

# Department of Community and Economic Development

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## Interoffice Memo

**SUBJECT:** Luna and Bushkill Street Vacations  
**FROM:** Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning  
**TO:** Robert Vidoni, City Clerk  
**DATE:** May 14, 2021

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At its May 13, 2021 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval of the petition to vacate Luna Street and Bushkill Street. Also enclosed is a staff memo from Tracy Samuelson regarding the Planning Bureau's support of the two street vacations.

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Darlene Heller  
Director of Planning & Zoning

Enclosure

**Cc:** Council Members  
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# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

## Department of Planning and Zoning

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### Interoffice Memo

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Tracy E. Samuelson, Planning and Zoning Bureau

**RE:** Request to Vacate Unopened Portions of Luna and Bushkill Streets

**DATE:** May 6, 2021

Enclosed for reference are the formal petition and associated maps for the above-referenced street vacations. The street vacations are submitted by Michael and Gretchen Devers, owners of 129 Luna Street.


#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Devers recently purchased 129 Luna Street and plan to raze the existing structures to build a new house and detached garage. The proposed plans for the property would require formally vacating the unopened sections of these roads to relieve the owners from some setback requirements.
2. Both street sections are unopened.
3. As stipulated in the attached memo from Michael Alkhal, the Director of Public Works, there are no utilities in the portions of the proposed streets to be vacated and the City has no plans to pave these streets, therefore he supports the street vacations.
4. The two abutters to these unopened streets are the City of Bethlehem and Sharkan Realty, Inc. The President of Sharkan Realty, Jose Abud, signed an affidavit of consent joining in the vacation of both streets. The consent of the Director of Public Works constitutes approval by the City.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the above findings, the Planning Bureau supports a recommendation in favor of the vacation of Luna and Bushkill Streets as proposed.

These street vacations are placed on your May 13, 2021 Planning Commission agenda for a vote on the recommendation to City Council.

  
Tracy E. Samuelson  
Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning

Enclosures

CC: Atty. Healy, M. Alkhal, Atty. Michael Recchiuti