

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:

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

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
Kurt Schroeder, 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.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Mr. Palestina stated two flag ceremonies are being held tonight a welcome home flag for United States Tonight we have two flag ceremonies, a Welcome Home flag exchange to Army Major Kevin Loughnane, his parents Bill and Pat are here to receive his service flag. A service flag will be placed in the flag display for United States Air Force First Lieutenant Kelsy Glover. Her parents, Kevin and Kay were in attendance to place her service flag in the display.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Certificate of Appreciation – Evan Stone

Mrs. Silver called Evan Stone forward and presented him with a Distinguished Citizen Award for his time and devotion to the Township and Community.

SPRING MILL COUNTRY CLUB UPDATE

Chairman Moore stated on February 22, 2018 the Township received an updated Sketch Plan for the Spring Mill Country Club. The Developer is proposing 175 Townhomes on 30 acres of land where the driving range and chip and put course is located. 154 Acres including the buildings will be placed into a conservation easement, preventing further development. The driving range will be moved to the center of the golf course and be utilized by members only. The golf course and country club will remain open as a private country club serving its members and the Banquet facilities will also remain open. The Board believes there are still many items

that will need to be reviewed before a decision can be rendered. The Board will continue to keep the public informed moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Antonio Albano, 744 Newtown Richboro Road, raised concerns with a serious issue around Holland and Richboro Road, there is a small pocket of residents that have 67-80 year old septic systems and water contamination is present. Mr. Albano stated a low pressure system could be installed in this area, and has been told financial aid is available and an appeal should be sent to Senator Tomlinson's office to ask for help and to not create an undue burden for these homeowners. Discussion ensued with questions being raised about how to proceed.

Bernadette Heenan, 8 Butternut Court, thanked the Township and the Police Department for all they do for the community, also an extra thank you to Officer Caldwell on his outstanding performance as the School Resource Officer. Mrs. Heenan raised concern over the letter sent out by Dr. Fraiser and the upcoming walk out that is planned to take place on March 14, 2018. Discussion ensued on how the Township is going to proceed and work with the School District to make sure everyone is safe.

Renee Kilgarriff, 30 Wendy Way, followed up on Mrs. Heenan's concerns, reiterating the concern over safety for the students. Discussion ensued with the Administration being tasked with contacting the School District and the Police Department to coordinate efforts.

Elizabeth Youse, 54 Devon Road, commented and provided further information on the walk out scheduled for March 14, 2018.

David Patterson, 19 Amsterdam Avenue, commented on the walk-out and is not in agreement with elementary children participating due to the safety concern and stated his daughter is too young to under the concept of the walkout and what it is for.

Rick Sorenson, 52 Manor Drive, followed up on his presentation from the February 28, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting on legislative redistricting. Mr. Sorenson asked the Board to continue to follow up and be involved to stop the push for redistricting. Discussion ensued with Chairman Moore and the Solicitor stating the Board of Supervisors position.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of January 24, 2018 were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for February 14, 2018, in the amount of \$632,298.49, and February 28, 2018 in the amount of \$413,690.46, was approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider Ordinance to Prohibit the Use of Engine Brake Retarders on Portions of Second Street Pike, Bustleton Pike, and Upper Holland Road

Chairman Moore opened the hearing at 8:40 pm.

Dr. Rose stated based on resident complaints, the attached ordinance was prepared to prohibit the use of engine brake retarders on portions of Second Street Pike, Bustleton Pike, and Upper Holland Road.

Dr. Rose noted Pennsylvania law states that the use of engine brake retarders may not be prohibited by a local authority unless prior written approval is obtained from the Department of Transportation. PennDOT recently performed the required study and determined that it would be permissible for the Township to prohibit the use of engine brake retarders on the two state owned roads noted above, and on Upper Holland Road.

The locations are as follows:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Traveling</u>
SR 232 (Second Street Pike),	Bristol Road and Kings Lane	North and South Bound
SR 2065 (Bustleton Pike)	Entire Length of Bustleton Pike	North and South Bound
Upper Holland Road	Entire Length of Upper Holland Road	East and West Bound

The ordinance was advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times on February 14, 2018.
The Administration recommends the Board adopt the ordinance as presented.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to adopt ordinance #595 to prohibit the use of engine brake retarders on Second Street Pike from Kings Lane to Bristol road, and for the entire length of Bustleton Pike, and Upper Holland Road as authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Moore closed the hearing at 8:45 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution for Planning Module – Shihadeh Contracting, LLC for Single Lot on Pulinski Road – TMP 31-5-10-1

Mrs. Silver noted a single home is proposed to be built on Pulinski Road at tax Parcel No. 31-005-010-001, which is in the 500 block. As they progress forward to ultimately begin construction, a planning module is required to be submitted to DEP to permit an on-lot septic system due to the inaccessibility of public sewer. As part of that process, a resolution must be passed by the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Silver also noted that the Municipal Authority has no objection to this planning module.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver –Rose) to approve the DEP resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development for John Shihadeh , Tax Parcel No. 31-005-010-001 on Pulinski Road.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Authorization to Advertise Public Hearing on Comprehensive Update, including the Richboro Master Plan

Mr. Weinstein stated the Comprehensive Plan Update has been completed by the County Planning Commission and was presented on numerous occasions to the Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Weinstein noted a previously updated draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan was provided to the Board, including the Richboro Master Plan. The previously approved Holland Master Plan will also be included in the final binding so that all Township plans are in one document.

Mr. Weinstein explained the next step to move this process along is for the public hearing to be authorized. Due to the procedural requirements of a Comprehensive Plan adoption, there is a 45 day review window so the earliest meeting that the Board can hold the public hearing is April 25, 2018. For your reference, a copy of the resolution is attached, which must be approved to officially adopt the Township Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Weinstein stated If the public hearing is authorized, the procedural requirements of the Municipalities Planning Code dictate that the draft plan must be advertised, made available for public review, sent to the neighboring Townships and School District, and sent back to the Township Planning Commission for a formal recommendation.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Discussion ensued with Board members discussing the benefits of these plans and the next steps moving forward. The Board encourages the public to look at these documents and offer their input.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to consider adoption of the Northampton Township Comprehensive Plan 2018, including the Richboro Master Plan, as prepared by the Bucks County Planning Commission for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Township building.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Adoption of Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update

Mr. O'Donnell stated as part of the Township's Act 537 Plan Update, the Board is ultimately required to approve the plan. The plan was prepared by Gilmore Associates who took the project over from CKS. Throughout the process the Municipal Authority has also reviewed and provided input into the draft.

Overall, the plan is a detailed document that includes background information, physical conditions and demographic analysis, existing sewage facilities, future growth and development, identification and evaluation of alternatives, institutional evaluation, and an implementation schedule.

Mr. O'Donnell explained the purpose of this Plan Update is to comply with PADEP Act 537 requirements regarding sewage facilities planning. The Plan Update will identify new and/or improved sewage facility alternatives to serve the existing and future wastewater treatment needs of Northampton Township. The selected alternatives will become the foundation for the Official Sewage Facilities Plan of the Township, which will function as a regulatory plan for resolving wastewater management problems associated with development. This Plan Update will supersede all prior sewage facilities plans of Northampton Township.

The specific objectives of this Plan Update include the following:

- Address the purpose of a Sewage Facilities Plan described in Section 1.3.1 herein.
- Provide sewage facilities planning consistent with the Northampton Township Comprehensive Plan, 1999.
- Document the changes in wastewater facilities planning since the completion of the Bucks County Sewage Facilities Plan (Neshaminy Region, June 1970).
- Address the requirements of the Neshaminy Interceptor Connection Management Plan (NICMP) and Neshaminy Interceptor Corrective Action Plan (NICAP) prepared by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority

- Proposed Action is to update the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan to address the present and future wastewater facilities needs of the township. The preparation of the plan was undertaken, to confirm long-term capacity needs of the sewer service as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) requires that all municipalities tributaries to the Neshaminy Interceptor (owned and operated by the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA)) be included in an evaluation of the interceptor's future capacity needs.
- Proposed Provisions: The objective of the Act 537 update is to generate future wastewater growth projections, evaluate the township's existing collection and conveyance systems, identify potential deficiencies and recommend alternatives for addressing such deficiencies.
- The Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority (NBC1vIA) owns and operates sanitary sewers in Northampton Township. Two small drainage areas along the township's southwest border send sewage flows to the Upper Southampton Sewer Authority and the Warminster Township Municipal Authority systems. Sewage flows sent to the Upper Southampton Sewer Authority system flow through the Poquessing Interceptor and are treated at the Northeast Philadelphia Water Pollution Control Plant. Sewage flows sent to the Warminster Township Municipal Authority system are treated at a facility owned and operated by the authority.

Collection and conveyance of the majority of NBC1vIA's sewage flows are handled through the Neshaminy Interceptor and numerous pumping stations, including the Totem Road Pump Station and discharged ultimately to the Northeast Philadelphia Water Pollution Control Plant. Overall projected flows to the Northeast Philadelphia plant from the Neshaminy Interceptor are now expected to exceed the BCWSA capacity. The plan indicates that the wastewater infrastructure if the township has sufficient capacity to meet the 5- and lower-year, as well as the ultimate flow projections for the township.

- The chosen alternative for this Plan is to continue with the existing public sanitary sewer system collection, conveyance, and treatment, for the Neshaminy Interceptor Service Area within Northampton Township, in addition to the service provided through the Upper Southampton Sewer Authority and Warminster Township Municipal Authority systems. The Neshaminy Interceptor will be upgraded by the BCWSA to adequately address the future needs of Northampton Township as well as other contributing municipalities for a 10-year planning period. The costs for the upgrade to the Interceptor will be shared by all of the contributing municipalities. The BCWSA will distribute the costs through their fees to individual municipalities. If needed, NBCMA will evaluate any increased fees and distribute the costs to the rate payers of the sanitary

sewer system, as appropriate. The NBMCA will implement infiltration and inflow abatement identified in their Corrective Action Plan.

- The remainder of Northampton Township is served, and will continue to be served, by on-lot sewage disposal systems. This area is primarily in the northeast corner of the township and contains rural residential and agricultural uses. The township has an ordinance which provides for a sewage management program for on-lot disposal systems.
- No new municipal commitments or capital cost funding is necessary to implement the Act 537 Plan.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver) to approve the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update as prepared by CKS Engineers and Gilmore Associates dated February 2018.

Chairman Moore called for Board and public comment. Discussion ensued and it was stated the bottom line is this allows the Township more EDU's which allows for future connections.

Motion Passed 5-0.

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- Congratulated Detective Sargent Pinkerton and Sargent Egan on their graduation from Northwestern University.
- Tri-Hampton held a class at the Senior Center on how to respond to a medical emergency. Tri-Hampton is a great community resource.
- Spring is around the corner and the Bocce and Golf League is starting, call the Senior Center for more information.
- The annual Senior Center St. Patrick's Day Event will be held on March 16, 2018 from 12 pm until 2 pm. Tickets go on sale in February. You do not need to be a member to partake in this great event.
- The Spring Fling Shopping event will be held at the Senior Center On April 20, 2018 from 5 pm until 9 pm. Over 50 vendors will attend.
- The Historical Commission is looking at different fundraising ideas, and it was decided to place a jar in the Historical Archives office.

- Marion Kane, a member of the Historical Commission has written an article for the Newsletter on the Campbell Funeral Home make sure to look for it in the spring edition.
- Reorganization was postponed due to a vacancy on the Historic Commission, if interested put in your name to be considered for appointment.
- The Historic Commission cancelled their March meeting due to a lack of a quorum so the next scheduled meeting is April 20, 2018.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- On April 14 at the Library District Attorney Matt Weintraub will be speaking on the opioid epidemic. If interested in attending, contact the Library for more information.
- The Library will be holding a fundraiser titled painting with a purpose on Saturday, March 24 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 with 50% of the fee going directly to the Library. Contact the Library or visit their website for more information.
- The Northampton Free Library is a PA Forward Library, and therefore must meet the following literacy core values: Basic, Information, Civil, Social, Health, and Financial. Over the course of the year, they will be holding specialized seminars that meet one or more of these core values, i.e., In March a voting rights seminar will be held to meet the Civil core value. For more information and a listing of upcoming core value workshops, visit the library's website.
- The Municipal Authority has just released its newsletter and has made sure the document is more readable, right in the front is a notice about the relocation of offices, many interesting articles on various topics.

Mr. Weinstein made the following announcements:

Volunteer Fire Company:

- Thank you to our fire department for their work to put out a recent building fire in the area of Buckshire Drive in Holland. Thanks to their quick action no injuries were reported.
- If there are ongoing snowstorms chief Selisker reminds residence to Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow to save valuable time for firefighters.

Police Department:

- Congratulations to the Police Department for the outstanding work they do
- The Police station bidding will close on the Penn Bid System in March and bids will be electronically opened at that time. Construction is expected to begin on or about May 1 and the project will take approximately 12 months for completion. We hope to have a

new police station by next spring. The new police station is desperately needed. It will help to keep residents safe through things like additional training for police officers.

- Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Charles Pinkerton and Sergeant Dave Egan both graduated from the Northwestern University school of police staff and command. This program is nationally recognized as the premier training program for supervisory level police personnel. Mr. Weinstein apologized for being unable to attend as his full-time job prevented him from attending the ceremony.
- This tends to be the time of the year where certain people try and commit scams on our residents. This is not to suggest that anywhere near a handful of contractors are fraudulent, but with warm weather often brings out those trying to fraudulently fix roofs or work on driveways. The chief reminds everyone to be diligent. Also make sure to ask for a permit because if they are going door-to-door in Northampton they must have a permit.

Council Rock School District

- CRSD met on February 15 and formally postponed the pending redistricting from 2018–19 to 2019–20. In doing so current six graders were officially removed from the redistricting process. The motion was made to exclude the six graders by school board member Wendi Thomas that was a great motion and a great board decision to pass her motion. It is unclear when the CR school board will end up voting on the ultimate map that will be used to formally redistrict. And originally proposed map is being reworked by the CR redistricting committee in light of the myriad complaints by CR parents.
- On March 8 as part of the facilities committee meeting there will be administration, board members and potentially a new demographer. The board is looking at hiring an additional Demographer to either review or supersede Sundance's work.
- Residents have expressed major concerns with the previously proposed map both in the public meetings and in correspondence with various officials. Complaints raised have ranged from dividing and isolating children because there are very few children per grade moving schools. In others Northampton kids are potentially being moved to schools in Newtown in Wrightstown. College Park is proposed to move to Wrightstown and part of Village Shires and the area around signal Hill Road would be moved to Newtown. This would further isolate children who are used to participating with their classmates in worship, sports and scouting in our township. While residents of other townships generally participate in those activities in their own Townships.
- Council Rock is borrowing \$43 million through bonds to help pay for major score renovations including the two middle schools Holland and Newtown as well as work on going to Rolling Hills and Wrightstown Elementary schools. At the last school board

meeting, Council Rock also voted to add Diwali, a Hindu holiday, to the 2018–19 calendar of days off. This year there would be November 7 off. Council Rock is only the second school district in Pennsylvania to do so. I think it was a bold move.

- The next academic standards meeting takes place on March 5 at 7 PM. Facilities and then finance will be on March 8 at 6:30. The school board's next meeting is March 15 at seven and the next policy committee meeting is March 22 at seven.
- The CR South's wrestling team won it's 2nd straight District one class AA title.
- CR South Wintergaurd won at WG my competition. They were first in the W G.I. regional in the Scholastic A division.
- CR South SAT scores are 49th highest amongst Pennsylvania public high schools.
- The CR education foundation is putting on a fundraiser called the dual on March 9 from 7 to 12. It Takes place at the Fuge in Warminster. There will be a piano duel as well as an appearance by the band bonehead. Proceeds go to support additional programs and engage children, spark imagination and develop their passion for CR schools
- Nine CRSD students were selected to show their artwork at the Pennsylvania education association youth art exhibition in Harrisburg
- Council Rock South was voted the 50th best public high school Pennsylvania for sports by niche.com. The same website also voted Council Rock school District as the 24th safest public school district in Pennsylvania.
- The 2018–2019 kindergarten and first grade registration should be done by March 9. If you cannot get it done by this time, please call Council Rock central registration at 215944–1091
- At the track and field Association of Greater Philadelphia meet Council Rock South students Collin Ochs, Andrew Zawodniak scored highway in qualified for the meet of champions.
- At the Delaware Valley girls track association meet of champions CR South's Elle Knecht, Makayla Kelly, and Madison Metague all scored highly.
- Council Rock South's Phoebe Shayatoole finish third in the District one class 3A diving championship

- At the Suburban one league national girls regional bowling qualifiers CR South's Lauren Gudknecht second.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- The Veterans Advisory Commission did not meet in February the next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Parks and Recreation met on February 1, 2018, at this meeting the user groups reported an increase in younger children signing up for spring sports.
- The Northampton Indians have just announced a year round football program. Also a flag football program has just started.
- The Bathrooms in the Civic Center are still being priced out, the process is taking longer as the need to stay within a certain budget is necessary.
- Michelle Christian has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Board and we thank her for her hard work as part of the Board. Due to her resignation, there is now an opening on the board and all interested persons are invited to submit an application to serve.
- The Parks and Recreation Spring brochure have arrived, look through all the events being offered. There is something for everyone.
- Reserve your spot for the Bunny Hunt.
- Summer programs and camps are filling up quickly, make sure to reserve your spot.
- Preschool registration is open and spots are filling up quickly.
- Thanked Bill Wert for another wonderful newsletter. Check it out gives a lot of detailed information.

Mr. Weinstein congratulated Michele Christian for being named one out of only 10 in the entire country as a regional small business administrator.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The following construction projects are in process at the Davis Pontiac Site:
 - Irish Pub
 - Urgent Care Center – should be completed in about six months
 - Italian Restaurant – BYOB
 - Liquor Store

- F45 Fitness
- The Wawa is now open.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pizzo stated the Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting and present for that meeting were members of the Board of Supervisors, the Township Manager, the Township Engineer, and myself the Township Solicitor. A matter of Real Estate Acquisition was discussed, no official action was taken nor is any required based on tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Sorenson, 52 Manor Drive, followed up on his presentation from the February 28, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting on legislative redistricting. Mr. Sorenson asked the Board to continue to follow up and be involved to stop the push for redistricting. Discussion ensued with Chairman Moore and the Solicitor is stating the Board of Supervisors position.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, thanked the Board for implementing the Jake Brake Ordinance. Questioned the Board on grants and the matching of funds. Discussion ensued with the Board explaining grant funding and matching that is required.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary