

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:15 p.m.

Present were:

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

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
William Wert, Assistant Manager
Jacob Rigg, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were:

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Paula Gasper
Barry Moore

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Selisker led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He acknowledged the Board's annual tradition of supporting Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing pink in honor of all individuals affected by the disease.

Public Comment

None was heard.

Consent Items

Board Minutes

Ms. Gasper presented the Board meeting minutes of September 17, 2025, for approval.

Accounts Payable

Dr. Rose presented the Accounts Payable for approval: September 24, 2025, for \$801,381.23, October 8, 2025 for \$2,360,072.25, and October 22, 2025, for \$930,031.75.

A motion was made and seconded (**Salzer-Gasper**) to approval all consent items as presented. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Public Hearing

No items were presented under Public Hearings.

Unfinished Business

No items were presented under Unfinished Business.

New Business

(E) Consider One-Year Extension Option for Whitetail Disposal Waste Collection Contract

Mrs. Gasper explained that the contract for solid waste collection throughout the Township was awarded to Whitetail Disposal in October 2022. The contract was for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2025. The contract provides that the Township may award two contract extensions at its sole discretion. This provision was intended to allow the Township to observe the performance of the collector during the initial term and provide the option to either extend the contract or terminate it and re-bid for the service. She noted that the contract extension will not require an increase in the annual trash collection fee.

A motion was made and seconded (**Gasper-Salzer**) to approve a one-year contract extension with Whitetail Disposal for solid waste collection and transportation beginning January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026 at the annual per unit rates included in their bid proposal, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract extension in accordance with the Bid Documents and Specifications issued by the Township. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Each member of the Board of Supervisors provided their individual comments.

(F) Consider Ratification of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2026 through 2030

Mr. Salzer shared that after several months of negotiations, the administration has reached a tentative settlement on a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Northampton Township Police Benevolent Association. As part of the process of finalizing the agreement, the Board of Supervisors must ratify the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement.

A motion was made and seconded (**Salzer-Gasper**) to ratify the terms and conditions of a new Collective Bargaining Agreement between Northampton Township and the Northampton Township Police Benevolent Association as outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding dated September 30, 2025. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Each member of the Board of Supervisors provided their individual comments.

(G) Consider Winter Storm Service Agreement with PennDOT

Mr. Moore shared that PennDOT partners with municipalities to handle winter maintenance on designated state highways. Northampton Township currently provides snow and ice removal for 38.8 miles of state-owned roads to ensure timely and efficient service without relying on PennDOT resources.

He noted that the Administration recommends the Board of Supervisors to approve Resolution R-25-15 and Agreement to provide winter maintenance services on certain PennDOT-owned roads within the Township. He noted that the agreement runs for an initial five years, with five optional one-year renewals. This is a base payment of \$60,013.31 and includes a 2% annual increase, over ten years.

A motion was made and seconded **(Moore-Rose)** to approve Resolution # R-25-15 authorizing and designating the Township Manager as the Township official to execute a Winter Services Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Winter Maintenance on the PennDOT roads identified in Exhibit "A" of the Agreement. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Each member of the Board of Supervisors provided their individual comments.

Reports

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

Parks and Recreation

- Don't miss the revamped Halloween Happening this Friday, October 24th from 5–9 pm at Municipal Park, featuring food trucks, a costume parade and contest, and a showing of *Hocus Pocus* under the stars.
- Our first annual Winterfest will be on Friday, December 5th, featuring a menorah and tree lighting, Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse and carriage rides, live music, and a festive outdoor holiday marketplace.
- Congratulations to Sinead Powers, who recently became a Certified Red Cross Instructor! Now, our popular Babysitting classes are back! The first workshop, scheduled for Election Day, is already full, kudos to Sinead for going above and beyond for the community!
- Tickets: Most of our theme park ticket sales have closed for the season, but discounted tickets are still available through December for Sesame Place, Adventure Aquarium, the Museum of the American Revolution, and AMC and Regal Cinemas.
- Visit www.northamptonrec.com for the full range of programs, trips, and events for children, adults, and families of all ages. We look forward to a fun and festive fall season with the community!

Senior Center

- The Senior Center continues to be a hub of activity and fun! Three new exercise classes have been added: Balanced Strength on Wednesdays from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; Forever Fit on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Beginner/Intermediate Line Dancing on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Join us for “Art with Heart” watercolors class the second Wednesday of each month. Participants will learn how to create a beautiful painted masterpiece. The fee is \$15 for members / \$19 non-members.
- Love Art? Two (2) new classes are coming soon! (“Art Club” and Ceramics)
- Fall league sign-ups are underway! Shuffleboard and darts leagues begin next month.
- Tickets for the December 10th American Music Theatre Holiday show/Shady Maple luncheon trip are selling quickly! Stop by the center to get your seat. \$130 members / \$140 for non-members.
- The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 3rd at the NVCC. This event is open to members and non-members. Tickets are \$35 and go on sale October 31st.
- Have you purchased your senior center lottery tickets? The next drawing is on: Tuesday, November 11th. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Senior Center front desk. Only 400 tickets are sold – great odds to win! Four (4) \$25 winners picked every month and (4) \$100 winners and one (1) \$250 winner chosen in December at the Annual Holiday Luncheon.
- Dr. Rose announced that tomorrow’s Senior Sixer’s class will honor those affected by cancer by wearing pink. She encouraged participation in the Northampton Township Police Department’s “Dream Drive,” which collects hygiene items for children in Bucks County foster care. She closed by sharing the class motto, “Gratitude is our attitude,” and invited everyone to contribute.

Ms. Gasper made the following announcements:

Veterans Advisory Commission

- Mrs. Gasper discusses the Veterans Advisory Commission's efforts to clean up Dobrowski Park and prepare for Veterans Day.
- Mrs. Gasper announced that State Representative Kristin Marcell and Senator Frank Farry are coordinating the dedication of the Worthington Mill Bridge in honor of Colonel Daniel L. Rubini, a long-time Northampton Township resident. The ceremony will take place on Friday, November 7th at 10:30 a.m. Worthington Mill Road will be closed for the event, with PennDOT, Northampton Township Police, and Newtown Police coordinating traffic and parking.

- Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the STAR Center located directly across from the Township Library.
- Senator Frank Farry has a new email newsletter called *News for Veterans*. Veterans can sign up online for updates at <https://senatorfarry.com/enewsletters/>
- For any Veteran needing assistance looking to locate and correcting their military documents, contact the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) at 1-800-547-2823.
- Veterans can access discounted NFL football tickets (up to 60% off) through www.ID.me

Mrs. Gasper announced that four of the five players selected for the Little Quakers Football Team are from Northampton Township.

Library Board

- On Thursday, September 11, the library held a celebration to publicly launch their new logo and branding and their sleek new website. Attending the Launch were a mix of Board of Supervisors, Township Administration, Library Board members, library staff, and of course our library community of users. A new 4-foot by 10-foot library logo was added to the wall in the library's community room and other collateral was made available at the library's tent at Northampton Day, our first public event after the launch. One of the new features of the website provides public access to submit room reservation requests from the comfort of their home without having to stop in at the library. Check out the new website at www.freelibraryNT.org.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

- Mr. Salzer apologized for not wearing pink, but highlighted the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness month, sharing that a family member is in remission. He encouraged donations to support research.
- Mr. Salzer reminded everyone about Halloween safety and wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- Mr. Moore reported that several major projects are underway in the Township — Bucks County Roses and Mill Race Inn are still in the development stage, with final plans expected within the next few months.
- Two residential developments are also in progress—Russell Gardens on New Road, which includes 18 new homes, and a six-lot subdivision at 420 Ford Road, the site of a former camp. Residents will have an opportunity to review and comment on these plans once they are submitted to the Township.

- He also shared an update on the sale of the former police building. The Township, through the Redevelopment Authority (RDA), conducted a competitive bidding process, and the property has been sold to the Trinity Group, owners of the Bucks County Courier Times building. The Trinity Group plans to redevelop the site into a designated town center that may include a brewery restaurant, additional dining options, and small retail spaces. Preliminary plans are expected to be submitted soon, with visible progress anticipated in early 2026.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- Reminded residents about **Halloween safety**, encouraging everyone to watch for children while driving and trick-or-treating
- Noted that the Fire Department's Annual Fire Prevention Open House was successful; attendance varied between stations due to parking availability. Fire Prevention – theme, quick safety points. He noted that this year's Fire Prevention Month theme focused on lithium-ion battery safety: charge devices on hard surfaces, not beds or couches; use only approved or original charging cords; Avoid overloading electrical outlets; and do not charge e-bikes or e-scooters indoors due to fire risks.
- Reminded residents to have fireplaces and chimneys cleaned annually to prevent fires during the heating season.

Manger's Report:

There was no report from Township Manager, Robert M. Pellegrino.

Mr. Pellegrino did announced that he will deliver a budget presentation at next month's meeting.

Assistant Manager's Report:

There was no report from Assistant Manager, William Wert.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Pizzo wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Engineer's Report (Gilmore and Associates)

No Report.

Public Comment

Joe Lombardo (Holland, PA) shared positive feedback from residents who walk at the Municipal Park, thanking Township staff and the Board for promptly addressing minor safety and maintenance concerns. He also highlighted a smoke detector replacement program for seniors that he learned about at a recent event hosted by Joe Hogan and shared this information with local residents.

Mr. Lombardo expressed strong support for the Police Department and Police Athletic League (PAL), commending their community involvement and thanking all involved in reaching an amicable police contract settlement.

Ed Mayor (Churchville, PA) attended the Public Safety Event co-hosted by Representative Kristin Marcell, Representative Joe Hogan, and others at Fire Station 3, noting that it was an outstanding event. He shared three key takeaways:

- House Bill 1152 (EMS Bill): Ed spoke with Representative Marcell about this proposed legislation, which would require insurance companies to make payments directly to EMS providers rather than patients.
- Smoke Detector Program: The American Red Cross offers free 10-year smoke detectors to all residents, regardless of income. Installation can be scheduled through the Red Cross website.
- Yellow Dot Program: This program helps first responders provide the right emergency care following a traffic crash. A Yellow Dot decal placed in your vehicle's rear window alerts responders to check your glove compartment for vital medical information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Gasper, Secretary