

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

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

OTHERS PRESENT James L. Broughal, 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

ATTORNEY ERICH SCHOCK Attorney Schock said he represented Jaindl Land Development, the developer of the proposed Farmersville Estates project. He said he was not sure of why the board was opposing the developer's appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board on the matter.

Solicitor Broughal said the developer was challenging the township zoning officer's interpretation that the southern parcel was not contiguous to the northern parcel and the board opposed such a challenge.

Attorney Schock said the developer would withdraw that challenge if the board was not opposed to the developer's variance request to use the southern parcel of land for open space requirements required for development of the northern parcel.

Mr. Merhottein said he was not a fan of the cluster development. Mr. Hudak said he was OK with the cluster development if open space was provided. Mr. Gallagher said the southern parcel is mostly wetland and is barely developable.

Rocco Caracciolo, engineer for the developer, said the southern parcel was farmland.

Mr. Merhottein said the board would consider at its October 21 public meeting whether to oppose the developer's variance request.

**CONNIE WARGO
2805 EASTON AVE.
BETHLEHEM CITY** Ms. Wargo said she had contacted the police and zoning office regarding car shows at Valley Farm Restaurant, 2816 Easton Avenue. She said there have been several car shows at the location, including two in the past few months, with loud noise, unsafe driving, and large crowds. Ms. Wargo said she was not happy with the response provided by police and zoning officers.

Mr. Merhottein said the board would ask the manager to look further into the matter.

**TOM KEEFER
3803 CARTER ROAD** Mr. Keefer said Ms. Wargo's situation was not unusual, as he has found it is difficult to get through to anyone at the township and when he does, he does not get a response back.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion (Hudak-Gallagher) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to table the September 16, 2024, meeting minutes.

MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MOTION

A MOTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENT #2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP AND HERBERT, ROWLAND & GRUBIC INC. FOR STORMWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion (Gallagher-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Supplement #2 to the agreement between Bethlehem Township and Herbert, Rowland & Grubic Inc. for stormwater capital improvement plan development.

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE INTO BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

Upon motion (Lawrence-Beatty), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to authorize the township manager to advertise a public hearing on an intermunicipal transfer of a liquor license into Bethlehem Township.

PPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

- PO 20242231 – NRFC RELIEF ASSOC. – FINANCE – \$109,972.31**
- PO 20242232 – BTVFC RELIEF ASSOCIATION – FINANCE – \$109,972.31**
- PO 20242285 – SIGNAL SERVICE – BTPD – \$10,325.00**
- PO 20242323 – DUAL TEMP – PPIS – \$2,407.43**
- PO 20242348 – CONRAD SIEGEL INC. – FINANCE – \$4,250.00**
- PO 20242350 – IWORQ – CD – \$2,500.00**
- PO 20242351 – STOKES ELECTRICAL SUPPLY – PPIS – \$2,342.20**
- PO 20242352 – GREAT WESTERN SERVICES – PPIS – \$10,564.86**
- PO 20242353 – FASCELLA CONSTRUCTION – PW – \$8,500.00**
- PO 20242354 – GREAT WESTERN SERVICES – PW --\$7,419.13**
- PO 20242355 – VALLEY BUSINESS SYSTEMS – PPIS – \$5,820.20**

Mr. Gallagher asked, regarding purchase order number nine, what caused the sink hole. Mr. Hudak said it was limestone. Mr. Bruce said it was still being investigated. Mr. Bruce noted that purchase orders one and two were for the relief association of the fire companies.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary

