

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:00 pm.

Present were:

Adam Selisker
Barry Moore
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Paula Gasper
Robert Salzar
Robert Pellegrino
William Wert
Kenneth Ferris
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
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Paula Gasper
Robert Salzar

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager
William Wert, Assistant Manager
Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer
Kenneth Ferris, Acting 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Selisker announced that Kenneth Ferris, Esq., is sitting in for Township Solicitor Joseph Pizzo.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Miracle League

Chairman Selisker called forward Mr. Robert House, President of the Northampton Township Miracle League. Chairman Selisker on behalf of the Board presented a certificate of appreciation to the Miracle League of Northampton for their contributions to the community to meet the needs of children with disabilities and enhance their lives through play.

Recognition of Michaela Zusin

Dr. Rose called forward Michaela Zusin and presented a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Board for Michaela's fundraising efforts for several communication boards throughout Northampton Township to raise awareness of autism.

Honoring a Life of Service

Chairman Selisker called on Dr. Kimberly Rose to present a certificate of recognition honoring the life of service of Edward Ingle to his wife Kristin and his family.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of December 14, 2022, and January 3, 2023 were presented by Mrs. Gasper.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable of January 11, 2023, for \$446,431.95, and January 25, 2023, for \$3,045,190.32 was presented by Dr. Rose.

CONSIDERATION OF DEP RESOLUTION FOR PLANNING MODULE-FARLEX SUBDIVISION (CHURCHVILLE LANE AND BRISTOL ROAD)

Mr. Moore stated a project at Churchville Lane and Bristol Road recently received subdivision and land development approval to construct three (3) single-family homes.

Currently, they are submitting a planning module to DEP for sewage planning approval. As a part of that process, a resolution must be passed by the Board of Supervisors. A copy of the resolution was supplied to the Board for their review.

Mr. Moore stated that the DEP Resolution R-23-1A for plan revision for the New Land Development be approved for Boris Kovelman for the Farlex-Churchville Lane Subdivision.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Gasper) to approve the consent items. All consent items were approved by Unanimous Consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Bids for Eagle Valley Basin and Norton Pond Restoration

Mr. Salzer stated in September 2019, the Township was awarded a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Watershed Restoration Program to naturalize the Eagle Valley detention basin on Jennifer Lane as part of its obligation under the Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) permit requirements. The project is intended to protect the Ironworks Creek Watershed and is planned to be used as a credit towards the MS4 requirements. The grant award was \$212,500 and required a 15% match from the Township of \$37,500, for a total project cost of \$250,000.

After a bid opening on October 18, 2022, the Township received one (1) bid for \$392,400.00 which exceeded the budgeted amount of \$250,000 for this project and the Board voted to reject this bid.

Subsequently, the Administration worked with the Township Engineer to re-scope the bid specifications and rebid the project. On January 17, 2023, three (3) bids were received on PennBid. Upon review of the bid packages, Gilmore & Associates has determined that Toth Brothers Clearing and Dredging, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder. The Engineer submitted a recommendation letter and bid tabulation for review.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to award a Base Bid of \$62,800 and Bid Alternate #1 of \$112,500 for a total contract amount of \$175,300 to Toth Brothers Clearing and Dredging, Inc., Sellersville, PA for the Eagle Valley Basin and Norton Pond Restoration project.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The 2023 Year is off to a great start at the Senior Center with many new and exciting activities
- Activity Calendar is packed with new events, including a new program called Senior Connect a technology program geared specifically to seniors.

- For more information refer to the center's website northamptonsc.com. Stop by the center at 165 Township Road for a tour or call the center at 215-357-8199.
- Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am until 3:30 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 8 pm.
- Public Works and Park Crew have been assisting Parks and Recreation completing many maintenance projects.
- Summer Camp 2023 registration opened on January 7th. Both full day camps, Camp Adventure, and Camp Expedition are already filled and have wait lists. Camp Explore, ½ day elementary school camp and Quest for teens entering 7- still have a few openings.
- Registration for preschool opened on January 3 for 2023-24 school year. It is almost full. Limited spots for the three-year-old/two-day class remain. All other classes are filled.
- Exercise classes still have spots available, register today.
- Look for the new Spring/Summer brochure hitting mailboxes at the end of February.
- Northampton Parks and Recreation welcomes the sponsorship of local businesses to our youth sports fields through the Ballfield Banner Program. To learn more contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Gasper the following announcements:

- The Library continues to host unique programs for our residents. Contact the Library for more details or check out their website.
- Monday, January 30, in partnership with the Newtown Bookshop, we will be hosting author Martha Beck as she celebrates the paperback release of her book "The Way of Integrity: Finding the Path to Your True Self."
- The Library hosts Morning Matinee's and features local artists.
- The Library Board approved the Library's new Mission and Vision Statements. They can be read on the library's website located in the "About the Library" section.
- The Library welcomed aboard a new staff member Kathleen Loudon as a Reference Librarian.
- The Library received a donation of approximately \$25,000 from former Library Board member Marvin May. He and his family will be recognized by the renaming of the Library's Board Room. It will be known as the May-Sweeney Board Room.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

- The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority is interviewing for a New Director due to the retirement of Tom Zeuner.

- The Bucks County Water and Sewer Department is looking to increase fees by approximately 16%

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on February 14th. The Bucks County Roses Development and a minor Sub-Divison on Chestnut Drive will be discussed.
- Three houses near the WaWa are scheduled to be torn down.
- Paving will be happening on 232 this spring.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- The Northampton Township Police Department has added another K-9 by the name of Maui. Maui will be Officer Friese's new partner.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- The following employees were recognized for their years of service:
 - 5 Years
 - William Wert, Assistant Township Manager
 - Sarah Ravipinto, Library
 - John Martin, Senior Center
 - Alex Sharp, Non-Union Police-Technology Clerk
 - Thomas Brown, Police Senior Officer
 - Patrick Johnson, Public Works
 - Nicolas Pagano, Crossing Guard
 - Marvin Dorfman, Crossing Guard
 - Kristen Fullerton, Pre-School Teacher
 - 10 Years
 - Cynthia Mateer, Codes Department
 - Raymond Gill Jr., Public Works
 - Marisa Ristow, Fire Marshal
 - Kathleen Adamczyk, Crossing Guard
 - Ryan Pflieger, Public Works
 - 15 Years
 - Michael Long, Police Department
 - Karen Fean, Parks and Recreation
 - Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager
 - Lisa Russo, Administration
 - Maureen Connelly, Crossing Guard
 - Robert Wehrmann III, Police Officer
 - Kathleen Adamczyk, Crossing Guard
 - Ryan Pflieger, Public Works

- 20 Years
 - Richard Mahoney, Police Sergeant
- 25 Years
 - Betty Satterley, Parks and Recreation
 - Paul Dukes, Public Works
- 35 Years
 - Damon Andreoli

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

- No Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Pizzo replaced Mr. Ferris on the Dias. No Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Pellegrino, Assistant Secretary