

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:30 pm.

Present were:

Barry Moore  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Frank O'Donnell  
Adam Selisker  
Robert Pellegrino  
William Wert  
Joseph Pizzo  
Amanda Fuller

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Barry Moore  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Frank O'Donnell  
Adam Selisker

Members of the Board absent were:

Eileen Silver

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager  
Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer  
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of military and emergency services personnel.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **Rescue Squad Award**

Mr. Selisker called forward Jason Dowd, Chief of Operations for Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad and Tawny Jackson, Local Quality Director for the American Heart Association. Ms. Jackson presented Mr. Dowd with the EMS Gold Mission Lifeline Award.

**Holland Little League Recognition**

Dr. Rose presented a certificate recognizing the accomplishments of the Council Rock Holland Little League. The certificate was accepted by Coaches Jeff Klaus and Peter Spera, and many of the Holland Little League players.

**Food Drive Participant Recognition**

Dr. Rose called forward Max Lelli, James Cauley, and Sam Cauley. Dr. Rose presented a certificate to each of the children recognizing their participation in fundraising for a local food bank. Dr. Rose noted James and Sam also gave part of their proceeds to the Veterans Advisory Commission to help with the Wreath program held in December of each year recognizing Veterans and First Responders.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board meeting minutes of July 24, 2019, was approved by unanimous consent.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The accounts payable for August 14, 2019, in the amount of \$1,365,128.13, and August 28, 2019, in the amount of \$739,165.52, was approved by unanimous consent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Resolution to Authorize Execution of Traffic Signal Permit Plan Amendments-at Almshouse and Hatboro Road, Almshouse Road and Jacksonville Road, Jacksonville Road and Pulinski Road**

Mr. Selisker stated the Township's Traffic Engineer, McMahon Associates, is recommending improvements to the traffic signals at Almshouse and Jacksonville Roads, Almshouse and Hatboro Roads, and Jacksonville and Pulinski Roads in connection with the 2017 PennDOT Green Light-Go Grant Program award.

Mr. Selisker explained the signal improvements at all three locations consist of updating the traffic signal timing and installing video detection, radar dilemma zone detection, and new controller cabinets. The dilemma zone refers to the area where drivers can have indecision on whether to stop at a signal or proceed through when there is a yellow light. Dilemma zone detection allows the signal to adjust for the indecision and extend the yellow light.

This project will improve intersection operation and further standardize our traffic signal equipment. The total project cost is \$261,050, including engineering. The Township received a

grant of \$208,850 toward the proposed improvements or 80% of the total project cost. The Township share is \$52,200.

In order to modify the signal permit plans, PennDOT requires a resolution from the governing body of the municipality authorizing the application to be filed for traffic signal modification with the District office and designating an individual to execute the application.

A motion was made and seconded (Selisker-Rose) to adopt resolutions R-19-12, R-19-13, and R-19-14 authorizing three applications to be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for traffic signal plan modifications at the intersections of Almshouse and Jacksonville Roads, Almshouse and Hatboro Roads, and Jacksonville and Pulinski Roads in connection with the PennDOT 2017 Green Light-Go Grant Program award.

Chairman Moore called for public comment. None was heard.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mr. Selisker started a discussion regarding paving and the need to find a sustainable program to accomplish the paving of 9-10 miles of roads a year since the Township has over 180 miles of roads. Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the bond issues in 2015 where 16 miles of roads were completed, and the reoccurring expense of keeping the roads in good shape.

Chairman Moore directed the Administration to prepare the facts from the study that has been done on the roads and report back to the Board for further discussion.

**Motion Passed 4-0.**

**Consider Open Space Lease Renewal for TMP#31-45-121A, Worthington Mill Road**

Mr. O'Donnell explained that Mr. Dan Wasserstrom has been leasing a Township owned open space parcel consisting of 5.99 acres adjacent to his property at 374 Worthington Mill Road since 2005 for an annual fee of \$500. The property is part of the Worthington Mill Farms open space.

The current lease expired on May 31, 2019, and he has requested a lease renewal for an additional five (5) year term. The new lease would commence on September 1, 2019, and expire on August 31, 2024. The lease has been revised so that it will automatically renew at the end of the five (5) years for additional one-year terms unless terminated by either party with 90 days notice.

The Administration recommends the lease be renewed for the five (5) year term and recommends raising the annual fee to \$600. Mr. Wasserstrom uses the property as part of his horse farm and has maintained the property in good condition during previous lease terms. The Township would need to maintain the property if it was not leased.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Selisker) to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute a lease agreement between Northampton Township and Dan Wasserstrom, 374 Worthington Mill Road for 5.99 acres of Township owned open space at an annual rental fee of \$600 per year.

Chairman Moore called for Board and public comment. None was heard.

**Motion Passed 4-0.**

**REPORTS**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Battle of the Hamptons was a success. 7,635lbs of non-perishables were donated that's 2,200 lbs more than last year. Thank you all for participating and your generous donations.
- Parks and Recreation have many great programs for all ages check out the Park and Recreation website at [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com) for more information. The new brochure is being mailed this week.
- Tickets for various trips are available now, check the Parks and Recreation website for more information.
- Registrations for Pre-School are now taking place. Check the Parks and Recreation website for more information.
- If you are 55 years of age or older come out and join the Senior Center located at 165 Township Road. Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, and Tuesday, and Thursdays until 8:30 pm.
- The Civic Center Phase II project is underway. This project includes paving, trails and many more improvements.
- The 43<sup>rd</sup> Halloween Happenings will take place on October 26, 2019, at the Northampton Township Recreation Center from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Awards for the best costumes.
- The Township in conjunction with the Miracle League will be making playground improvements, this project is expected to start in the fall of 2020.
- Northampton Day is scheduled for September 28, 2019.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- The Veterans Advisory Commission did not have a meeting this month.
- The Municipal Authority holds their meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month as needed and begin at 7:30 pm. If you suspect you have a toilet leak stop by the Authority for a free dye pack to check your systems.

- Check the Library's website for information on their various programs.
- The Library has completed their very successful summer programming and is preparing for next summer.
- The Library is still fundraising and if you would like to donate please contact the Library for more information.
- The Library's Fall fundraiser titled Rock & Read will take place on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm, tickets are \$50 and you must be 21 years of age to attend.

Mr. Selisker made the following announcements:

- The Fire Company will be participating at Northampton Days and the Fire Prevention Open House will take place on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm until 9 pm.
- School is back in session and just a reminder to watch for the 15 mph school zones. There are two extra-long ones, on Upper Holland and East Holland roads.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- 59 Almshouse has acquired the property next to them and is looking to combine both properties. The Board is planning to hear their plan at the September meeting.
- In October the Planning Commission will be hearing plans from the Council Rock School District for two new buildings.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cliff Locasale, 3225 Lilac Avenue, Trevoise, spoke on the dangers of contaminated water in the area.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive congratulated the Holland Little League on their achievements and thanked the volunteers of this organization for their hard work.

Mr. Johnson also commented on the basin at Elm Avenue filling with mud and is not retaining any type of water. Mr. Pellegrino stated that it is owned by Aqua and right now water levels are down. Mr. O'Donnell stated Aqua is doing work on the Dam which may be causing some of the issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Frank O'Donnell, Secretary