

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** John J. Merhottein, President
John K. Gallagher, Vice President
Jan Beatty, Commissioner
DeAnn L. Lawrence, Commissioner
Luke A. Verdes, Commissioner
- OTHERS PRESENT** Jim 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 in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ADDITION TO THE AGENDA** Upon motion (Beatty-Lawrence), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to add PO 20232010 to the agenda.
- COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**
- BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth believes several homes in his neighborhood are being converted into apartments which pose both a safety issue and fire hazard.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Upon motion (Gallagher-Verdes), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 regular public meeting as presented.
- MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
- MOTION** **A MOTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP WITH THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 220, BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**
- Ron Gawlik, Township Engineer, explained this addition to the stormwater ordinance is a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection. He said the model ordinance came out in 2022 and served as a guideline. The township stormwater engineers, geotech consultant, solicitor, and staff worked on the draft to ensure all the requirements were met.
- Upon motion (Gallagher-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance amending the Codified Code of Ordinances of Bethlehem Township with the addition of Chapter 220, Bethlehem Township Stormwater Management, and repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith.

MOTION**A MOTION OPPOSING PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE BILL 291 AND AUTHORIZING CORRESPONDENCE TO LOCAL LEGISLATORS ABOUT THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Solicitor Broughal explained that if this particular legislation passed it would remove municipal liens after foreclosure of a mortgage. He said this is meant for banks as a way to get their money before municipal governments and recommended that the board oppose this proposed legislation.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Verdes), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to oppose Pennsylvania House Bill 291 and authorize correspondence to local legislators about this proposed legislation

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

PO 20231917 – NAZARETH FORD – PW – \$4,387.61
PO 20231918 – TRANSEdge TRUCK CENTER – PW – \$2,781.10
PO 20231924 – STRYKER MEDICAL – BTVFC – \$23,339.97
PO 20231925 – STRYKER MEDICAL – BTVFC – \$34,437.92
PO 20231926 – STRYKER MEDICAL – BTVFC – \$63, 885.90
PO 20231956 – KIDS PLAY TENNIS – BTCC – \$3,395.20
PO 20231960 – AMERICAN HIGHWAY PRODUCTS – PPIS – \$4,574.89
PO 20231961 – BRITE – BTPD – \$5,788.00
PO 20231962 – CHAPMAN AUTO GROUP – BTPD – \$80,436.00
PO 20231963 – INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATIONS – BTPD – \$16,779.52
PO 20231964 – MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS – BTPD – \$13,760.00
PO 20231965 – ELITE VEHICLE SOLUTIONS – BTPD – \$1,562.12
PO 20231966 – ELITE VEHICLE SOLUTIONS – BTPD – \$41,301.84
PO 20231967 – LAFAYETTE INSTRUMENT – BTPD – \$7,005.00
PO 20232004 – LOWE & MOYER GARAGE – PW – \$4,194.64
PO 20232005 – DEANGELO CONTRACTING – PW – \$20,656.81
PO 20232006 – A-1 TRAFFIC CONTROL – PW – \$60,422.20
PO 20232007 – RECON CONSTRUCTION – PW – \$402,516.80
PO 20232008 – BRACALENTE CONSTRUCTION – PW – \$26,939.06
PO 20232010 – HYDRA-NUMATIC SALES – PPIS – \$2,505.62

Mr. Gallagher said he would like to a detailed report including grants received regarding purchase orders 20231961, 20231962, 20231964, 20231965 and 20231966. He also thanked public works and Recon Construction on a good job of paving the roads.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Merhottein announced that an executive session would be held immediately after the board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary