

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:30 pm.

Present were:

Barry Moore  
Eileen Silver  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Frank O'Donnell  
Adam Selisker  
Robert Pellegrino  
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 7:36 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Barry Moore  
Eileen Silver  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Frank O'Donnell  
Adam Selisker

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager  
Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer  
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of military and emergency services personnel.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **Police Accreditation**

Mr. Selisker called forward Chief Michael Clark. Chief Clark introduced Horsham Township Police Chief William Daily who is on the Accreditation Board. Chief Daily outlined the process and level of difficulty it takes for a department to achieve accreditation. Chief Daily then presented Chief Michael with a plaque noting accreditation status.

**Rescue Squad Award**

Removed and deferred to the August 28, 2019 meeting.

**Street Paving Update-Hampton Hills**

Amanda Fuller the Township Engineer provided an update on the condition of the roads in the Hampton Hills Estates Development as requested by the Board at the June 26, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Fuller explained the paving process from an engineering standpoint and the results based on a visual inspection. Ms. Fuller stated the road does require some patching but is not on the level required for paving.

Chairman Moore stated the Public Works Department will proceed with crack sealing and fill any open potholes. This will take place within the next 30-60 days.

Dr. Rose listed the state roads in Northampton Township and noted anyone seeing potholes on these roads should contact customer care at PennDot.gov

Mrs. Silver stated residents can also reach out to State Representative Wendi Thomas for potholes on state roads as well. The pothole on the Worthington Mill Bridge on the Northampton Township side is now fixed.

Chairman Moore said a new process using a specialized piece of equipment will provide an accurate assessment of Township Roads and from this information, the Administration will put a plan in place to pave the roads that are in the most need of repair.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board meeting minutes of June 26, 2019, was approved by unanimous consent.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The accounts payable for July 10, 2019, in the amount of \$1,134,710.84, and July 24, 2019, in the amount of \$563,960.74, was approved by unanimous consent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Resolution to Submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a MultiModal Transportation Funding Grant for Sidewalk Improvements in Richboro**

Mrs. Silver stated a part of the Township's Economic Development Initiative is to improve walkability in our commercial areas by installing sidewalks where none exist or by improving the existing sidewalk system. The Township has an opportunity under the PennDOT Multi-Modal Grant Program to seek additional funds for installation and/or replacement of sidewalks in Richboro.

McMahon Associates estimates the cost to complete both phases of the proposed sidewalk plan in Richboro at \$2,403,000, and recommends the Township apply for a PennDOT Multi-Modal Grant in the amount of \$1,173,000 to complement the recently awarded Part of the Township's Economic Development Initiative is to improve walkability in our commercial areas by installing sidewalks where none exist or by improving the existing sidewalk system. The Township has an opportunity under the PennDOT Multi-Modal Grant Program to seek additional funds for installation and/or replacement of sidewalks in Richboro.

McMahon Associates estimates the cost to complete both phases of the proposed sidewalk plan in Richboro at \$2,403,000 and recommends the Township apply for a PennDOT Multi-Modal Grant in the amount of \$1,173,000 to complement the recently awarded DCED Multi-Modal Grant of \$500,000. The Township is responsible for 30% of the total grant request or \$721,000. Part of this match is offset by a previous commitment of \$251,000 for phase 1 of the project, so the additional match requirement is \$479,000.

Mrs. Silver noted a very important point to remember is that if the Township does not receive the full amount of the grant request, the project scope and Township match can be adjusted to accommodate available grant funds. McMahon advised that the program has awarded grants of this nature in the past and for similar amounts.

A requirement of the grant application is a Resolution from the Board authorizing the grant application and designating an individual to execute all documents associated with the grant program.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to adopt resolution #R-19-11 authorizing an application to PennDot for a Multi-Modal Grant to fund additional sidewalk improvements in Richboro, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents required by the grant program.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Consider Bid Award for Gasoline, Diesel, and #2 Heating Oil**

Dr. Rose stated on behalf of Bucks County Consortium, Upper Southampton Township advertised in the Bucks County Courier Times for bids to purchase unleaded regular gasoline, on-road ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and # 2 heating oil for the contract period August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020. A copy of the proof of the advertisement was provided.

Dr. Rose noted the price we pay for these products is determined by the published price at the dock on the date of order plus a fixed per-gallon delivery fee. Based on the bid results, it is recommended to award the contract as follows:

For 5,999 Gallons or Less

- PAPCO, Inc., Aston, PA for unleaded regular gasoline at market price on the date of order + 0.2093 cents per gallon delivery fee.
- East River Energy, Guilford, CT for on-road ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel at market price on the date of order + 0.2134 per gallon delivery fee.
- Mansfield Oil Inc., Gainesville, GA for #2 heating oil at market price on the date of order + 0.2599 cents per gallon delivery fee.

For 6,000 Gallons or Greater

- PAPCO, Inc., Aston, PA for unleaded regular gasoline at market price on the date of order minus -0.0109 cents per gallon delivery fee.
- East River Energy, Guilford, CT for on-road ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel at market price on the date of order 0.0164 cents per gallon delivery fee.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-O'Donnell) to award contracts for unleaded regular gasoline to PAPCO, Inc., Aston, PA, on-road ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel to East River Energy, Guilford, CT, and #2 Heating Oil to Mansfield Oil Inc., Gainesville, GA for the contract period August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020, at the bid prices quoted to the Bucks County Consortium.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**REPORTS**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Battle of the Hamptons is taking place now through August 2, 2019. A challenge was presented amongst the Board to see who could bring in the most food. The apparent winner was Chairman Barry Moore. Thank you to all for participating.

- Did you live in Northampton Twp. in the 60's, 70's 80's? Do you have photos, newspapers, school yearbooks or real-estate brochures that show our community in days gone past? The Historical Commission would like to feature these items in the display case inside the Township building. Items may be brought to the Archives, located in the Library, for assessment. Call the Archivist Custodian, Sarah Fetzer, at 215-357-3050 ext. 207 with any questions.
- Parks and Recreation have many great programs for all ages check out the Park and Recreation website at [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com) for more information.
- Tickets for various trips are available now, check the Parks and Recreation website for more information.
- Registrations for Pre-School are now taking place. Check the Parks and Recreation website for more information.
- Congratulated Holland Little League for their great effort in playing in the Championship game.
- If you are 55 years of age or older come out and join the Senior Center located at 165 Township Road. Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, and Tuesday, and Thursdays until 8:30 pm.
- The year a Wall of Honor appointee will not be selected. After discussion among the Wall of Honor Board, it was determined none of the candidates met the criteria. Please submit candidates for the 2020 year by November 30, 2019. All information can be found on the Township website.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- The Municipal Authority sent out a letter to over 500 residents, although it applies to all those that are hooked up to the public sewer system. The flyer contained questions and answers on the impact of the high sanitary usage and groundwater into the public sewer system. Any further questions should be directed to the Municipal Authority.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission is trying to identify service members from Northampton that have been killed in action during any of the wars. Contact the Township to submit names or for any questions.
- Check the Library's website for information on their various programs.
- The Library is still fundraising and if you would like to donate please contact the Library for more information.
- Preparations have started for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Gala. Ticket information will be coming soon.

Mr. Selisker made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the Police Department on receiving their accreditation. The Police Department will be moving into their new building on Friday, August 2, and a grand opening is being planned for the near future.
- The Fire Company received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 which will go towards repairs at the Holland Firehouse.
- The Fire Company is doing their part in the Battle of the Hamptons by accepting food donations on Saturday and Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until 4 pm at their Firehouse locations.
- With all of the rain, we have been getting the potential for flash flooding is high. Do not drive through any water flooding roadways. Also, be careful of fallen branches and wires that come down during these torrential downpours.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- Congratulated the Holland Little League and thanked the user groups who provide sporting events for the resident's children. Thanked the coaches for volunteering and influencing our youth.
- If you see problems on any of the State Roads in Northampton Township call State Representative Wendi Thomas at 215-364-3414 in Richboro.
- The Township is asking residents for their patience regarding basins not being mowed. There has been a lot of rain and it has put the crews behind. In addition, there are over 5,000 stormwater inlets the Public Works Department oversees. The community can help by removing debris and keeping these inlets clear.
- Paving is expected to begin the first week in August and the road crews are busy working on the inlets that need to be repaired and road preparations before paving can begin.
- The Township receives many complaints about the condition of roads. Just remember some of these roads are PennDot roads and complaints should be directed to them.
- Trees that are on your property or fall on your property are the homeowner's responsibility. The Township cannot enter private property and therefore cannot remove them.
- In the case of a severe storm warning the Township is asking residents to be cognizant when putting their trash out.
- The Council Rock School District holds several meetings a month, and their minutes and topics can be found on their website at [www.crsd.org](http://www.crsd.org).

- The Rolling Hills School is under construction and their sign is up at the Richboro Middle School until construction is completed. The Township welcomes the students and faculty to Richboro.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- 59 Almshouse has acquired the property next to them and is looking to combine both properties.
- The Spring Mill Country Club Townhome project is moving forward and it appears by September there should be some building permits being issued.
- The Waverly Sub-Division located on East Holland Road is slated to begin shortly.
- BACO Italian Restaurant in the Addisville Commons has been issued a permit and site work is in progress.

Mrs. Silver also encouraged residents to dine locally and to check out the Irish Horne if you haven't been in a while.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cliff Locasale, 3225 Lilac Avenue, Trevoze, spoke on the Municipal Authority and Pennoni Engineers report on PFOS and PFOA's and stated he believes there are discrepancies in these reports. Also, made comments on the Neshaminy Creek Interceptor and flooding issues.

Chairman Moore stated the Municipal Authority Executive Director provides up to date information on a regular basis to the Board and to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Frank O'Donnell, Secretary