

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

Present were:

Adam M. Selisker
Paula Gasper
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert Salzer
William Wert
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 7:03 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

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

Others present were:

Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
William Wert, Assistant Manager

Others absent were:

Barry Moore, Vice-Chairman
Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Selisker led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of the military, and emergency service personnel.

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Selisker announced Vice-Chairman Barry Moore and Township Manager Robert Pellegrino are absent from tonight's meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Whitetail Disposal Progress Report – Paul Brady

Chairman Selisker announced Mr. Paul Brady, President and COO of Whitetail Disposal was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be providing an update soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of June 28, 2023, were presented by Mrs. Gasper.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable of July 12, 2023, for \$887,535.31, and July 26, 2023, for \$3,969,614.01 was presented by Dr. Rose.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider Ordinance #616 Adding a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Stoneyford and Signal Hill Roads

Chairman Selisker opened the hearing at 7:05 pm.

Mr. Salzer stated an ordinance amendment that was recommended by McMahan Associates, the Township's traffic engineer, to add a stop sign on the southbound approach of Stoneyford Road at its intersection with Signal Hill Road.

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

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to approve Ordinance #616 amending the Northampton Township Code, specifically Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 2, to add a stop intersection on the southbound approach of Stoneyford Road at its intersection with Signal Hill Road.

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

Motion Passed 4-0.

Chairman Selisker closed the hearing at 7:09 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution Authorizing DCED Multi-Modal Fund Grant Application for Phase 2 of the Richboro Sidewalk Project

Dr. Rose explained in 2022, the Township submitted a grant request to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority/Department of Community Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program (CFA/DCED MTF) for Phase 2 of the Richboro Sidewalk Project. Unfortunately, that application was not selected for funding. Working with the Township's traffic engineer, McMahon Associates, the project scope was modified to lower the project cost to improve the chances of selection.

The project will provide connections to the Village of Richboro from the residential areas surrounding the Village. These residential areas currently do not have dedicated and safe pedestrian access. It is anticipated that the completion of the project will result in additional economic growth for the Village of Richboro.

The Richboro Sidewalk – Phase 2 project includes the addition of approximately 3,000 linear feet of five (5) foot wide sidewalks in seven (7) separate segments throughout the Village. A plan was provided indicating the locations of the proposed sidewalks.

The Administration is recommending that the Township request \$989,600 in grant funding for the construction of the proposed sidewalk as identified above. For this grant round, the Township can request a waiver for the 30% match as required by the grant. However, it is recommended that the Township fund the design and construction inspection of the proposed sidewalks should the project receive grant funding.

A requirement of the grant application is a Resolution from the Board requesting the grant funds and authorizing a Township official to execute all documents associated with the grant program.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Gasper) to adopt Resolution R-23-13 authorizing the Township Manager to file a grant application with the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority/Department of Community Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program to construct sidewalks identified in Phase 2 in the Village of Richboro and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements required by the grant program.

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

Motion Passed 4-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Senior Center has many classes, educational programs, special events, parties, and bus trips for ages 55 and older. Call the Center or stop by to learn more.
- Summer marks the beginning of the Senior Center's Membership year. The year runs from July 1st through June 30th. For an annual fee of just \$25, there's a long list of benefits to being a member of the center. These benefits include discounts on classes and bus trips, member-only events, an exclusive member-only coupon book with deals offered by local businesses, weekly e-blast news alerts, and a bi-monthly newsletter delivered to your home.
- The seniors are getting geared up for their Boardwalk Blast on Friday, August 4th. It's a summer celebration of food, fun, and entertainment. The event promises to be an awesome afternoon!
- The center will be holding its annual Holiday Marketplace on Friday evening, December 2nd from 5:00 – 8:30 pm. If anyone is interested in being a vendor, this is a great opportunity to showcase your handcrafted items to the community.
- The center is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 3:30 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am until 8 pm. You can also check out the website at Northamptonsc.com. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call (215) 357-8199 for more information or stop by the center located at 165 Township Road for a tour. The center's hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 am – 3:30 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 9 am – 8 pm. Another great source of information is the center's website at northamptonsc.com.
- Join Parks and Recreation at the final concert of the summer on Aug. 3. Back by popular demand it's "The Fabulous Greaseband!" Concerts are held at the Municipal Park Amphitheatre at 7 PM. If there is inclement weather, they are held inside Welch Elementary School.
- Discount tickets to your favorite attractions and movie theaters are available in the Parks and Recreation Office or the Recreation Center! Please contact 215-357-6800 or 215-357-5396.

- A limited number of popular one-week specialty camps remain in August! Select weeks of our extremely popular golf, tennis, and archery camps are still open – register now before they are gone!
- The Parks and Recreation Department would like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to Fire Chief Adam Selisker and the Northampton Township Fire Department for allowing program participants to use the community room at Fire Station 83 in Churchville.
- The Miracle League Playground at Municipal Park has reopened after the installation of shade sails over the playground.
- The annual “Food Drive” was another huge success.
- With the hot weather remember to Hydrate and check on your neighbor’s.

Mrs. Gasper made the following announcements:

- No Report.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

- On behalf of the Municipal Authority, the Consumer Water and Confidence Report has been completed and may be reviewed on the Authority’s website. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the water quality supplied by the Authority to its customers.
- In regards to the infiltration and abatement, the Authority’s investment into this will reduce overall costs in the future. Reminder sump pumps are prohibited from discharging into the Authority’s sewer collection systems.
- Low-income households that are facing hardships may apply for assistance. Contact the Municipal Authority for further information.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- No Report.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- The First Responders would like to remind everyone not to drive thru water on roadways. The adage “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” is very important to remember. These situations not only put the people driving or walking through these types of situations but also puts the rescue people’s lives in peril.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- No Report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

- The micro-surfacing project is halfway complete. It is encouraged that you check the Township website for updates as the weather does impact this project.
- Trash is also affected during road improvements. The Township is working closely with Whitetail the trash collector to ensure as little disruption as possible.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- The Board met in an executive session tonight in between the agenda meeting and the Board meeting for approximately 30 minutes. Present for the Executive Session were the five (5) Board Members, the Assistant Township Manager, the Township Engineer, and Mr. Pizzo. One matter of pending litigation was discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session and no official action was taken at tonight's meeting as a result of that executive session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Johnson, a resident, questioned the grant match for the sidewalk project and the status of the project. Mr. Johnson also spoke on the revitalization of the downtown and bringing in businesses to keep taxes low and attract people. Mr. Johnson also stated the bike lanes on 2nd Street Pike end in Richboro, would like to see them extended. Questioned when this can be done and if grants can be applied for to move this project along.

Mr. Wert responded on the sidewalk project by showing on the map that was presented how much of the project was completed, he stated the Township application asked for a waiver from the 30% match. The application we submitted asked for a 0% match.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Gasper, Secretary