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- A. IESI Bethlehem Landfill – 2335 Applebutter Road – Approval of Conditions as Stipulated at June 15, 2016 Council Meeting

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- A. Quarterly Township Technical Consultant Landfill Report
- B. Zoning Hearing Board Variance – Michael & Paula Martinko – 1916 Leithsville Road – Variance Request for Side Yard Setback for a Garage
- C. Review of Town Hall Painting Bid Results
- D. Resolution #59-2017 – Commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SVC Barn Tour
- E. Resolution #60-2017 – Adopting the Emergency Operations Plan for Lower Saucon Township
- F. Resolution #61-2017 – Authorize Submission of Application for Traffic Signal Approval

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- A. Approval of August 16, 2017 Council Minutes

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- A. Township Manager
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- C. Solicitor
- D. Engineer
- E. Planner

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Park & Rec Meeting: September 11, 2017  
Next EAC Meeting: September 12, 2017  
Next Saucon Valley Partnership: September 13, 2017 @ HB  
Next Zoning Hearing Board Meeting: September 18, 2017  
Next Council Meeting: September 20, 2017  
Next Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission Meeting: September 25, 2017 @ HB  
Next Planning Commission Meeting: September 28, 2017

**I. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with Mr. Ron Horiszny, presiding.

**ROLL CALL:** Ron Horiszny, President; Priscilla deLeon, Glenn Kern, and Donna Louder, Council Members; Leslie Huhn, Township Manager; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Absent: Sandra Yerger, Vice President; Not Present: Brien Kocher, Township Engineer and Judy Stern Goldstein, Township Planner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Mr. Horiszny said Council did meet in Executive Session this evening. Attorney Treadwell said they discussed labor negotiations with the LST Police Association and the City of Bethlehem's ZHB approval of the UGI Liquified Natural Gas facility in the City on Ringhoffer Road. Council needs to decide whether or not they would like to appeal the decision that the ZHB made.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved to appeal the City of Bethlehem's ZHB decision regarding the application of UGI Energy Services, dated August 23, 2017.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Louder

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

Mrs. Louder asked if we should set a dollar amount for that appeal? Attorney Treadwell said the estimate Attorney Elliott provided was approximately \$10,000, but we shouldn't limit it in case something unforeseen arises.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Horiszny said if you are on the agenda, you have Council and Staff's undivided attention. If you choose to speak, we ask that you use one of the microphones and state your name for the record so the transcriptionist knows who is speaking for the minutes. He asks that you give your fellow public the courtesy of the floor. Mrs. Huhn said Item III.A, IESI, has been tabled.

**II. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM FOR THE 2017-20178 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mrs. Huhn said we've had a wonderful response from students for the Junior Council Person program. She introduced each student to Council as we have representation on all our boards. Council thanked all of them for their interest.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved to approve Ferris Abu-Ghosh and Samuel Striz as Junior Council members to the Township Council; Brynn Bambu, Benjamin Szydlow, and Katie French as Junior Council members to the Environmental Advisory Council; Nicholas Snead, Thomas Spirk and Sydney Oskin as Junior Council members to the Parks & Recreation Board; and Zack Mikuta, Ethan Kennedy and Matthew Wagner as Junior Council members to the Planning Commission for the 2017-2018 school year.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**III. DEVELOPER ITEMS**

**A. IESI BETHLEHEM LANDFILL – 2335 APPLEBUTTER ROAD – APPROVAL OF CONDITIONS AS STIPULAEAD AT JUNE 16, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

Tabled.

**V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. QUARTERLY TOWNSHIP TECHNICAL CONSULTANT LANDFILL REPORT**

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Louder moved to table this agenda item until the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Horiszny

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**B. ZONING HEARING BOARD VARIANCE – MICHAEL & PAULA MARTINKO – 1916 LEITHSVILLE ROAD – VARIANCE FOR SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A GARAGE**

Mr. Martinko was present. He said they are trying to build a garage and ten years ago when he built an addition, the setbacks were different; currently they are 30'. If he does build 30' from the boundary line it will encroach upon the sewage and storm water pipes. If he can have a 15' setback instead, he'll be good; all the neighbors were notified. The area is not sloped and the water would be directed to the backyard. Council took no action.

**C. REVIEW OF TOWN HALL PAINTING BID RESULTS**

Mrs. Huhn said we put out for bid the painting of Town Hall and doors at Seidersville Hall. The bids were opened on September 1, 2017; four bids were received and staff is recommending the low bid from Ryan Amato Painting of Easton, PA at a price of \$19,010.00, which covers the material and labor for Town Hall, the carport, and doors at Seidersville Hall. The other bids were in the range of \$47,000 to \$69,000.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved to accept the bid from Ryan Amato Painting at a cost of \$19,010.00.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**D. RESOLUTION #59-2017 – COMMEMORATING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SVC BARN TOUR**

Mr. Horiszny congratulated Priscilla for helping to start the barn tours. The Council of LST wishes to recognize the SVC and founding members, and September 9<sup>th</sup> is Barn Tour Day in LST. There is a dinner on September 8<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Huhn said she will be attending that dinner to present the resolution.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #59-2017.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Louder

Mrs. deLeon said it could have never happened without Bob Ensminger, Greg Huber and the volunteers. Ginny Blocker, who is deceased, was also a go-getter and a great volunteer. Mr. Kern said Priscilla did a great job and it was a great idea.

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**E. RESOLUTION #60-2017 – ADOPTING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP**

Mrs. Huhn said the PA Emergency Management Services Code mandates that the Township maintain an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). A resolution has been prepared to adopt the EOP, as revised. Mrs. deLeon said please pass it along to the appropriate person that this has to be updated on a yearly basis and if April is the date, then we need to have it updated by then. She asked if there is a way that we can have an alternate Emergency Management Coordinator? Mrs. Huhn said they are looking into that with the County; currently they are bound by State mandates.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #60-2017.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Horiszny  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**F. RESOLUTION #61-2017 – AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL**

Mrs. Huhn said this is the final step in what we have discussed in getting the preemption device installed at the Se-Wy-Co Fire Company when they have a fire call. This resolution needs to be submitted to PennDOT.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #61-2017.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Louder  
**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2017 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mr. Horiszny said he believes all the votes were listed incorrectly and we need to list just the people who are voting; people who are not present can't vote and shouldn't be listed. Attorney

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Treadwell said Robert's Rules indicates roll call votes get recorded as yes, no, and abstained. Absent is different.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of the August 16, 2017 Council minutes, with corrections.  
**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Louder  
**ROLL CALL:** 3-1 (Mrs. deLeon – No; Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS**

**A. MANAGER**

- Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is the Stuff the Truck event at LST from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Steel City Park is nearing completion so she'd like to discuss some dates for a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. Mrs. Louder said a Saturday would be appropriate, maybe October 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Huhn said check your calendars and she'll get back to everyone.
- The SV Spirit Parade will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will be getting a truck, so if any Council member wants to ride in the truck, let her know.
- We received a quote on the removal of the dead trees discussed at the last meeting. The quote was \$8,832 for the trees, which is over the original quote of \$5,532 from All Season Tree Care. If Council approves the lower quote, we will contact the property owners, then have the trees taken down. She did some research and spoke with our Planner and Arborist on the removal of the ash trees, and since the whole area is under quarantine in PA, we can take these to our compost center, and it won't spread any infestation.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Louder moved to contact All Seasons Tree Care for removal of the trees at a quote of \$5,532 and to contact the property owners.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Horiszny

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

**B. COUNCIL**

**Mrs. Yerger** - Absent

**Mrs. deLeon**

- Tomorrow night at Revolutions, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., there will be an event, "Christmas in September" sponsored in part by the Chamber.
- She met with the Bethlehem Mayor to talk about traffic issues; Hellertown and our engineers were there.
- She asked Linc that when a developer is before us, and the developer meets all the conditions, it's hard to say no to that, so can you explain why? Attorney Treadwell said the land development approval is an acknowledgement that the application meets all the requirements of the subdivision ordinance, but sometimes there are waivers discussed and granted or not granted. Mrs. deLeon said we took an oath saying we had to follow the law and the law says if they meet all that conditions we have to basically vote yes, whether we like to or not. Attorney Treadwell said correct.

**Mrs. Louder**

- She would like to revisit the properties in the Township that are not maintained properly. The City of Allentown has a program called the Rehabilitation and Maintenance which they have a set of criteria and properties are called in and reported; someone is sent out and it's investigated. Fines are given if it's not cleaned up. There are some properties in the Township that have holes in the roof and now there are buzzards living inside. Attorney Treadwell said this issue was discussed previously, and if we as a Township adopt that code, there are going to be an extremely large number of properties who will immediately be in violation of that code, which becomes an issue. Mrs. Louder asked to give her the opportunity to bring in the information she has.
- On Saturday at 7:00 a.m., she called IESI because on the prior Thursday she had horrific garbage smells in her yard. DEP was notified and she never got a call back. She requested a tour of the landfill. Mr. Hallock was not on site, but Dee was happy to call him. By 7:30 a.m. she had a phone call from Mr. Hallock from NY. He said at 9:00 a.m.

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she was welcome to go on a tour, so she went and the work face of that landfill is higher than anything else. The temperatures are changing, it's cooling down at night, and whatever is floating in the air is dropping down on the property owners. She thinks they dropped their standards. Council passed the land development plan on June 15, 2016, and she would like it noted she did not vote yes on any of that.

**Mr. Kern** – No report

**Mr. Horiszny**

- He attended two library meetings recently; a board meeting and the end of summer reading event. In the August PSATs magazine, there were comments from Cathy Gorman which were commendable.
- The Historical Society has a meeting called “Meanings Behind the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Tombstone Symbols” at Christ Lutheran Church on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**C. SOLICITOR** – No report

**D. PLANNER** – Not Present

**E. ENGINEER** – Not Present

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved for adjournment. The time was 7:57 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Horiszny

**ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Mrs. Yerger – Absent)

Submitted by

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Leslie Huhn  
Township Manager

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Ron Horiszny  
Council President