

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors took place virtually using the Zoom platform. The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present were:

Adam Selisker  
Eileen Silver  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Frank O'Donnell  
Barry Moore  
Robert Pellegrino  
William Wert  
Joseph Pizzo  
Jacob Rigg

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors took place virtually using the Zoom platform. The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

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

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager  
Jacob Rigg, Township Engineer  
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Selisker explained the procedures for public comment and how to email questions to be read and answered. Chairman Selisker also provided an update on the status of the Township and its operations.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM**

Chairman Selisker repeated his announcement of the Adopt-A-Hydrant program he had outlined at the November Board meeting. Due to the recent storm, Chairman Selisker announced the winner of the gift card drawing for "Adopting a Hydrant". The winner of this month's drawing is Eddie Hearn of Richboro. If you would like to participate all you need to do is: Clear out your hydrant, take a photo of the cleared hydrant and your shoveling crew and send it to [chief@ntvfc.org](mailto:chief@ntvfc.org). A gift card winner will be randomly selected and announced at the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board meeting minutes of December 16, 2020, and January 4, 2021, were approved by unanimous consent.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The accounts payable of January 13, 2021, for \$699,230.78 and, of January 27, 2021, for \$871,959.23, were approved by unanimous consent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Consideration a Resolution Accepting Dedication of a Portion of the TCG Property, Almshouse Road, and Second Street Pike as a Public Street**

Mr. O'Donnell explained TCG Realty, owner of the Giuseppe's Restaurant/Walgreen's Shopping Center has offered its portion of the connector road between Almshouse Road and Second Street Pike for dedication to the Township as a public street. This portion of the connector road extends from Almshouse Road to the property of Ohev Shalom synagogue. The remaining portion of the roadway, South of the Synagogue property and extending to Second Street Pike was condemned by the Township last year as a public thoroughfare.

The connector road was long contemplated by the Township as an improvement that would reduce traffic congestion on Second Street Pike, particularly at its intersection with Almshouse Road and Newtown-Richboro Road, and was a recommended traffic system improvement in the Township Comprehensive Plan and Richboro Master Plan.

Accepting dedication of this portion of the connector road will require the Township to maintain the roadway for the future, including paving, snow plowing, and drainage related

infrastructure; however, its importance as a public street far outweighs the cost for these services.

In addition to considering the dedication of the road, the Township should also consider properly naming the connector, and establishing a speed limit, parking restrictions, and the location of any STOP intersections, if any are deemed necessary. The traffic control regulations will require an amendment to the Township Code of Ordinances.

The Board has to adopt a resolution to accept the dedication of this connector road, and can also consider naming the road at the same time. A Resolution was prepared for this purpose, and includes accepting dedication and naming the Road "Addisville Way", in recognition of the name given to the area in the early to mid-1700s for the Addisville Reformed Church constructed in 1710.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell- Rose) to adopt Resolution R-21-5 accepting dedication of the portion of the connector road between Almshouse Road and Second Street Pike offered by TCG Realty and to name the entire Road Addisville Way in recognition of the name given to the area by early settlers.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

Dr. Rose stated she spoke to the Archivist who gave her a history on the name "Addisville". Dr. Rose presented the information she was given to the Board.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Consider an Ordinance for Advertisement Establishing a Speed Limit on Addisville Way from Almshouse Road to Second Street Pike**

Mr. Moore explained with any newly dedicated public street, the Township must adopt certain traffic controls to regulate motor vehicle speed, parking, or proposed STOP intersections.

The Administration recommends traffic control regulations for the newly dedicated Addisville Way as follows:

1. A maximum 25-mph speed limit from Almshouse Road to Second Street Pike.
2. No Parking on both sides of the road for its entire length.
3. STOP signs for motorists traveling east and west adjacent to Giuseppe's Restaurant.

The PA Motor Vehicle Code, Title 75, allows municipalities to establish a 25 MPH speed limit on any local road; however, an ordinance is required so that these traffic control regulations are

enforceable by the Police Department. For purposes of speed enforcement, our traffic engineer will complete a study to support the recommended speed limit.

The proposed draft ordinance would amend the Township Code of Ordinances at Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic to establish the recommended traffic control regulations.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to authorize the Township Administration to advertise an ordinance amending the Township Code at Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, to establish a 25 MPH speed limit and prohibit parking on Addisville Way from Almshouse Road to Second Street Pike, establish two STOP locations, and to schedule a public hearing to consider adopting the ordinance at the February 24, 2021 Board meeting.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Consider Resolution Authorizing Submission and Execution of Documents to Amend Traffic Signal Permit for Second Street Pike and Schoolhouse Commons Intersection**

Dr. Rose explained as part of its land development plan approval for the construction of a Giant Supermarket in the Richboro Plaza Shopping Center, Metro Commercial is required to make certain improvements to the driveway entrance at Second Street Pike. These improvements include a revised shopping center access with the addition of a designated left turn lane, new handicapped curb ramps, and the addition of pedestrian countdown timers to the existing traffic signal.

To revise the existing permit plan for these improvements, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires a Resolution from the Board of Supervisors designating an individual to execute PennDOT Form TE-160, "Application for Traffic Signal Approval" each time a Traffic Signal Permit Plan is submitted to the Department for review and approval.

The Administration recommends the Township Manager be authorized to execute and file the permit application on behalf of the Township.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to approve Resolution R-21-6 authorizing the Township Manager to execute and file PennDOT Form TE-160, "Application for a Traffic Signal Approval" with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for certain improvements to the intersection of Second Street Pike/Schoolhouse Commons Drive, and the Richboro Plaza Shopping Center entrance.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Consider Resolution Authorizing Submission and Execution of Documents to Amend School Signal Flasher Permit for East Holland Road and Hillcrest Elementary School**

Mrs. Silver explained the Council Rock School District retained McMahon Associates to conduct a study of its school flashing warning devices, and their report indicated a need to revise the PennDOT permit for the warning device on East Holland Road at Holland Middle School and Hillcrest Elementary School. The permit amendment is to update times of operation and signs, and install new flasher assemblies and supports for the signals controlling both directions on East Holland Road. Although the Township is the PennDOT permit holder, the School District will fund the entire cost of the flasher signal improvements.

Mrs. Silver stated amending the school flashing signal permit requires the Board to adopt the attached Resolution authorizing an individual to execute and submit a permit application and plan amendment to PennDOT to revise the existing signal permit.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-O'Donnell) to approve Resolution #R-21-7 authorizing the Township Manager to execute and submit Form TE-160 to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for permit revisions to the school flashing warning signal on East Holland Road at Holland Middle School and Hillcrest Elementary School

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Consider Resolution Declaring and Rescinding Snow Emergency Declaration**

Mrs. Silver stated a resolution declaring a limited state of emergency on December 16, 2020, at 1200 hours is required due to a snow emergency. This same resolution declares the limited state of emergency is no longer in effect as of 1600 hours on December 17, 2020.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to approve Resolution #R-21- 8 declaring a limited state of emergency effective 1200 hours, December 16, 2020, and ending on December 17, 2020, at 1600 hours.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**REPORTS**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Senior Center is still making calls and checking in on our Seniors and still offering virtual activities.
- Holiday Happenings was a huge success. Special thanks to Gilmore & Associates, Gasper Landscaping for sponsoring the event. A big thank you to the Bucks County Women's Choir for the Christmas Carols.
- The Parks and Recreation Departments are providing virtual classes, and programs. Go to [northamptonpa.myrec.com](http://northamptonpa.myrec.com) for current information on the various classes, activities, and programs being offered. The new brochure is now available.
- A 5-star dining series by Chef Jerry and Mike is being held virtually. Sign up for one or all and cook from your home.
- There will be a virtual Valentine's Dance Party. Registration closes on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- No annual Bunny Hunt this year.
- P&R will hold summer camp this year, protocols will be in place, watch for emails for updates.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcements:

- The Veterans Advisory Commission will hold their reorganization meeting on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm via the zoom meeting platform.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- Construction activity is happening at Spring Mill and on East Holland at the Waverly Sub-Division.
- Support our local restaurants. The Northampton Valley Country Club is a great place for dinner.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- Northampton Valley Country Club also provides take-out if you are unable to dine in.
- The Northampton Library will hold its annual reorganization meeting on Thursday, February 25.
- The Library has reopened and masks are required. See their website at [www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org](http://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org) for up to date operating hours and visitation requirements.
- Thank you to Bill Wert, the Assistant Manager for all his hard work in getting the new Township website launched

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- A few vacant positions are still open on some Township Boards and Commissions. An email announcement will go out when the Board is ready to accept applications and fill the positions
- All Emergency Service Departments were ready and manned during the snow event.
- Reminder to go to the Township website at [www.northamptontownship.com](http://www.northamptontownship.com) and sign up for alerts. It is the best way to keep up with all the latest news.

**Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Pizzo announced the Board has met in executive session twice: January 13, and January 2021. The members of the Board, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Wert, the Township Engineer, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. Two (2) matters of pending litigation were discussed. No official action was taken during any of those two sessions. Regarding one of those sessions, one matter was taken earlier this evening regarding the newly named Addisville Way. As the public may recall late in 2019 the Supervisors authorized the condemnation of that portion of the connector road. Earlier last year the balance of the road condemnation was authorized as Mr. O'Donnell mentioned by the order of the court in December 2020. That condemnation action of TCG Realty, as well as a number of other related matters between the Township and TCG, were all resolved by the entry of that order and by the action of the Board tonight accepting dedication of the road which was offered by TCG Realty effectively wraps up all of that litigation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Frank O'Donnell, Secretary