

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2010**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Arthur Murphy, President
Paul Weiss, Vice President
Jerry Batcha, Commissioner
Thomas Nolan, Commissioner
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Michael Hudak, Commissioner
- OTHERS PRESENT** James Broughal, Township Solicitor
Jon Hammer, Township Manager
Doug Bruce, Assistant Township Manager
Howard Kutzler, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Brian Dillman, The Pidcock Company – Township Engineer
- CALL TO ORDER** President Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT** Solicitor Broughal announced that the Board of Commissioners met in executive session pursuant to Section 708 (a) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act beginning at 6:00 p.m. this evening (August 2, 2010) to review two (2) litigation matters and one (1) personnel matter.
- COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**
- DORIS HOUSER
1647 11TH STREET** Mrs. Houser thanked the Board of Commissioners and Township staff for getting the property next door to her cleaned up.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Upon motion (Batcha-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 by voice vote (Mr. Hudak was absent) to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2010 regular public meeting as presented.
- RESOLUTION R049-10** **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWNSHIP MANAGER**
- Mr. Murphy stated that Mr. Hammer will be resigning his position as Township Manager at the end of this week.
- Upon motion (Batcha-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 by voice vote to appoint Howard Kutzler as Township Manager.
- Mr. Murphy recognized Mr. Hammer for his eight (8) years of service to the Township and wished him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Hammer then invited Mr. Kutzler to take his new seat on the dais.
- MOTION** **A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH THE BETHLEHEM AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**
- Mr. Hammer stated that each year the Township enters into the same agreement with BAVTS in which BAVTS pays 50% of the cost of having a resource officer in their school.

Mr. Nolan commented that there are 2 excellent officers who take part in the school system at Freedom High School and the Vo-Tech School and they have both performed excellently.

Upon motion (Nolan-Weiss), the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 by voice vote (Mr. Hudak was absent) to authorize the Township Manager to enter into a Resource Officer Agreement with the BAVTS.

MOTION

A MOTION TO APPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EASEMENTS AS PART OF THE ST. LUKE’S INTERIM TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Solicitor Broughal explained that there are three (3) small traffic signal easements required as part of the St. Luke’s interim traffic improvements project.

Upon motion (Batcha-Weiss), the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 by voice vote (Mr. Hudak was absent) to approve the traffic signal easements as part of the St. Like’s interim traffic improvements project.

MOTION

A MOTION APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM AND RESOURCES FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Solicitor Broughal stated that this litigation matter relates to a group home located in Wagner Farms where one individual caused problems. Enforcement by the Township caused litigation and a settlement agreement has been reached between the Township and Resources for Human Development.

Upon motion (Nolan-Weiss), the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 by voice vote (Mr. Hudak was absent) to approve a settlement agreement between the Township of Bethlehem and Resources for Human Development.

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL

Upon motion (Batcha-Weiss), the Board of Commissioners voted 4-0 by voice vote (Mr. Hudak was absent) to approve the purchase order for GranTurk Equipment in the amount of \$4,785.66 for the repair of the PPIS Vactor truck.

OTHER BUSINESS

COG RESOLUTION

Mr. Nolan stated that at the last meeting of the Council of Governments, an issue came up regarding a recent legislation that was introduced in both the state house and senate that proposes the merging of all local governments into county government. Mr. Nolan noted that copies of a draft resolution were sent to the Board members, and suggested that the Board let their state officials know of their opposition to this bill. Mr. Nolan asked if the Board was prepared to act on the resolution this evening or have it placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Batcha stated he read the proposed legislation and would support the resolution either this evening or at the next meeting. Solicitor Broughal stated that he was aware of the bill but had not read the resolution. It was the consensus of the Board to place this matter on the next Board of Commissioners agenda.

**COMMENTS OF MR.
HAMMER**

Mr. Hammer took the opportunity to thank the Board of Commissioners for the confidence they have shown in him over his eight years at the Township and also Solicitor Broughal, the department heads and his secretary for their support over the years. Mr. Hammer wished Mr. Kutzler the best of luck in his new position

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion (Weiss-Nolan), the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Todaro
Recording Secretary