudak, President
Malissa K. Davis, Vice President
John K. Gallagher, Commissioner
John J. Merhottein Commissioner
Dale A. Sourbeck, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT James L. Broughal, Township Solicitor
Anthony Giovannini, Township Solicitor
Ronald Gawlik, Township Engineer
Doug Bruce, Township Manager

CALL TO ORDER President Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COURTESY OF THE
FLOOR**

**TOM KEEFER
3808 CARTER RD.** Mr. Keefer asked if parking was allowed at the memorial park located on 10th Street and Carter Road. He said 15 to 20 cars were parked at the triangle by the memorial. President Hudak said parking is allowed on township roads unless specifically prohibited by ordinance. Mr. Keefer said they were not parked along on a street but at the park. President Hudak said cars are not allowed to be parked on township property. Mr. Keefer said he had pictures of two rows of vehicles parked by the memorial on the grass. President Hudak said he will check with the police department.

**BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth asked when the work at the Housenick mansion would resume. Ms. Davis said she hopes it will begin soon. She said the ARCHIE organization recently met and discussed a possible apple event in the fall. Hopefully at the next meeting, the organization will decide on a date.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES** Upon motion (Gallagher-Sourbeck), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 regular public meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS OF
THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION R033-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND PROGRAM

President Hudak explained that this is a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for pedestrian improvements, including handicap access and crossing signals at Oakland Road (intersection with Santee Road and Rambeau Road) and Hecktown Road (at Dartmouth Drive). The project is estimated to cost \$180,000 and the grant requires a 30% match by the township, he said.

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R033-21 authorizing a grant

application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program.

**MOTIONS OF THE
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODIFIED CODE OF TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM “CODIFIED ORDINANCES,” BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 170 (PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS) DEALING WITH HORSES ON THE BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP TOWPATH/CANAL TRAIL AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH

President Hudak explained that adoption of this ordinance would prohibit horses on the township’s portion of the D&L Trail.

Mr. Gallagher said allowing horses on the trail provides recreational opportunities and believes promoting and enhancing these opportunities would be wise. He said the problem is caused by inconsiderate people who are not following the current township ordinance requiring cleaning up after the horses. He believes that depriving people from enjoying these recreational opportunities is not the answer. Mr. Gallagher said the rider should be required to clean up after their animal and that signs should be posted accordingly.

President Hudak said the township has an ordinance requiring owners to clean up after their animals including horses. In order for the ordinance to be enforced, someone has to physically witness the horse and the rider. President Hudak said prohibiting horses on the trail would be easier to enforce. He said he has resided in that area for 15 years and had never seen anyone ride their horse on the trail until a local company started offering rides recently.

Mr. Sourbeck said he has seen people riding their horses on the trail and said he would like to speak with the owner of the horses to discuss further.

President Hudak said that the motion in front of the board is for advertising the ordinance. The board will get a second chance to discuss when the ordinance comes before them for adoption.

Upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing the advertisement of an ordinance amending Chapter 170 of the Codified Code of Township of Bethlehem “Codified Ordinances,” by amending certain provisions of Chapter 170 (Parks and Recreation Areas) dealing with horses on the Bethlehem Township towpath/canal trail and repealing all ordinances inconsistent therewith. The motion passed 3-2. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sourbeck opposed.

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC BIDDING OF THE COMMUNITY PARK SWALE RESTORATION PROJECT

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing public bidding of the Community Park Swale Restoration project.

A MOTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC BIDDING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

MOTION

President Hudak explained that the project is for the remainder of the building's roof over at the community center. The first part of the roof was completed in 2017.

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing public bidding of the Community Center Improvements project.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

PO 20211261 – CONRAD M. SIEGEL INC. – FINANCE – \$24,400.00
PO 20211264 – OLD DOMINION BRUSH CO. INC. – PW – \$2,030.78
PO 20211266 – HERBERT, ROWLAND & GRUBIC – PPIS – \$19,351.50
PO 20211296 – STRYKER MEDICAL – EMS – \$37,783.52
PO 20211297 – STRYKER MEDICAL – EMS – \$49,174.00
PO 20211298 – KOCH 33 FORD TOYOTA – BTPD – \$59,637.00
PO 20211299 – KOCH 33 FORD TOYOTA – BTPD – \$49,343.00
PO 20211265 – A-1TRAFFIC CONTROL – PUBLIC WORKS – \$10,774.36
PO 20211302 – HERBERT, ROWLAND & GRUBIC INC. – PPIS – \$4,428.00

Upon motion (Davis-Sourbeck), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice to approve Purchase Orders 20211261, 20211264, 20211266, 20211296, 20211297, 20211298, 20211299, 20211265 and 20211302 as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEM

CHRISTIAN SPRING ROAD COMMENT

President Hudak said discussion item will be discussed at the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.
Mr. Sourbeck thanked Mrs. Frey for allowing him to sit in her driveway for five hours to observe the traffic. He said he hopes to report his findings by the next meeting to the board and Mrs. Frye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Sourbeck-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary