

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

Present were:

Adam M. Selisker  
Barry Moore  
Paula Gasper (Participated via Zoom)  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Robert Salzer  
Michael Solomon  
Joseph Pizzo  
Amanda Fuller  
Robert M. Pellegrino  
William Wert

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam Selisker  
Barry Moore  
Paula Gasper (Participated via Zoom)  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Robert M. Salzer

Others present were:

Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer  
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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 stated Mrs. Gasper would be participating via Zoom for tonight's meeting. Chairman Selisker spoke on the updates that are happening in the meeting room and that due to these upgrades the flag display has been disassembled and is in the process of being moved. It is important to the Board that the flags are preserved and can be in a more visible location.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **EMS Week, Police Week, and Public Works Week Proclamations**

Dr. Kimberly Rose called forward Chief LeCompte, Lt. Pinkerton, and Lt. Egan to receive a proclamation recognizing Police Week. Chief LeCompte accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Northampton Township Police Department.

Chairman Selisker called forward Chief Jason Dowd and several other Emergency Services Personnel to receive a proclamation recognizing EMS Week. Chief Dowd accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad.

Mr. Salzer called forward Mr. Pellegrino to receive a proclamation recognizing Public Works Week. Mr. Pellegrino accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Public Works Department.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **MINUTES**

The Board meeting minutes of March 23, 2022 were approved by unanimous consent.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The accounts payable for April 13, 2022, for \$3,867,248.35 and, for April 27, 2022, for \$1,432,993.07 were approved by unanimous consent.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Consider Ordinance Amendment Adopting the 2018 International Fire Code**

Chairman Selisker opened the hearing at 7:14 pm.

Mr. Moore outlined the proposed ordinance adopting the 2018 International Fire Code. This year, the State updated the 2018 editions of the code concerning the Statewide Building Code (UCC). Those updates took effect automatically. However, the Fire Code is not included in the UCC and therefore new editions need to be updated by ordinance.

Mr. Moore noted the primary purpose of this ordinance is for consistency across all editions of the code that we enforce.

As required, the proposed ordinance was advertised in the Advance of Bucks County and posted on the Township website.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Rose) to approve ordinance #613 adopting the 2018 International Fire Code.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

The Board agreed this ordinance needed to be updated for safety and consistency across the codes that the Township enforces.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. There was none.

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

Chairman Selisker closed the hearing at 7:16 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Bids for 2022 Road Milling**

Mr. Salzer stated the bid results for the 2022 roadway milling project were provided with a recommendation from Gilmore and Associates for the bid award. The Township received only one bid through the PennBid system from James D. Morrissey, Inc. Philadelphia, PA.

The bid included a base bid for milling all roads on the 2022 road list and two alternate bids related to reconstructing portions of Elm Avenue. Alternate bid #1 has two components. One is full depth repair for the entire width of the road, and the second is base repair consisting of full-depth reconstruction at 4-foot widths in selected areas on either side of the road. It is interesting to note that the full depth repair for the entire width of the road is priced at \$40.43 per square yard, while full-depth repair for the 4-foot width sections is priced at \$111.03 per square yard.

After Administration consulted with the Township Engineer and performed another on-site road inspection, it is our collective recommendation to award the base bid at an estimated total cost of \$174,796.12, the alternate bid (item 3.02) for full-depth repair at \$40.43 per square yard for an estimated total cost of \$255,000, and alternate bid #2 to install several bottomless inlets in the area adjacent to the reservoir for \$20,726.

The provided map shows different sections of Elm Avenue where selected full-depth repairs are proposed. We know the yellow and gray areas need full-depth repairs. There are certain sections in the orange-colored areas that will need this level of repair. The extent of the repairs will be determined in the field after initial milling, and a contract change order will likely be necessary.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to award a bid to James D. Morrissey, Inc., of Philadelphia, PA for roadway milling for \$2.12 per square yard for 2-inch maximum depth

milling, \$40.43 per square yard for full depth reconstruction based on quantities determined by the Township Engineer, and installation of two bottomless inlets on Elm Avenue for an estimated total contract cost of \$451,040.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comments.

Mr. Pellegrino explained due to the reconstruction that will be happening on Elm Avenue there will be periods where the road will be closed.

Chairman Selisker encouraged residents to sign up for e-mail alerts to be informed and aware of these types of repairs and other notices that are happening in Northampton Township.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. There was none.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Consider Resolution Authorizing DCED Grant Application for the Northampton Crossing Detention Basin Improvements.**

Dr. Rose explained it is a requirement by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), that the Township approves every five (5) years a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Plan which spells out projects to meet the minimum requirements for sediment and phosphorus reduction in the Neshaminy Creek watershed. The current MS4 Plan expires May 31, 2024.

To fund these projects and meet the MS4 requirements, the Township has sought grant sources. In early 2022, the Township was awarded a partial DEP Growing Greener Program grant to retrofit the stormwater basin at the intersection of Holland Road and Upper Holland Road, in the Northampton Crossing neighborhood. The purpose of this project is to improve an existing basin by constructing new Best Management Practices (BMPs) which include the design and construction of Bioretention areas to improve water quality; reduce sediment release, and plant water-tolerant perennials/plantings to reduce flow. The estimated project cost is \$580,000.00 and the DEP grant award was \$300,000.00.

Because of this shortfall in funding, the Administration is recommending that the Township seek an additional grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program. The grant would cover the remaining \$280,000.00, and if successful, the Township would not need to contribute any funds toward this project. The grant program requires a Resolution from the governing body authorizing the application on behalf of the Township. A proposed resolution was provided.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Salzer) to adopt Resolution R-22-11 authorizing the Township Manager to file a grant application with the Pennsylvania

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Watershed Restoration and Protection Program to improve the detention basin on Holland and Upper Holland Roads as required by the Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) permit, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements required by the grant program.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

The Board all agrees that applying for this relieves the tax burden and helps us meet our requirements without out-of-pocket costs.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. There was none.

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**REPORTS**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- Many exciting events are planned for the Senior Center for 2022 check their website at [nhsc@nhtwp.org](mailto:nhsc@nhtwp.org) or call 215-357-8799 for more information.
- Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 9 pm is the Senior Center Spring Fling Shopping fundraiser event.
- The Parks and Recreation Department Egg Extravaganza was a huge success.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has many activities prepared for the upcoming Spring and Summer Season. Go to [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com) for an up-to-date schedule and register for the events being offered.
- Several exciting events are happening in May, such as the Township wide Garage Sale on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and a Bike Rodeo on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information can be found on the Parks and Recreation website at [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com).
- Registration is now open for summer camps for the 2022 year. See the Parks and Recreation website or call the recreation center for more information.
- Summer jobs are still available, and Parks and Recreation are looking for Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, and Parks and Recreation Maintenance. Go to [northamptonrec.com](http://northamptonrec.com) for an application.
- Pre-School still has spots open for the fall.
- Improvements to the Miracle League Playground are starting with the playground installation on April 30, 2022, with the opening of the playground expected in June.

Paula Gasper made the following announcements:

- No report.

Robert J. Salzer made the following announcements:

- On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, the Reference Room at the Library is to be dedicated in the honor of Betty Cornell Luff and Virginia Briggs Geyer. This event is open to the public.
- The Northampton Bucks County Sewer Authority is moving forward with its rehabilitation of infrastructure. This project is estimated to cost 3.8 million dollars. Approximately 16,000 linear feet of new pipe will be installed, along with 75 manholes. There will be no rate increase due to these improvements. This project is expected to start in May, as they have received a notice of intent to proceed. Details and timelines will be on the Municipal Authority website as they become available.
- The Municipal Authority will be installing mixers to enhance the quality of our drinking water. The Municipal Authority has six above-ground storage tanks totaling 13 million gallons of storage.
- The NBCMA website is in the process of being updated and should make it easier to navigate and more user-friendly. It is expected to be completed this summer.
- Tom Zeuner received the Local Government Excellence Award.
- The Municipal Authority and the Tax Office will be closed to the public on May 9, 2022, due to a rooftop air conditioner replacement.
- PennDOT has awarded a contract for 14,627,819 to James Morrissey of Philadelphia to repair and repave twelve state roads in Bucks County totaling 41 miles. This includes resurfacing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pike from Bustleton Pike to Swamp Road, and Almshouse, Newtown-Richboro Road, from Spencer Road to Holland Road. The project is expected to start in late spring and be completed by early fall.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- There is a lot of Land Development Activity happening throughout the Township. Spring Mill Townhomes, Waverly Sub-Division, and Stoneyford Subdivision to name a few.
- The Giant Supermarket is scheduled to open in June.
- Stoneyford Road will be closing while installations and improvements are being made for the Stoneyford Subdivision.
- A Dunkin Donuts will be built at 960 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pike. The three houses in that location will be demolished.

- Bucks County Roses Site will have 13 houses built on 1-acre lots.
- Three lots will be built on Bristol Road.
- Newtown Rail Trail held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 9:00 am. Northampton's 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project will be starting this year.
- The Bucks County Commissioners sought funding and were able to procure 4.5 million from the State back to the Township to pay for the engineering and construction of the trail from Bristol Road to the Churchville Nature Center.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Sargent Share and Sargent Cully who graduated from Northwestern School of Staff and Command
- A new female officer has been hired, Badge number 100, Danielle DeSimone is the third female hire this year for Northampton Police Department.
- Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad has sent out their annual Membership flyer. Donate to this great cause.
- The Township has renewed its contract with Dr. Ken Lavallo as the Medical Director. Dr. Lavallo is also the Medical Director for Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad and the Fire Department.
- Senator Tommy Tomlinson and State Representative Wendi Thomas have secured 1 million in Re-Development monies for the construction of the Fire Houses.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report.

#### **ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The Northampton Township Library Board has created a sub-committee to start working with a consultant through the Bucks County Library on and implementing a Strategic Plan. There is no charge to the Township for those services. Public input is welcome.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

The Board has met in executive sessions two times. The first was virtually on March 30, 2022, The following Board members were in attendance, Mr. Salzer, Mrs. Gasper, Mr. Moore, Chairman Selisker, Mr. Pellegrino, Township Manager, Mr. Wert, the Assistant Manager, Mr. Solomon the Zoning Officer and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. Two matters of pending litigation were discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session and no action was required tonight because of that executive session.

The Board met in executive session just before tonight's meeting for approximately 30 minutes. Present were the members of the Board, Mr. Pellegrino, Township Manager, Mr. Wert, the Assistant Manager the Township Engineer, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. . Two matters of pending litigation were

discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session and no action was required tonight because of that executive session.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brett Duffey, 125 Hope Road, Thanked Dr. Rose, Chairman Selisker, and previous Board member Frank O'Donnell for their participation in the WAWA vote. Asked the Board to consider updating the outdated Zoning, increasing open space, and consider implementing a 500ft setback for gas stations.

Tom Bucher, 669 Holland Road, asked the Board to consider updating the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Bucher outlined several areas and concentrated on specific wording he feels needs updating.

James Rothenberg, 60 Brianna Road, spoke on the Northampton Valley Country Club and outlined his opinion of how the Board should not have acquired it. Mr. Rothenberg suggested selling off the driving range for Senior housing and feels this would be profitable to the Township.

Diane Marrazzo, 2433 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Pike, commented on the decision made by Judge Bowman on the WAWA case that took place on April 24, 2022. Ms. Marrazzo expressed that the Zoning Hearing Board Chairman should recuse himself from the WAWA votes because she has been told he has business dealings with WAWA and is concerned this is a conflict of interest.

Dr. Arvind Cavale, 90 Hope Road, stated with the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary approaching, he would like the Board to develop and build relationships within the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paula Gasper, Secretary