

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

Present were:

Robert Salzer  
Barry Moore  
Joseph Lombardo  
Dr. Kimberly Rose

Member Absent:

Paula Gasper

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager  
William Wert, Assistant Manager  
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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Barry Moore  
Joseph Lombardo  
Dr. Kimberly Rose

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Salzer led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

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### **Public Comment**

The following residents spoke at this public comment opportunity:

Carolyn Buesser Blacknell, (Ivylnd PA) Ms. Blackman cited the 2018 audit noting approximately \$41.9 million in long-term debt over 18 years. She questioned how new agenda items would be funded and whether additional bonds or tax increases would be required. She provided handouts to the Board.

**Consent Items**

**Board Minutes**

Chairman Salzer presented the Board meeting minutes of January 28, 2026, for approval.

**Accounts Payable**

Mr. Lombardo presented the Accounts Payable for approval: February 11, 2026, for \$1,558,558.90 and February 25, 2026, \$518,511.58 for approval.

**Snow Emergency Resolution R-26-5 for January 24-26, 2026**

Chairman Salzer presented Snow Emergency Resolution-R-26-5 from January 24-26, 2026.

A motion was made and seconded (**Moore-Lombardo**) 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 Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Setting Uniform Requirements for Wastewater Flow into the Warminster Township Municipal Authority Sewer System to Comply with All Applicable State and Federal Laws**

Mr. Lombardo explained that the The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pretreatment Program under the Clean Water Act requires municipalities discharging to treatment plants to adopt a local ordinance regulating sewer users, including permitting, monitoring, reporting, and enforcement, to protect treatment operations and water quality.

He added that because the Warminster Township Municipal Authority provides sewer services to approximately 400 accounts in northwestern Northampton Township and portions of Bristol Road in the Ivyland area, the Board is asked to authorize advertisement of the draft ordinance to ensure compliance. If approved, the ordinance will be placed on the March agenda for possible adoption.

A motion was made and seconded (**Lombardo-Rose**) to authorize advertising an Ordinance Setting Uniform Requirements for Wastewater Flow into the Warminster Township Municipal Authority Sewer System from properties located in Northampton Township to Comply with All Applicable State and Federal Laws.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

(F) Consider Ordinance establishing Multi-Way Stop Intersection at Highland Drive and Farmway Drive

Chairman Salzer opened a Public Hearing.

Mr. Moore explained that based on resident concerns, Bowman Consulting completed a study of the Highland Drive and Farmway Drive intersection and concluded that a multi-way stop intersection at this location meets PennDOT warrants. An ordinance amendment to allow enforcement of the multi-way stop intersection was recently advertised, and the amendment is ready for adoption by the Board.

A motion was made and seconded **(Moore-Rose)** to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 2 of the Township Code, to add an all-way stop intersection at Farmway Drive and Highland Drive.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

Chairman Salzer closed the Public Hearing.

(G) Consider Adopting 2021 International Fire Code Ordinance

Chairman Salzer opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lombardo explained that the State requires municipalities to adopt by local ordinance the most recent International Fire Code, which is the 2021 Edition. He added that the primary purpose of adopting regular updates is to provide consistency and ensure similar standards across all editions of the building codes that are enforced by the Township.

Mr. Lombardo shared that the Administration recently advertised and posted the draft ordinance on the Township website for public review and recommend adoption.

A motion was made and seconded **(Lombardo-Moore)** to adopt an ordinance to update Township Building Codes to include the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

Chairman Salzer closed the Public Hearing.

(H) Consider Resolution R-26-6 Authorizing Buck Road Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement

Dr. Rose noted that as part of the Buck Road Holland Streetscape and Buck Road Bridge Replacement Project, new sidewalks will be constructed to enhance pedestrian access and safety. She added that PennDOT requires the Township to enter into a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement, under which ownership and maintenance responsibility will transfer to the Township upon project completion, with ongoing maintenance assigned to adjacent property owners pursuant to Township Ordinance 213.

A motion was made and seconded (**Rose-Moore**) to adopt Resolution R-26-6 directing and authorizing the Township Manager to execute an agreement with the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and to assume maintenance responsibility for all new sidewalks constructed as part of the Buck Road Streetscape Project.

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

Mr. Pellegrino noted that while entering this agreement with PennDOT it will be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and not the Township.

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

## **Reports**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

### **Public Works**

Dr. Rose commended the Public Works Department for its outstanding performance during recent storms, noting their overnight efforts to keep roads clear. She stated that residents recognize and appreciate their hard work and dedication. She shared some stats regarding the recent snowstorms:

- **Winter Storms**
  - Feb 6 & 16: Two smaller snow events
    - Used ~300 tons of salt total
    - Handled entirely in-house (no contractors needed)
  - Feb 22–23: Larger storm
    - Full Public Works crew + contracted plows mobilized
    - 24 Township vehicles (20 salting/plowing, 5 plowing only)
    - 48 additional contracted trucks/equipment
    - Used ~100 tons of salt (less than January storms)
- **Other Work**
  - Ongoing pothole repairs between storms
  - Updating sign inventory in TRAIRS
  - Continuing routine equipment and facility maintenance

Mr. Lombardo made the following announcements:

### **Parks and Recreation**

- **Camp Registration:**
  - Opens for non-residents on Sunday, March 1
  - 490 of 550 spots already filled
  - Expecting all camps to sell out for the first time since 2019
- **Spring/Summer Brochure:**
  - Hitting resident mailboxes at the end of the month
  - Includes 2026 concert series, specialty camps, new trips & programs
  - Info on the 2nd Annual Sun & Fun Fest (Friday, June 5)
  - Celebrate summer kickoff + America's 250th birthday in one big event

- Swim Club Registration:
  - Opened Tuesday, January 20 for the 2026 season
  - Includes swim team & lessons
- Looking Ahead:
  - March 18: Broadway trip to see Lea Michele in *Chess the Musical* (travel included lunch on your own — tickets going fast!)
  - March 21: “Breakfast with the Bunny” at 9:30 AM — breakfast, entertainment & Easter Bunny visit (fills up quickly!)
  - For more information on all things, Parks and Recreation, visit our website at [northamptonpa.myrec.com](http://northamptonpa.myrec.com) or call 215-+357-6800.

### Senior Center

- The Northampton Township Senior Center is rolling out tons of new ways to learn, connect, and have fun with classes, presentations, activities & trips. March is shaping up to be a busy and fun month at the Center!
  - Ceramics every Tuesday
  - “Everyday AI” presentation – March 12
  - St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – March 17
  - PA CareerLink W.O.W. Bus – March 18–19
  - Fraud Prevention presentation – March 20
  - Bucks Pets in Need presentation – March 23
  - Kentucky Derby Celebration Trip to the Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ - April 30

Something for everyone to learn, connect, and enjoy! For more information visit the Center for a tour — The Staff would love to show you around!

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

Mr. Moore reported that the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

He reported that Russell Gardens Subdivision, approved at the last meeting, is proceeding through the administrative process, including DEP approvals. He noted that the Bucks County Roses property on Buck Road in Holland is actively underway, with some delays due to weather conditions. He also noted that the Council Rock School Board approved moving forward with a new stadium at Council Rock South, and the Township is awaiting land development review before proceeding.

Mr. Salzer congratulated Larry Blankemeyer of Richboro for winning a gift card for submitting a photo of a cleared fire hydrant. He reminded residents to clear fire hydrants near their homes following recent snowfall and noted that those who submit a photo to [chief@ntfd.org](mailto:chief@ntfd.org) may be eligible to win next month’s gift card.

He also commended the Public Works Department for their efforts during the recent snowstorm, noting their overnight work to keep roads clear. He shared positive feedback received from residents and expressed appreciation for the department’s dedication and performance.

**Manger's Report:**

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

Mr. Pellegrino echoed the Board's appreciation for the Public Works Department. He also recognized the Police Department and the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad for their coordination response efforts during the recent storm, noting their teamwork and dedication.

**Assistant Manager's Report:**

There was no report from Assistant Manager, William Wert.

**Solicitor's Report**

There was no report from Township Solicitor, Joseph Pizzo.

**Engineer's Report (Gilmore and Associates)**

No Report.

**Public Comment**

Carolyn Buesser Blacknell, (Ivyland PA) expressed concerns about the Township's financial health and existing debt, including obligations related to the Country Club. She requested greater transparency regarding the costs of proposed projects and their potential impact on future taxes. She also reiterated a prior request to consider installing painted crosswalk lines along Almshouse Road near Council Rock South for pedestrian safety.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Barry Moore, Secretary