

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
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert Salzer
Michael Solomon
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 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam Selisker
Barry Moore
Paula Gasper
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert M. Salzer

Members of the Board absent were:

Robert M. Pellegrino
William Wert

Others present were:

Michael Solomon, Acting Township Manager
Amanda Fuller, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for March 9, 2022, for \$920,751.29 and, for March 23, 2022, for \$1,660,297.16 were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize a Public Meeting to Consider Ordinance Amendment Adopting the 2018 International Fire Code

Mrs. Gasper stated a draft copy of the ordinance amendment adopting the 2018 International Fire Code was provided to the Board for review. Last month, the State updated the 2018 editions of the code concerning the Statewide Building Code (UCC). Those updates took effect automatically. The Fire Code, however, is not included in the UCC and therefore new editions need to be updated by ordinance.

Overall, the primary purpose of this ordinance is for consistency across all editions of the code that we enforce.

A motion was made and seconded (Gasper-Rose) to authorize the advertisement of a public meeting for Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building to consider an ordinance adopting the 2018 International Fire Code.

Chairman Selisker called for public and Board comments. There was none.

Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Temporary Construction Easements to Install Sidewalks on Second Street Pike

Mr. Moore explained that Northampton Township received a construction grant that will provide sidewalk connections along both sides of Second Street Pike over the Iron Works Creek. The grant award of \$893,417.00 was funded through the Federal Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) Program and is managed by Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The project upon completion will provide a continuous sidewalk connection from Tanyard Road to Crossroad Plaza. This project is part of our Master Development Plan for Richboro.

Most of the proposed work will be completed within the public right-of-way or Township property. However, two (2), Temporary Construction Easements are necessary to complete the project along the Tanner property on Second Street Pike and the KIMCO property with frontage on both Second Street and Bustleton Pikes. These Temporary Construction Easements are needed for grading/parking lot paving in front of the Tanner property and to connect to the existing sidewalk along the Crossroads Plaza. Once the project is complete, the sidewalks will be within the public road right-of-way, except where it matches the sidewalk in Crossroads Plaza.

After unsuccessful attempts to obtain these temporary construction easements from the property owners, it is the Administration's recommendation to condemn the area necessary temporarily so that the construction of the sidewalks can be completed.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Salzer) to adopt Resolution R-22-9 which authorizes the condemnation of a temporary construction easement across certain property located at 800 Bustleton Pike and identified as Tax Parcel ID# 31-015-023-004, which easement is necessary for the construction and installation of sidewalks along certain portions of Second Street Pike and to authorize the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution or otherwise required for this project.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Salzer) to adopt Resolution R-22-10 which authorizes the condemnation of a temporary construction easement across certain property located at 741 Second Street Pike and identified as Tax Parcel ID# 31-015-023-003-001, which easement is necessary for the construction and installation of sidewalks along certain portions of Second Street Pike and to authorize the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution or otherwise required for this project.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

The Board unanimously agreed this action was necessary so the construction could start on the installation of the sidewalks. Not having sidewalks in this area was a safety issue. The extra benefit is the construction and installation of the sidewalks are at no cost to the businesses where they are being installed.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Selisker announced Mr. Pellegrino the Township Manager and Mr. Wert the Assistant Manager are absent tonight and Mr. Solomon is sitting in as acting Township Manager for tonight's meeting.

Consider Bids for Road Materials

Mr. Salzer stated on behalf of Bucks County Consortium, New Britain Township advertised for bids for bituminous asphalt materials and stone on February 4th and 8th, 2022.

The attached tabulation details the bid results for the materials we intend to purchase. A total of 7 companies submitted bids for various materials used in road maintenance and resurfacing.

The Department of Public Works recommends contract awards as follows:

1. **Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC, Center Valley, PA** – Detack, Crackmaster 3405 Type II
2. **Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, PA** – Screening, #2A Stone Mix, Super Pave 9.5 mm Wearing, Super Pave 12.5 mm Wearing, Super Pave 19.0 mm Wearing, Super Pave 19.0 mm Binder, Super Pave 25.0 mm Binder
3. **Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., Newtown, PA** – #1B 3/8" Stone, #1B 1/2" Stone, #2B 3/4" Stone, #3A 1 1/2" Stone, #4 Ballast Stone, #6S Stone (AS2 or AS4), R-4 Stone
4. **Hei-way LLC, Sarver, PA** - QPR Cold Patch

The Township is expected to pave or micro-surface approximately 9 miles of its road system this year. The estimated cost for the materials under this bid is approximately \$1,376,741.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to award contracts for various Bituminous Asphalt Mixtures, Stone, and Crack Sealing Materials to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC, Center Valley, PA, Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, PA, Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., Newtown, PA, and Hei-way, LLC, Sarver, PA, as recommended by the Public Works Department, at their bid prices to the Bucks County Consortium.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- J.P. Mascaro is experiencing delays with the dumping site for trash, which is causing delays in pick-ups. The Township and J.P. Mascaro are asking the residents for patience, and expect this to be a short-term issue.
- Many exciting events are planned for the Senior Center for 2022 check their website at nhsc@nhtwp.org or call 215-357-8799 for more information.
- Friday, April 29th from 5 pm – 9 pm is the Senior Center Spring Fling Shopping fundraiser event.

- The Parks and Recreation Department has many activities prepared for the upcoming Spring and Summer Season. Go to northamptonrec.com for an up-to-date schedule and to register for the events that are being offered.
- 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 available and Parks and Recreation is looking for Camp Counselors, Life Guards, and, Parks and Recreation Maintenance. Go to northamptonrec.com for an application.
- Registration is now open for the Youth Sports Programs. See the Parks and Recreation website for league information and registration.
- Improvements to the Miracle League Playground will start in the next week with the opening of the playground expected in June.

Paula Gasper made the following announcements:

- The 300th committee is moving ahead with programs and activities and has launched a 300th Anniversary Facebook and Instagram. Sign up to keep up with all of the exciting events.
- Public Works is working with the local schools to have an event called Paint the Plow. The plow paintings will depict and have a theme of local history. You will be able to vote on these plows at the Northampton Days Festival.
- An App is being created that will allow you to GPS to Historical Sites.
- Preliminary planning is starting for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day, and 300th Anniversary events.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission on Memorial Day at Dembowski Park will be placing 12 bricks in the park and a plaque for honoring
- The Veterans Advisory Commission in conjunction with the 300th Anniversary Committee will be creating a Nike Air Base History Storyboard that will be displayed, along with a video that will be shown at the different planned events.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission is looking for a bugler to perform at their events reach out to the Northampton Township Administration at 215-357-6800 x201 if you are interested.
- The Library is going to be holding training and an update will be provided once this has been moved forward.

Robert J. Salzer made the following announcements:

- On May 15th the Reference Room at the Library is to be dedicated. More information will be available as the date draws near.

- The forbearance period at the Municipal Authority has been terminated. Please call the Municipal Authority to see if you are eligible for a grant to help with payments to avoid collection procedures.
- 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.

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 2nd 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 will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 9:00 am. Northampton's 1st phase of the project will be starting this year.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- The construction of the new fire stations has started and the Holland Station has already been torn down. The construction of these two projects will take approximately 18-20 months.
- Tri-Hampton has sent out their annual Membership flyer. Donate to this great cause.

MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

- No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Board has met in executive sessions two times. The first was virtually on March 9, 2022, the members of the Board, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Wert, the Township Engineer, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. Two matters of potential litigation were discussed. No action was taken during the executive

session and one of the matters that resulted in the action taken earlier this evening by the Board of Supervisors was the condemnation of the two (2) temporary construction easements.

The Board met in executive session just before tonight's meeting for approximately 30 minutes. The members of the Board, Mr. Michael Solomon, Acting Township Manager, the Township Engineer, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. A matter of potential litigation was discussed and no action was taken during the executive session and no official action was taken tonight as a result of the executive session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Butkiewicz, 65 Cypress Avenue spoke about her house being struck by lightning in 2019 and noted how grateful she was for the fast actions of the Fire Department. Ms. Butkiewicz also spoke on the amazing Library, Parks and Recreation Department, and the staff at both of these locations stating how incredible these departments are and the exceptional programs they provide.

Chairman Selisker thanked her for her kind words.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Gasper, Secretary