

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Larry Weinstein
Barry Moore
Eileen Silver
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Frank O'Donnell

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
Mary Stover, CKS Engineers
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Weinstein announced a public meeting was held on Monday, October 17, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Richboro Middle School. The purpose of the meeting was to take public comment on the proposed "Rails to Trails" project. Chairman Weinstein announced several hours of public comment has been taken, and public comment is now considered closed. The Board is working with the Bucks County Planning Commission to schedule another meeting where the Board will ask questions about the project, input from public comment and correspondence received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don George, Watergate Drive, thanked the Board for making an effort to accommodate the public on the "Rails to Trails" issue. Mr. George noted his discontentment with the County Planning Commission for not attending the second "Rails to Trails" meeting on October 17, 2016. Mr. George raised concern over a rumor of a suspected tax increase, alleged improprieties of the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the squandering of money and rogue operations by Administration.

John Heenan, Butternut Road, raised objection to the size of the flag at the Municipal Park and brought to the attention of the Board that the flag is not being lit at night. Mr. O'Donnell explained the flag and size code and informed Mr. Heenan of the damage a larger flag causes

the cell tower. Mr. Heenan says he understands the size issue, but either light the flag or take it down. Chairman Weinstein agreed and thanked Mr. Heenan for notifying the Board and the lighting will be repaired immediately or the flag will be removed.

Adam Spector, 3505 Stafford Place, submitted to Chairman Weinstein another 177 signatures from residents stating they were in favor of the trail.

Ann Vaneerden, 84 Bustleton Pike, raised questions with the recent meeting of the "Rails to Trails". Chairman Weinstein stated the Board has closed public comment on the matter. Chairman Weinstein reiterated his comments at the beginning of the meeting when Mrs. Vaneerden was not in attendance. Mrs. Vaneerden continued with her questions as to why the Board did not ask their questions the night the Bucks County Planning Commission attended and felt there was some bias by taking row-by-row comment. Chairman Weinstein explained the Boards position and denied any bias and further explained the second meeting was done by 1 pro and 1 con as people were brought up to speak. Chairman Weinstein feels the Board has been fair and has allowed everyone to express his or her opinions. Ms. Vaneerden ended with stating her disappointment on the Boards lack of action on the non-binding resolution.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, agreed the Board should take action on the non-binding resolution by voting no. Mr. Johnson also stated he has further comments that he has not brought up before but would respect the Chairman's request and not bring them forward tonight.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Silver presented the September 15 and the September 28, 2016 minutes. No corrections or additions required therefore the minutes were deemed approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dr. Rose presented the accounts payable for October 12, 2016 in the amount of \$1,323,926.92.

The Accounts Payable were deemed approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolutions for Planning Module – 500 New Road

Chairman Weinstein explained this Board approved a minor two-lot subdivision at New Road a few months ago. The project is now progressing to the next phase of development a planning module is required to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection ensuring the new land development conforms to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management. In addition, the Board has received a letter from the Northampton

Bucks County Municipal Authority certifying the applicant has adequate capacity to serve the land development at 500 New Road.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to approve the Department of Environmental Protection resolution for plan revision for new land development for the subdivision located at 500 New Road.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Mr. Moore stated that he will be abstaining from the vote since he owns the property in question.

Motion Passed 4-0-1 (with Mr. Moore abstaining).

Consider Bid Award for Railroad TCE Water Line Project

Dr. Rose noted the bids were open on October 5, 2016 for the installation of a public water line to serve the Hidden Meadow development (Hill Road, Lincoln Circle and Charter Circle) in Northampton Township, and properties on Mearns and Creek Roads in Warwick Township. There are 29 affected properties in Northampton and 20 affected properties in Warwick. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Agency (HSCA) initiated the project, to address Trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination found in some private wells in the project area.

Dr. Rose stated eight (8) bids were received for the project consisting of a base bid and three (3) alternate bids.

Dr. Rose outlined the base bid stating it provides for the installation of the water main, service laterals, meter installations, and all associated connections to each of the 49 homes. Alternate bid #1 was requested by the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (NBCMA) and will provide for an interconnection between the Authority system and the Warwick Municipal Authority system at Steamwhistle Drive. Alternate Bid #2 was requested by Warwick Township Municipal Authority and involves upgrading the water line from 8 inches to 12 inches along Mearns Road. Alternate Bid #3 was requested by Warwick Township and involves a complete resurfacing of Creek Road.

Dr. Rose identified the low bidder as Joao & Bradley Construction Company at \$1,801,849.16 for the base bid and three (3) alternate bids. The budget for the project is 2 million. The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (NBCMA) is only responsible for the cost of Alternate Bid #1, and the Warwick Municipal Authority is responsible for the cost of Alternate Bid #2. Warwick Township is responsible for the cost of Alternate Bid #3. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will not fund the costs for these alternate bids because they are not related to the abatement of TCE contamination in the project area.

Alternate Bid #2 was to upgrade the size of the water main from 8 to 12 inches on Mearns Road and the price difference was minimal at \$380 when deductions were taken for the 8-inch line from the base bid.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

Base Bid	\$1,492,201.16
Alternate #1	67,330.00
Alternate #2	62,700.00
Minus 8-inch line from Base Bid	<u>-62,320.00</u>
Total	\$1,559,911.16

Dr. Rose stated Warwick Township does not wish to proceed with the resurfacing of Creek Road and authorized the rejection of Alternate #3 at their meeting on October 17, 2016.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is funding the entire cost of the base bid amount and Northampton Township is acting as the lead agency for the administration of the grant. Each property will be fully connected to the public water system and no cost to the property owner. All costs are paid including meter installation and interior plumbing. Each property owner will be required to connect in accordance with an ordinance adopted by the respective Board of Supervisors of Northampton and Warwick Townships. A signed easement agreement to allow access to their properties for the work to be performed. Each property owner also acknowledges that his or her private wells must be abandoned as part of the project. This is a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection requirement for the receipt of grant funds.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to award a contract to Joao & Bradley Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,559,911.16 for an extension of the public water system in Northampton and Warwick Townships that includes a base bid in the amount of \$1,492,201.16, Alternate Bid #1 in the amount of \$67,300, Alternate Bid #2 in the amount of \$62,700 less credits of \$62,320 for a net cost of \$380; to reject Alternate Bid #3 in its entirety; and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents related to the project.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver questioned how the Department of Environmental Protection typically pays. Mrs. Silver questioned if the payments are paid in installments or when the job is completed. Mr. Pellegrino stated they pay in installments.

Dr. Rose questioned when the project would be started and completed. Mr. Pellegrino replied the project should start in approximately three (3) weeks and be completed in six (6) weeks.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bid Award for 2017 Salt Contract

Mr. O'Donnell explained that Doylestown Borough advertised for bids for Rock Salt in the Intelligencer on September 14 and September 20, 2016 on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium.

Mr. Crossland, the Director of Public Works, is recommending that we award the contract to Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL at their bid price of \$56.13 price per ton delivered. We are currently paying \$57.57 per ton and used approximately 3,000 tons last year due to the severe winter season. Morton Salt, Inc. was the provider for this year's winter season. Mr. Crossland stated he has been satisfied with Morton Salt, Inc. services for salt delivery.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Moore) to award a contract for rock salt to Morton Salt Inc., Chicago, IL at the bid price of \$56.13 per ton delivered to the Bucks County Consortium.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Appointment to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority to Fill an Unexpired Term.

Mrs. Silver announced the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority has an existing vacancy due to a resignation leaving an unexpired term open.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Moore) to appoint Stephen McGill to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority to fill an unexpired term, effective immediately, and expiring on December 31, 2017.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Mr. Moore stated Mr. McGill is a very qualified person and will be an asset to the Municipal Authority Board.

Dr. Rose stated stating she felt Mr. McLaughlin was the more qualified applicant, and would not be voting for Mr. McGill.

Motion Passed 4-1 (with Dr. Rose voting nay)

Consider Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate to Fill an Unexpired Term

Chairman Weinstein announced the position of Zoning Hearing Board Alternate has an existing vacancy due to a resignation leaving an unexpired term open.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-O'Donnell) to appoint Michael Hartey to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate to fill an un-expired term, effective immediately, and expiring on December 31, 2018.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Mr. Moore stated this is an extremely important position and carries a lot of responsibility. The alternate must still attend the meetings even when not needed so that person is up to speed on the applications. Mr. Moore feels Mr. Hartey is the best candidate for the position with his background.

Mr. O'Donnell agreed that Mr. Hartey has a lot of experience and this is required in this position.

Motion Passed 5-0.

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Senior Center on Friday, October 21, 2016 held their annual Baskets n' Bling Bingo where they had a great turnout of 150 people. Thanked the Lions Club for serving the food. Also thanked Sheila Jobs and Kathy Gurevitch for putting together another successful event.
- The Senior Center will be hosting a trip to the Tropicana Casino on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at a cost of \$33 per person. Package includes \$25 slot play, transportation and drivers tip. Bus departs at 9:15 a.m. and returns at 7:15 p.m.
- There will be a live radio broadcast at the Senior Center on Thursday, November 10 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Hosted by the Endoscopy Center at St. Mary's and WBCB 1490 AM radio promoting a health and wellness series titled "Speak Your Piece with Pat Wandling." There will be a meet and greet with Tommy Greene, former Phillies pitcher and includes a free lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m., health tips with a question/answer session, a discussion on Trauma Prevention, driving safely during the holidays, and door prizes. This is a free event but you must RSVP by Monday, November 7, 2016 by calling the Senior Center at 215-357-8199 or stopping by.

- The Senior Center will be hosting their annual Holiday Marketplace on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors and activities so come out and finish your Holiday shopping.
- Council Rock School District Superintendent Dr. Fraser announced the capital planning discussion will start up again in October. The district will put together a comprehensive redistricting plan. The new middle schools will open in the fall of 2018.
- In October, the televised meetings of the School Board has changed from two meetings a month to one meeting each month and are held on the third Thursday. The School Board meetings will continue to meet every Thursday as follows: finance/facilities on the first Thursday, academic standards on the second Thursday, and policy on the fourth Thursday.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcements:

- The Northampton Township Police Department will have extra patrols out for mischief night and on Halloween. A reminder was issued to be extra cautious during these times and watch out for the children out trick or treating.
- The Police Departments wants to remind residents to lock your car doors and remove all valuables. There are still problems with thefts from unlocked vehicles.
- Snow and cold weather is almost upon us. Remember to move your cars off the street so the plows can move quickly and efficiently for snow removal.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- The Volunteer Fire Company reported a very successful fire prevention week and noted the attendance was one of the largest seen by the Fire Company.
- Thanked Jamie Gwynn for an outstanding newsletter and for the wonderful tribute to George Komelasky and thanked Pete Palestina for the article and the pictures. The Newsletter is an excellent source of information.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- A lot of construction activity is happening right now at the Civic Center with center islands in the process of being installed on Newtown Richboro Road to help with traffic calming efforts in the future.
- Two of the tennis courts have been resurfaced and two will be completely replaced as well as two basketball courts. The courts will be open to the public in the next couple of weeks.

- The Parks and Recreation Department completed restaurant week in Holland where it was very successful and is looking finish up the week in Richboro, there is still time to stop in and try some of the specials the local restaurants are offering.
- The 40th Annual Halloween Happenings is scheduled for October 29 and is free to all residents. The Board will be judging the contest and it is not an easy job with all the great costumes that are presented.
- There are a number of classes and tickets available. Check out the Fall Brochure and you are sure to find something that interests you.
- The Library is now open throughout the week at 10 a.m. and with the change in hours has now seen a spike in attendance. In addition, the Library will be closed on Fridays and will be open on Sunday. Daily attendance for the month has gone from 12,000 to over 19,000.
- Saturday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m., the Library will be hosting the 2016 local author expo. Over 21 authors will be in attendance to discuss their books, the writing process, or how to self-publish. Books will be available for purchase and personalization.
- November 17 at 7:00 p.m. the Library will be hosting Mike Jesberger a Revolutionary War and American Civil War reenactor will focus on President Lincoln's November 1863 visit to the Gettysburg battlefield and his historic speech known as the "Gettysburg Address".
- The Friends of the Library since the beginning of June 2015 has ran a year round bookstore with a variety of new books added on a regular basis. Stop by, browse, and see what is available.
- Toddler Story Time is held on Wednesdays, November 9 through November 30 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2- 3-1/2. No registration is necessary, just stop in.
- Coloring for Adults will take place at the Library on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All supplies are provided.

Chairman Weinstein made the following announcements:

- The Planning Commission will meet on November 15, 2016 instead of November 8 as this is Election Day and the room is being used for voters. The Planning Commission will consider proposed ordinances related to medical marijuana growers, dispensaries, and transient dwellings. The Board will be taking action on these items at our November 16 meeting.

- Construction is continuing on the Toll Brothers Development on Hatboro Road and also at Juliette's Garden, a six (6) lot subdivision, on Second Street Pike.
- The Zoning Hearing Board met on October 24 and approved a variance for a detached garage on Sackettsford Road and their next meeting will be held on November 14 at 7:00 pm.
- Michael Tomkins president of the Historical Commission visited the site of 444 St. Leonard's Road to determine if there was any historical value to the buildings. Michael took photos and checked for any items with a possible historical value. The photos will be for posterity and Michael will give an update and provide a list of items.
- Progress is taking place on the plaque to recognize Ginny Geyer and Betty Luff who contributed time and dedication to the history of this Township.
- Any resident in the Township who would like their home to be considered historic under Township standards, call the Township administration or the Historical Archivist to inquire on how to proceed with the determination.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission recently held a fundraiser to raise money for a plaque to cover an existing orphan stone in front of the Administration Building at the Veterans Memorial. The unveiling is scheduled to take place on Veterans Day November 11 at 6:00 p.m. During this time, the Purple Heart parking spot will also be unveiled. Milo Morris will be in attendance to sing the National Anthem.
- A Philadelphia Veterans Parade and Festival will be held on November 6 from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Fifth and Market Street in Philadelphia.
- December 6 from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. a Veterans Shark Tank will be held at the Camden Aquarium where Veterans will be able to pitch a business model or plan to business's in the community to see if they can get backing to get their plan in motion. The deadline to sign up is October 30, and interested persons should go to www.veteranssharktank.com.
- June 5, 2017 there will be an Honor Flight for Vietnam Veterans leaving from Parx Casino. Since this program fills up quickly, you need to reserve your spot early by calling 215-348-6213.
- Mr. Joe Hand Jr., was recently recognized, and honored by the Miracle League, for his dedication, and countless volunteer hours to this wonderful project. Thanked Nancy Opalka for her part in making this a great evening.
- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween and reminded everyone to inspect the children's candy.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pellegrino stated the islands being constructed on Newtown Richboro Road will be planted with rye grass this year. Next spring plants and a watering system will be installed.

Mr. Pellegrino reminded everyone the next Board meeting will be on November 16 and the 2017 budget will be presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don George, Watergate Drive, questioned the increase in Township personnel listed during the budget workshop, and raised concern over the budget, the cost effectiveness of Parks and Recreation programs and alleged analysis of these programs are not being completed. He George stated the RFP requirements for the swim club contract are not clear and substandard.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Silver, Secretary