

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Larry Weinstein
Barry Moore
Eileen Silver
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Frank O'Donnell

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
Brian McAdams, CKS Engineers
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Matthew Weintraub, Bucks County District Attorney

Chairman Weinstein introduced Matt Weintraub, Bucks County District Attorney who provided information on the heroin epidemic and announced a series of initiatives aimed at stopping the heroin and opiate epidemic that is gripping the county.

He announced, with a series of new tip line options, it will make it easier to report heroin crimes via text message. Mr. Weintraub explained that police officers don't treat an overdose as a crime scene and part of the initiative is to encourage local police to treat every overdose as an investigative opportunity. It is especially important now that new laws call for harsher penalties for delivering drugs that lead to death. When there is a death involving narcotics, the District Attorney's Office is asking police to look at it as a potential homicide situation.

Mr. Weintraub explained a prescription medicine called "Narcan" that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose. He noted only emergency medical responders in Pennsylvania were allowed to administer the drug. This changed when a new law was passed giving officers the ability to administer the nasal spray to overdose victims after they were trained

Over 300 doses have been provided to local law enforcement and residents who attend a local seminar at no charge. Northampton Township's Police Department are carrying Narcan thru this initiative. Mr. Weintraub stated his office hopes this drug will decrease the amount of deaths due to heroine or opiate overdoses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don George, Watergate Drive, thanked the Board for moving in a positive direction and appreciates the work that is being performed at the Civic Center to take care of the unsafe conditions that had previously existed. Mr. George raised concern over a suspected tax increase, alleged improprieties of the Parks and Recreation Board and rogue operations by Administration.

Brig Masone, Churchville, questioned when residents will hear from the Board or the Bucks County Planning Commission on the many various questions asked at the two previous meetings regarding "Rails to Trails". Mr. Pellegrino and Mr. Moore responded to Mrs. Masone both reiterating that a future meeting of the board and a vote on the non-binding resolution will be taken.

Bruce Stamm, Jericho Road, noted he is speaking on behalf of himself tonight, not as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Stamm expressed his concern that an annual report is not being prepared as outlined in the Parks and Recreation ordinance.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mrs. Silver presented the October 17, and the October 26, 2016 minutes. No corrections or additions required therefore the minutes were deemed approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dr. Rose presented the accounts payable for October 26, and November 16, 2016 in the amount of \$1,833,217.20 and \$405,870.81 respectively.

The Accounts Payable were deemed approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider Proposed Ordinance Regulating Medical Marijuana Growers and Dispensaries

Chairman Weinstein opened the hearing at 8:33 pm.

Chairman Weinstein outlined the proposed ordinance which would allow for medical marijuana dispensaries and grower/processors in the I-1 – Industrial District, subject to numerous conditions. The ordinance has been prepared as a result of the PA legislature approving the Medical Marijuana Act. The Township’s Solicitor reviewed our ordinance for compliance with the legislation. The Northampton Township Planning Commission also reviewed and recommended approval at their November 15, 2016 meeting.

The ordinance was advertised in the Advance on October 30, and November 6, 2016.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to approve Ordinance #586 amending the Northampton Township Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 27, for the purpose of amending sections related to the Planned Industrial/Office District (I-1) related to the Medical Marijuana Act.

Chairman Weinstein called for public comment. None was heard.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver questioned if the State makes a change to the legislation does it automatically change the Township’s ordinance. Mr. Pizzo stated the amendments would follow the same guidelines that were followed when adopting the original ordinance. If the State changes the legislation, we will need to revisit.

Mrs. Silver stated by the Board being proactive on this ordinance it allows the Township to dictate the placement and distribution of Medical Marijuana.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Weinstein closed the hearing at 8:40pm.

Consider Proposed Ordinance Regulating Transient Dwellings

Chairman Weinstein opened the hearing at 8:40 pm.

Mr. Moore outlined the ordinance regulating transient dwellings. Mr. Moore stated transient dwellings have become more numerous throughout Bucks County. This ordinance is intended to limit them to the Professional Office and General Commercial Districts of the Township. By doing so, this serves a two-fold purpose: it limits the parcels where this use can locate and protects the vast number of properties in the residential zoning districts throughout the Township. As an added safeguard, the use must also receive special exception approval before the Zoning Hearing Board. The Township Solicitor has reviewed this ordinance and has no objections.

Chairman Weinstein called for public comment.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, commended the Board on being proactive about where transient dwellings are allowed to exist. Mr. Johnson stated that he believes these types of dwellings do not belong in residential neighborhoods.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-O'Donnell) to approve ordinance #587 amending the Northampton Township Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 27, for the purpose of adding and amending definitions, amending uses in the General Commercial/Office and PO districts, and identifying regulations related to transient dwellings. Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

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Dr. Rose and Mrs. Silver clarified the definition and types of transient housing and what does and does not fall under this category.

Motion Passed 4-1 (with Mrs. Silver voting nay).

Chairman Weinstein closed the hearing at 8:50 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – 444 St. Leonard's, LLC, SLD 16-1, St. Leonards Road.

Chairman Weinstein outlined the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan. The proposal is to subdivide 5.928 acres into nine (9) single-family detached dwellings lots, ranging from 20,839 to 32,059 square feet. An existing single-family detached dwelling is shown on Lot 3. Public water and sewer are proposed.

Chairman Weinstein asked the representatives to introduce themselves and provide a further review of the project.

Jessica Rice of the firm Fox Rothschild introduced herself as the attorney for the application. She also introduced the applicant Michael Strabiniski and Eric Clase, Project Engineer, from Gilmore and Associates.

Ms. Rice stated that Mr. Clase would review and answer any questions regarding the requested waivers based on the Planning Commission and Engineer's recommendations. She reiterated the time constraints that the applicant is under with this project.

Each waiver was read and discussed. It will be outlined in the motion as prepared by the Township Solicitor.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Board discussion ensued regarding the historical significance of the property based on a letter dated November 15, 2016 from Michael Tomkins, Chairman of the Historical Commission.

Chairman Weinstein called for public comment.

Marge Weiner, Worthington Mill Road, stated as a member of the Historical Commission she would bring all the concerns that were discussed to the attention of the other Board members at their next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to approve the St. Leonard's Road, LLC Subdivision, SLD-16-3, subject to compliance with the Township Engineer's review letter dated November 4, 2016, the Township Planner's review letter dated November 7, 2016, and the Township Traffic Engineer review letter dated November 3, 2016. In addition, it is recommended that the requested waivers be granted and the sidewalk be constructed as identified on the plan to connect to the adjacent park. It should be noted that this recommendation for approval is subject to the following:

- The Plan must comply fully with the Zoning Ordinance. Should any aspect of the Plan at any time not comply fully with the Zoning Ordinance, the applicant must obtain, beyond appeal, all necessary and/or required variances from the Zoning Ordinance.
- Comply with the determinations and requirements of the Township Engineer, as set forth in the Township Engineer's Review, and in all cases, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion.
- Comply with the determinations and requirements of the Township Planner, as set forth in the Township Planner's Review, and in all cases, to the satisfaction of the Township Planner and the Township Engineer, in their sole discretion.
- Comply with the determinations and requirements of the Township Traffic Engineer, as set forth in the Township Traffic Engineer's Review, and in all cases, to the satisfaction of the Township Traffic Engineer and the Township Engineer, in their sole discretion.
- A fee in lieu of the required dedication of land to be improved with parks and recreation facilities and open space shall be paid to the Township in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen and Seventy-Two Hundredths Dollars (\$5,514.72) for each lot in accordance with the terms of the Land Development Agreement, and pursuant to §27-1001.D.8 and §27-1001.E.2 of the Ordinance, Part 2, §1 of the Northampton Township Schedule of Fees and Charges, and §27-201 of the Ordinance.
- Sidewalks shall be required for the frontage along St. Leonards Road in accordance with Sections 22-403.2.B & C of the Ordinance, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion, which shall include the off-site sidewalks to the adjacent park.

- Additional plantings shall be added to the rain gardens to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion.

Waivers have been granted from the Ordinance as follows:

- A partial waiver from § 22-403.2.B. of the Ordinance requiring sidewalks, to the extent that applicant shall provide sidewalks and pedestrian paths only along St. Leonard's Road, extending across adjacent Township property to the northern entrance of the adjacent park, and such sidewalks shall be a minimum of five feet wide or as shall be constructed in accordance with the approval of the Township engineer.
- From 22-612.1.B. of the Ordinance which requires that the grade of a driveway not exceed 4%, in that the first 20 feet of each driveway shall maintain no greater than a 6% grade.
- A partial waiver from 22-615.2.B.1. of the Ordinance, which requires the planting of street trees on lots within two feet of the street right-of-way line, to the extent that the street trees may be planted further than two feet from the street right-of-way line due to existing overhead and proposed underground utility lines, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion.
- From 23-501.2.A. of the Ordinance, which requires storm pipe diameters of 18 inches, to allow storm pipe diameters of four inches, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion.
- From 22-403.2.B.8. of the Ordinance, which requires a minimum four-foot wide strip of grass between the curb and sidewalk, to allow construction of the sidewalk next to the curb line of St. Leonard's Road and without the strip of grass, due to existing trees and utility poles.
- From 22-403.2.B.4. of the Ordinance, which requires that sidewalks not exceed a slope of 7%, allowing the sidewalks along the curb line of St. Leonard's Road to match the slope of the existing slope of the road, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion.
- Unless specifically superseded by this letter or by the Township Engineer's Review, you shall comply in all respects with the Township Stormwater Management and Grading Ordinance, §23-101, et seq. of the Northampton Code of Ordinances (the "Stormwater Ordinance"), and with all requirements and determinations of the Township Engineer regarding your stormwater management facilities, all of which such requirements and determinations shall be to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in her sole discretion.

As to the Stormwater Management System (“SMS”) the applicant shall:

- Create a Homeowners’ Association, where Association shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the Stormwater Management System (“SMS”) consistent with the Plan and with the November 11, 2016 letter by your attorney, Jessica L. Rice. This shall include areas within the right-of-way and easement areas.
- The Homeowners Association will be responsible for all aspects of the Stormwater Management System.
- Provide the Township with a perpetual access and enforcement easement that will allow the Township to inspect the SMS under control of the Homeowners’ Association, and the right, but not the obligation, to undertake maintenance thereof in the event the Association fails to do so, which easement shall run with the land and be recorded. All documents, including but not limited to the Stormwater Management System Maintenance and Operations Agreement, documents concerning the Homeowners’ Association’s responsibilities, and the access easement(s) prepared in connection with paragraphs a-c shall be in a form acceptable to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor, in his sole discretion.
- The Applicant shall obtain any and all necessary approvals from the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority for the potable water and sanitary sewer connection.
- The Applicant shall obtain all necessary approvals and/or permits from the Bucks County Conservation District.
- The Applicant shall cooperate with the Historic Society as to removal, salvation, and renovation of all historic buildings or structures existing on the site, provided however, that the applicant may apply to the Board of Supervisors for relief in the event that such salvation and renovation would impose financial hardship or be otherwise economically impractical. The Developer must return to the Board of Supervisors to plead their case if they have a desire to remove the house on lot 3.
- A Land Development Improvements Agreement and a Land Development Escrow Agreement for the Property, acceptable in form and content to the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer, in their sole discretion, shall be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Bucks County prior to the issuance of any building permits for any work on the Plan.
- The Applicant shall install a street light standard near the intersection with St. Leonard’s Road in accordance with the Plan. The Township shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the street light standard. The Applicant shall grant the Township a perpetual access easement in order to inspect the street light standard, which document shall be completed to the full satisfaction of the Solicitor, in his sole discretion, and which easement shall run with the land and be recorded.

- All conditions and recommendations incorporated within the motion and minutes are subject to the Township Solicitor's approval letter.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Public Works Building Additions and Alterations

Chairman Weinstein introduced the architects for the project Mr. Jim Linske and Joe Phillips, of Phillips and Donovan Architects, LLC. . Mr. Linske and Mr. Phillips prepared the bid documents, and conducted reference checks on all low bidders on the project.

Mr. O'Donnell stated the bids for the Public Works Building Additions and Alterations Project that include the addition of two bays to the existing storage garage and smaller additions and interior renovations to the Shop Building. The latter improvements will add larger restroom facilities, a larger meeting and training room, a new parts storage area, and a second floor storage and bunk room. The project also includes construction of a fuel station canopy.

The Township received 8 bids for General Construction, 6 bids for plumbing work, 5 bids for mechanical work, one bid for electrical work, and 4 bids for the fire protection system. The Township is required by the Second Class Township Code to bid the various construction trades separately. Township staff will serve as Construction Managers on this project to minimize cost.

The low bidders for the project are:

General Construction, The Fayette Group, Norristown, PA	\$792,003
Plumbing Contract, Fischer Mechanical, Horsham, PA	\$150,370
Mechanical Contract, B&E Boiler Works, Inc., Red Hill, PA	\$ 89,950
Electrical Contract, Albarell Electric, Inc., Bethlehem, PA	\$131,445
Fire Protection Contract, Accelerated Fire Protection, Inc., Kennett Square, PA	\$ 64,691
Alt #1-(Construction)-Fuel Station Canopy, The Fayette Group, Norristown, PA	\$ 27,137
Alt #1-(Electric)-Fuel Station Canopy, Albarell Electric, Inc., Bethlehem,PA	\$ 19,160
Alt #1- Fire Protection Garage, Accelerated Fire Protection, Inc., Kennett Square,PA	<u>\$ 48,942</u>
Total Project Cost	\$1,323,698

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to award construction contracts for additions and renovations to the Public Works Shop Building and Garage as follows:
The Fayette Group, Inc., Norristown, Pa in the amount of \$819,140, Fisher Mechanical, Horsham, PA in the amount of \$150,370, B&E Boiler Works, Red Hill, PA in the amount of \$89,950, Albarell Electric, Inc., Bethlehem, PA in the amount of \$150,605 and Accelerated Fire Protection, Inc., Kennett Square, PA in the amount of \$113,633 and to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to execute all documents required for the project.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

All Board members were in agreement as to the necessity of this project and the terrible conditions the employees are working in.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Amending the Township Code of Ordinances to Revise Annual Reporting Requirements for the Park and Recreation Board, disband the Telecommunications Advisory Board, add a Stop Sign on Bustleton Pike Southbound at Cornell Avenue, and Prohibit Engine Brake Retarders on Jacksonville Road Between Bristol and Almshouse

Mrs. Silver outlined the proposed ordinance and noted this is a housekeeping amendment on four (4) different sections of the Township Code. The purpose is to clarify and remove outdated ordinances from the Township Code. This is for advertisement only.

1. Chapter 1, Part 2, B. Park and Recreation Board, Section 1-226, Reports to Board of Supervisors, would be amended to require the Parks and Recreation Board to submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors as required by Section 2204 of the Second Class Township Code. That section reads as follows:

“The Recreation Board shall submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors, including an analysis of the adequacy and effectiveness of community recreation areas, facilities, and leadership.”

This amendment would make the Township Code of Ordinances consistent with the Second Class Township Code.

Mrs. Silver explained several new measures have been instituted since this ordinance was first created. Mrs. Silver noted the addition of a full time Finance Director, more in depth budget meetings with Department Heads throughout the year and the consistent monitoring of the budget by the Board, Administration, and Finance Department makes the need for an annual report unnecessary.

Mrs. Silver further explained the next three amendments.

2. Chapter 1, Part 2, C. Telecommunications Advisory Board, Sections 221 – 227 would be deleted in their entirety. This amendment would disband the Telecommunications Advisory Board.

3. Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 214 would be amended to add a stop sign on Bustleton Pike, southbound, at Cornell Avenue. The stop intersection was initiated by PennDOT and that agency will install the sign. The ordinance amendment will allow our police department to enforce the stop location.

4. Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic would be amended by the addition of Section 305, Engine Brake Retarder Prohibitions to include a prohibition on the use of engine brake retarders on Jacksonville Road between Bristol Road and Almshouse Road.

PennDOT regulations state that the use of brake retarders may not be prohibited by a local authority unless prior written approval is obtained from the Department of Transportation. PennDOT performed the required study and concluded that a prohibition on Jacksonville Road is appropriate

Since the Board decided at a previous meeting to no longer collect the Per Capita Tax, Mr. Pelligrino asked that this be included in this housekeeping amendment and added to the ordinance for advertising. The Board agreed to the addition.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Moore) to authorize advertising an ordinance amending certain sections of the Northampton Township Code of Ordinances as outlined in a memorandum dated November 7, 2016, to add an additional housekeeping item related to the Per Capita Tax, and to schedule a public hearing on December 14, 2016.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Dr. Rose is happy to see the stop sign installed. Dr. Rose also pointed out the Board sees the bills list twice a month and Nancy Opalka, Director of Parks and Recreation, explains in complete detail every question asked.

Mr. O'Donnell stated he questioned the Township Manager as to why our ordinance and the Second Class Township Code differ. Mr. Pellegrino had explained the ordinance was put in place before other fiscal requirements were in place. The requirement of the annual code is a redundant step and is no longer necessary. Mr. O'Donnell also explained the Bills List is thoroughly reviewed by the Board, the Administration, and Finance departments.

Mr. Moore spoke on the detailed report received from the Parks and Recreation Director and noted the 2016-2017 comprehensive budgets show the activity of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Silver echoed the previous comments. Mrs. Silver also stated that when asked detailed questions, you will get detailed answers. If you do not find the answers satisfactory ask for a meeting with Mrs. Opalka and she will answer them for you.

Chairman Weinstein noted he does not want to do all of these separate ordinances under one ordinance. Single item legislation is the only way for clear and concise documentation. He feels this will set a bad precedent and shows poor form with so many different amendments. Chairman Weinstein also echoed previous comments on the outstanding job of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion ensued with Mrs. Silver and Mr. O'Donnell explaining codification processes, voting as a whole, and the process of voting for one or all as they are listed under the housekeeping amendment.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Installation of Decorative Crosswalks in the Village of Richboro

Dr. Rose explained the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) notified us earlier this year that we had secured a grant award through the Multimodal Transportation Fund to install decorative stamped concrete crosswalks and construction of curb ramps in seven locations in the Richboro area of the Township. The total grant award is \$165,000 with a match of \$70,720 for a total amount of \$235,720.

Dr. Rose noted the five locations are located within state highways, including Second Street Pike (S.R. 0232), Almshouse Road/Newtown-Richboro Road (S.R. 0322) and Bustleton Pike (S.R. 2065). The remaining two locations are located on Township Road. Curb ramps and crosswalks will be designed to current ADA and PennDOT standards. In addition to the upgrading of the existing curb ramps, an additional crossing will provided at the intersection of Second Street Pike and Crossroads Plaza Drive to allow pedestrian to cross the northern leg of Second Street Pike.

Dr. Rose stated bids were opened on October 18, 2016 via PennBid. One bid was received from Olivieri & Associates, Inc for \$341,450.75, which exceeded our preliminary construction estimates by more than \$100,000. As a result, the Administration is recommending to the Board, to reject the bid at this time.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to reject the bid from Olivieri & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$341,450.75 for the Richboro Crosswalk and Curb Ramp Project.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Mr. Moore questioned if there is a deadline on the grant money. Mr. Pellegrino stated there is not a deadline. McMahon Associates will rebid the project in January to acquire more bidders and better pricing.

The rest of the Board was in agreement with the decision to reject the bid and agrees there are more pressing projects. Mrs. Silver requested reaching out to Newtown Borough to see who they used for their decorative crosswalks.

Chairman Weinstein called for public comment.

Joe Johnson, Grant Drive, questioned if these are for new or existing sidewalks. Mr. Pellegrino stated a few already exist and this will be an upgrade and some are being installed as new connections.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution Amending Traffic Signal Permit Plan for Upper Holland Road and Bustleton Pike for Pedestrian Signal Upgrades

Mr. O'Donnell stated PennDot is requiring an application form (TE-160), and a Resolution for intersection improvements at Bustleton Pike and Upper Holland Road related to the construction of the Addisville Commons project. The improvements consist of decorative crosswalks and pedestrian signal upgrades required by PennDOT as a condition of their Highway Occupancy Permit.

Mr. O'Donnell explained McMahon Associates, the Township Traffic Engineer completed the design improvements and no additional right-of-way is required at the intersection for these improvements.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to adopt Resolution R-16-24 authorizing the Township Manager to execute the permit application, plans, and related documents for a modification to the Traffic signal permit plan at Bustleton Pike and Upper Holland Road traffic signal improvements required by PennDot for a Highway Occupancy Permit.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Discussion ensued among the Board clarifying the improvements. Mr. Pellegrino explained the proposed improvements and the reason for PennDot's request for the amendment to the traffic signal plan.

Chairman Weinstein called for public comment.

Eric Lehman, Schoolhouse Road, stated he would like to see turn arrows installed on the traffic light going East and West on Upper Holland Road. Mr. Lehman reminded the Board this was the last request Jim Kinney made and wanted his agreement noted.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Weinstein called for a recess at 10:00 pm and reconvened at 10:10 pm.

Consider Adoption of 2017 Preliminary Budget

Chairman Weinstein announced Mr. Pellegrino, Township Manager, and Mr. Armelin, Finance Director who will be presenting an overview of the proposed 2017 Budget.

Mr. Pellegrino explained that the Board must approve a preliminary budget and make it available for public review for twenty days prior to final adoption. The final budget is scheduled for adoption on December 14, 2016.

Mr. Pellegrino presented a thorough review of the proposed 2017 budget and explained the variables that impact revenues and expenditures. He noted changes from 2016 to 2017 and stated that the budget does not require a tax increase.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board comment.

Each Board member took turns questioning Mr. Pellegrino on various parts of the budget and questioned revenues vs. expenditures and made suggestions and comments on where they would like to see improvements made. The Board as a whole thanked the Administration and Finance Department for presenting a budget without a tax increase and following the guidelines the Board had suggested.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein/Silver) to adopt the preliminary 2017 budget and advertise its availability for public inspection for a period of not less than twenty days as required by the Second Class Township Code.

Motion Passed 5-0.

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- A live radio broadcast was held at the Senior Center on Thursday, November 10 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Hosted by the Endoscopy Center at St. Mary's and WBCB 1490 AM radio promoting a health and wellness series titled "Speak Your Piece with Pat Wandling." Tommy Greene, former Phillies pitcher was available for a meet and greet with attendees.
- The Senior Center will be hosting their annual Holiday Marketplace on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors and activities so come out and finish your Holiday shopping.
- This past week the Council Rock school community has been greatly distressed and alarmed by hateful acts that occurred at Council Rock North. Dr. Fraser announced that this behavior would not be tolerated. The School District is working with local law enforcement and anyone found to be involved will be facing disciplinary action and potential criminal charges. Dr. Fraser and the Council Rock School Board held a discussion about how best to protect and maintain the best interest of the children. This meeting was well attended and a follow up meetings will be held on Monday, November 21, and November 22, 2016.
- A Diversity Advisory Committee in combination with local student government will provide safety pins. Safety pins are to be worn as a reminder by interested students or residents of Northampton as a symbol that Council Rock is a safe environment for all students.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcements:

- The Northampton Township Police Department will have extra patrols during the Thanksgiving Holiday and will be holding DUI checkpoints at various locations.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority stated there would be a rate increase for water and sewer. These bills will now be sent out monthly will be sent out quarterly starting in February. The Municipal Authority stated the ratepayer would pay an additional charge if paying by credit card through the Municipal Authority website. Late charges will only be excused once in a twelve-month period. A newsletter will be distributed to all ratepayers the first week of December explaining the changes and the rate increase.
- A second test of Northampton Township wells were conducted and a small detection of very low levels of PFOA's was noted in the water. The Municipal Authority receives their water from Forrest Park and allegedly, Forrest Parks water tests came back clear. The Municipal Authority is now researching to locate where the contaminated water may be coming from.

- Chief Selisker wants to remind everyone about Holiday fire hazards and to be especially careful with candles, make sure they are away from combustibles and are always well attended.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- Questioned if Mr. Pellegrino has made contact with the Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Pellegrino responded he has given both the agencies the Board meeting dates for December and January and is still awaiting their response.
- November 17 at 7:00 p.m. the Library will be hosting Mike Jesberger a Revolutionary War and American Civil War reenactor will focus on President Lincoln's November 1863 visit to the Gettysburg battlefield and his historic speech known as the "Gettysburg Address".
- Coloring for Adults will take place at the Library on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All supplies are provided.
- The Friends of the Library since the beginning of June 2015 has ran a year round bookstore with a variety of new books added on a regular basis. Stop by, browse, and see what is available.
- Toddler Story Time is held on Wednesdays, November 9 through November 30 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2- 3-1/2. No registration is necessary, just stop in.
- A Lego club is held the fourth Saturday of every month from 12-2 pm at the Library
- The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a bust trip on December 4, 2016 to NYC to see Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Make sure to get your tickets.
- A Book and Bedtime with Mrs. Claus will be held at the Library on December 14 and December 15, 2016 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.
- Parks and Recreation Department has discounted ski and movie tickets for sale.
- The 2017 Preschool Class brochure will be sent out before Thanksgiving for signing up.

Chairman Weinstein made the following announcements:

- The Planning Commission met on November 15, 2016 to consider proposed ordinances related to medical marijuana growers, dispensaries, and transient dwellings. The Board took action on these items tonight. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

- Work is moving forward on the Dreher Site. Permits have been submitted and buildings are going up.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on December 12, 2016 at 7:30 pm to hear applications for the following: a sign at the Village Shires Shopping Center, In-ground Pool on New Road, and an entranceway on Old Jacksonville Road.
- Michael Tomkins president of the Historical Commission visited the site of 444 St. Leonard's Road to determine if there was any historical value to the buildings. Michael took photos and checked for any items with a possible historical value. The photos will be for posterity and Michael will give an update and provide a list of items.
- The Historical Commission is working on a 19th century map that will show ownership and acres of particular land in various areas of the Township.
- An unveiling for the newly installed Bronze Plaque in honor of Northampton Township Veterans, took place on Veterans Day November 11 at 6:00 p.m. During this time, the Purple Heart parking spot was also unveiled. The next meeting of the Veterans Advisory Commission is to be determined.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Pizzo announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of pending litigation. No official action was taken. In attendance were the five Board members, the Township Manager, the Assistant to the Township Manager, and Joe Pizzo himself.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don George, Watergate Drive, commented on the seventeen miles of newly paved roads and noted the temporary inconvenience is worth the permanent improvement. Mr. George stated his agreement with authorizing the proposed amendment to change the requirement of the Parks and Recreation to prepare an annual report so that it matches the Commonwealth. He questioned the cost effectiveness of Parks and Recreation programs and alleged analysis of these programs are not being completed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Silver, Secretary