

The **Special Meeting** of the Township Committee of Bethlehem was held in the Municipal Building, 405 Mine Road, West Portal, on July 28, 2015. The meeting was opened by Mayor Paul Muir with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Mayor Paul Muir; Deputy Mayor Greg Glazar; John Jimenez; Steve Keefe
Also Present: Anthony Iacocca, Municipal Attorney; Christine Dispenza, Municipal Clerk, and 12 members of the Public.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Muir indicated that as a result of the vacancy on the Township Committee, three candidates were to give brief presentations as to why they should be selected as the next Committee Member.

Presentations were made by: Walter Baumgarten
 Larry Campbell
 Jose Medeiros

A motion to open Public Comments / Questions was made by Mr. Glazar and seconded by Mr. Jimenez.

Topics covered were opinions on COAH, the Highlands, why the candidates were interested in the position, and the approximately \$15,000.00 in attorney fees for the pursuing of the vacating of Mullin Lane.

A motion to close Public Comments / Questions was made by Mr. Glazar and seconded by Mr. Jimenez.

The Governing Body asked questions of the candidates regarding topics such as their interest in running for the position in Year 2016, the issue they considered most important from the last year, spending of funds for land preservation, their reasons for living within the Township, unfinished Township business that needed addressing, and the greatest weakness currently facing the Township.

At 8:24 pm, a motion by Mr. Jimenez to adopt the following resolution carried.

Resolution #2015.ES

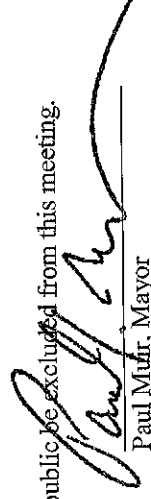
WHEREAS, The Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, This public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists; and

WHEREAS, The governing body may wish to discuss any of the following conditions; confidential provisions of Federal Law or State Statute; information that may impair receipt of federal funding; invasion of individual privacy; collective bargaining agreement; real property negotiations; litigation; and, personnel and personnel policy. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

✓ Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.


Paul Muir, Mayor

Vote: Glazar: Aye
Jimenez: Aye
Keefe: Aye
Muir: Aye

At 9:10 pm, a motion by Mr. Jimenez to reconvene Public Session carried.

Mayor Muir thanked the candidates for their involvement in the Township and their volunteerism.

A motion by Mr. Jimenez to nominate Walter Baumgarten was seconded by Mr. Keefe.

Roll Call Vote:

Glazar: Nay; Jimenez: Aye; Keefe: Aye; Muir: Nay
Attorney Iacocca indicated the resolution died, as a vote of 3 out of 4 is required.

A motion by Mr. Glazar to nominate Jose Medeiros was seconded by Mr. Muir.

Roll Call Vote:

Glazar: Aye; Jimenez: Aye; Keefe: Nay; Muir: Aye.

Mr. Medeiros won the nomination with 3 out of 4 votes.

The following resolution was passed as a result of the Roll Call Vote:

Resolution #2015.79

Authorizing Appointment of Township Committee Member Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 in Order to Fill Vacancy in Membership of Township Governing Body

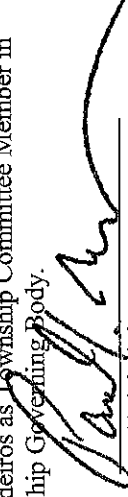
WHEREAS, effective July 3, 2015, the office of Township Committee Member, John Graefe, became vacant; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 states in pertinent part: If the incumbent whose office has become vacant was elected to office as the nominee of a political party, the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was the nominee shall, no later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, present to the governing body the names of three nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy. The governing body shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, appoint one of the nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Committee of the Republican Party presented to the Township Governing Body the following three nominees for consideration in order to fill said vacancy: Walter Baumgarten, Larry Campbell, and Jose Medeiros; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:16-7 requires said appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of a governing body be made by majority vote of the remaining members of the governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that pursuant N.J.S.A 40A:16-11 the Township of Bethlehem does hereby appoint Jose Medeiros as Township Committee Member in order to fill said vacancy in the membership of the Township Governing Body.


Paul Muir, Mayor

Vote:
Glazar: Aye
Jimenez: Aye
Keefe: Nay
Muir: Aye

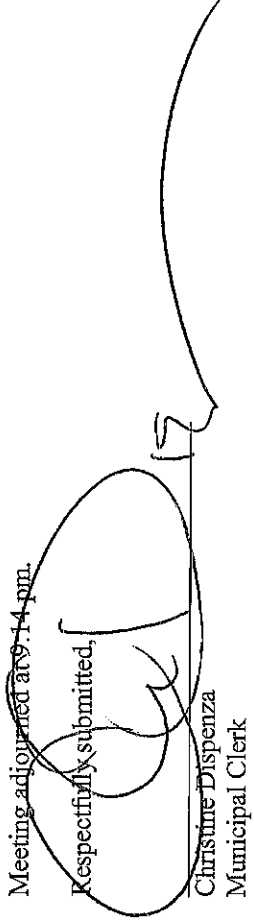
Clerk Dispenza administered the Oaths of Office to Mr. Medeiros for:

- Governing Body Member, term to expire 12/31/2015.
- Planning Board Class III Member, term to expire 12/31/2015.

ADJOURNNMENT -There being no further business, a motion by Mr. Jimenez to adjourn the meeting carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CD' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christine Dispenza
Municipal Clerk