

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:40 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
Kurt Schroeder, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
Joseph Nolan, Engineer

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

Presentation by the United States Navy on the PFOA/PFOA Contamination

Chairman Moore introduced officials with the U.S. Navy and asked Mr. Willie Lin, the Navy's environmental coordinator for the site, to provide an update on the department's investigation of PFOS and PFOA contamination emanating from the former Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster.

Mr. Lin introduced Mr. Gregory Preston, director of the Navy's BRAC Program Management Office East, who will also be answering questions stemming from tonight's presentation.

Mr. Lin gave a power point presentation, outlining the contamination, areas affected, useful websites, and points of contact for more information.

Mr. Lin stated that 54 private wells have been tested in Northampton so far, and there have been found to contain the chemicals at levels greater than the 70 parts per trillion advisory limit set by the Environmental Protection Agency. The homes, in the area of New Road, are being provided bottled water until the Navy can complete an investigation into whether or not the Navy is at fault or the contamination is coming from a different source.

Mr. Lin noted the Navy is still working to identify and test additional wells in the New Road area and would base any further expansion of the testing area on the results.

Chairman Moore called Mr. Thomas Zeuner, Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority executive director forward. Mr. Zeuner stated that PFOS and PFOA levels in the town's public water wells are being measured quarterly and that readings have remained steady over the past several testing's. All PFOA and PFOS levels remain well below the EPA's 70-ppt limit. 80 percent of the water in that system comes from the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority supply and the remaining 20 percent of the Township's public water comes from 15 groundwater wells.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Discussion ensued with Board members taking turns asking questions of Mr. Lin, including timelines, persons to contact, and if other properties are under consideration.

Chairman Moore also acknowledged Mr. Hagey, the Director of the Municipal Authority in Warminster and stated Northampton is working closely with all the outside agencies to ensure going forward information and corrective action are closely monitored.

Chairman Moore called for public comment:

Victoria Black, 666 Jacksonville Road, questioned Mr. Lin how big the plume is on Jacksonville Road and what the process is going forward, and how long before a determination is made and action is taken.

Joe Johnson, Grant Drive, questioned if a homeowner had the means to connect to public water will it take away from them being reimbursed or would it cancel any further investigation. Chairman Moore stated he feels Mr. Johnson is speaking in hypotheticals and would prefer not to go down that line of questioning. There is a plan of action in place, identify the problem and move forward to correct the problem.

Mr. Lin stated they are still collecting test results and expect to have some answers and direction by this summer.

Police Service Awards

Chairman Moore called Chief Clark forward to present awards to three township police officers for their outstanding work in 2016.

Chief Clark recognized the following:

- Detective Pete Stark with a commendation of merit for his work in bringing two burglars to justice.

- Detective Thomas Martin with a commendation of merit for an investigation that led to the arrest and conviction of a township dentist on drug charges.
- Detective Sgt. Charles Pinkerton with the 2016 Officer of the Year Award, which recognizes an officer who displays the core values of the police department – honesty, integrity, courage, service, dedication and loyalty.

Chief Clark thanked the Board and the community for their continued support.

Employee Service Awards

Chairman Moore and Ms. Lynne Tomlinson presented the following 2016 service awards as follows:

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Martin Comyn	Police	35
Eugene Farr	Public Works	30
Eric Handel	Public Works	25
Jennifer Wyant	Police	25
(Felix) Joseph Devaney	Police	20
Amy Wardle	Library	20
Steven Heath	Police	20
John Trubiano	Police	20
Michael Decher	Police	20
Peter Stark	Police	20
Denise Lear	Library	20
Dorothy Wiley	Finance	15
Marcus Wigler	Police	15
Jonathan Oseredzuk	Police	15
Ryan Share	Police	10
Barbara Callahan	Police/Finance	10
Ralph Stenerson	Police	10
Robert Mullen	P&R	10
Tammi Leone	Code	10
Joseph Rosowski	Police	10
Tina Schaible	Code	10
Suzanne Weckenman	P&R	10
William Martin	P&R	5
Diana Remington	Library	5

Linda Gold	Police	5
Gary Killian	Police	5
Gary Crossland	Public Works	5

Chairman Moore congratulated the employees and thanked them for their service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don George, Watergate Drive, questioned the change in protocol and why the first public comment is limited to agenda items only. Chairman Moore explained the Board's position and stated it is the prerogative of the Board Chairman to set the agenda. Mr. George also questioned the accuracy of the minutes and what safeguards are in place to make sure they are accurate. Mr. George went on to question accounts payable items and specifically a previous accounts payable to Mr. Savona.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of December 14, 2016 and the reorganization meeting of January 3, 2017 were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for December 21, 2016, in the amount of \$729,266.97, January 11, 2017 in the amount of \$865,702.14, and January 25, 2017 in the amount of \$581,692.94 was approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Land Development Giuliano Family LTD Partnership, Preliminary/Final Land Development, 55 Steamwhistle Drive, SLD

Mr. Weinstein outlined the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan. The proposal is to develop a 200 by 125 foot athletic outdoor training field for an existing 5,280 square foot Multisport facility (in a 39,000) square foot warehouse building) on a 4.193 acre site. The plan proposes to construct a walkway between the facility and the field in addition to restriping a parking lot to add 25 parking spaces. Public water and sewer serve the site.

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

Ms. Jennifer Wunder, introduced herself as attorney for the applicant from Fox Rothchild LLC, she introduced Mr. Eric Clase, project engineer from Gilmore and Associates, and Mr. Jerry Giuliano, applicant.

Ms. Wunder stated that Mr. Clase would review and answer any questions regarding the requested waivers based on the Planning Commission and Engineer's recommendations.

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

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Discussion ensued with a focus on street trees and donation to the tree bank highlighted and clarified as will be outlined in the motion as prepared by the Township Solicitor.

Chairman Moore called for public comment. None was heard.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to approve the Giuliano Family LTD Partnership Land Development Plan, SLD 16-4, subject to compliance with the Township Engineer's review letter dated November 29, 2016, the Township Planner's review letter dated December 8, 2016, and the Township Traffic Engineer review letter dated December 20, 2016. In addition, 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, by 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 his 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.
- Unless specifically superseded by this letter, they must comply with the determinations and conditions set forth by the Northampton Zoning Hearing Board decision dated July 12, 2016 and/or any other decisions by the Northampton Zoning Hearing Board, and those conditions shall be noted on the Record Plan, excepting, however, that the mesh "fence" on the Property shall be twenty (20) feet high, as set forth in the Plan.
- In accordance with Section 22-403(8), the parking lot shall be striped so as to provide

safe and efficient internal circulation and so as not to create dead end parking aisles, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in the Engineer's sole discretion;

- In accordance with Section 22-403-(8), adequate lighting shall be installed to illuminate the parking lot, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in the Engineer's sole discretion;
- In accordance with Section 22-615 and Section 22-618 of the Ordinance, three evergreen trees and two street trees shall be planted on the Property, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in the Engineer's sole discretion, and in addition, two trees shall be donated to the Township's tree bank, to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in the Engineer's sole discretion, to be used at the Northampton Township Business & Technology Center.
- In accordance with Section 22-403.2.B of the Ordinance, a fee in lieu of sidewalks, in an amount to be calculated by the Township Engineer, in the Engineer's sole discretion, shall be paid to the Township and used in the downtown Richboro sidewalk project.
- Unless specifically superseded by the Solicitors review letter or by the Township Engineer's Review, the applicant 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 stormwater management facilities, all of which such requirements and determinations shall be to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, in the Engineer's sole discretion.
- A Land Development, Improvement 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.
- All conditions and recommendations incorporated within the motion and minutes are subject to the Township Solicitor's approval letter.

Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Amendment to Floodplain Regulations

Mrs. Silver outlined the proposed ordinance amendment for the FEMA floodplain maps that will be effective on March 21, 2017. Mrs. Silver reminded the Board the ordinance was approved two years ago. Since that time, however, FEMA mandated minor modifications. This ordinance has been approved by FEMA and must be approved in their format. In order to remain in the Flood Insurance Program, this ordinance must be adopted by the deadline.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to authorize advertisement of a public meeting for February 22, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Northampton Township building to consider an ordinance amendment adopting the mandated FEMA requirements.

Chairman Moore called for Board discussion. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution for Planning Module for the Dreher Group, Addisville Commons, Phase 2

Mr. O'Donnell stated as the Dreher Group continues with the Addisville Commons project, a planning module is required to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for Phase 2. As part of this process, a resolution must be passed by the Board of Supervisors. The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority has no objection to this approval.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to approve Resolution R-17-4 for Plan Revision for the Dreher Group be approved for Addisville Commons – Phase 2.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver questioned Mr. O'Donnell if he could provide an update on what businesses will be coming to the Addisville Commons. Mr. O'Donnell stated at this time there are signed agreements for the Univest and an Irish Pub. It also has been decided a WAWA will be taking over the spot that was originally designated for the Rite Aid.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Amendments to Tax Collection Fees

Dr. Rose stated the Tax Collector for Northampton Township has requested an increase in the tax certification fees. These are fees that are charged to mortgage and title companies to certify that taxes were paid on properties scheduled for sale. These fees are established by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 313 of the Northampton Township Code of Ordinances. The current fees have been in place since 1995 and were established by Resolution R-95-16.

Dr. Rose stated while the duplicate bill fee will remain the same at \$10.00 as per the Tax Collector's request, it is included in the proposed resolution as a re-statement so all of the fees are in one document.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to adopt Resolution R-17-5 establishing tax certification and duplicate bill fees to be charged by the Northampton Township Tax Collector for providing those services.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Emergency Declaration Resolution for Winter Storm on January 7, 2017

Mr. O'Donnell stated a limited state of emergency was declared on January 7, 2017 at 10:00 am due to a snow emergency and was rescinded as of 01:00 hours on January 8, 2017.

A resolution would authorize the declaration and repeal the limited state of emergency due to a snow emergency.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver) approving Resolution R-17-6 declaring a limited state of emergency effective 10:00 hours, January 7, 2017 and ending on January 8, 2017 at 0:100 hours.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Historical Commission is looking for interested residents to fill an unexpired term, please submit your application to the Township Manager's office.
- Anyone interested in researching History stop by the Archives located in the Library from 10:00 pm until 6:30 pm on Monday's and Wednesday's.
- The annual Senior Center St. Patrick's Day Event will be held on March 17, 2017 from 12 pm until 2 pm. Tickets go on sale February 6, 2017 and are sold until March 10, 2017 at a cost of \$12.00 each. You do not need to be a member to partake in this great event.
- The Spring Fling Shopping event will be held at the Senior Center On March 28, 2017 from 5 pm until 9 pm. Over 50 vendors will be in attendance.
- As a Board member for the Coalition for Healthy Youth and being active in the Senior Center, the two are combining efforts to get the message out regarding drug overdoses in the area. The Event is titled Seniors making a difference and will take place on March 16, 2017 at 10:00 and will include a drug take back event and persons participating will receive a bag of homemade Irish potatoes.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- The Public Works Department did a great job during the recent snow event and asked citizens to check out the winter newsletter for a guide on snow removal.

- The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority held their reorganize meeting
- Northampton Township Library holds many programs for children as well as adults. Check out the website for further information.
- Regarding a statement made by Dr. Rose in the reorganization minutes of January 3, 2017 regarding Timothy O'Donnell being appointed to the Veterans Advisory Commission being a form of nepotism, Mr. O'Donnell deferred to the Township Solicitor, Mr. Pizzo for clarification. Mr. Pizzo has stated since Mr. O'Donnell did not participate in the interview or voting process and recused himself no ethic laws have been violated, and any Board members who voted for Mr. O'Donnell are also not guilty of nepotism.

Mr. Weinstein made the following announcements:

Planning Commission meeting 1/10/17 recommended approval to the Board

- The Giuliano project on Steam whistle Drive
- The Gilmour tract plan on Old Jacksonville.
- Next meeting 2/14/17

ZHB meeting occurred on 1/9/17

Variance Requests

- Fence on Rolling Hills Drive
- Impervious Surface for pools on Vermeer Drive and Misty Meadow Drive
- Next meeting 2/13/17 to hear variance requests
 - Pool on Marie Drive
 - Garages
 - * Grenoble Road
 - * Milbob Drive

Council Rock School District met on 1/19/17

- Approved Adhoc Master Capital Planning Committee
- Study Closing (4 or 5 meetings)
 - * Rolling Hills Elementary
 - * Wrightstown Elementary
 - * Student enrollment, facilities, school participation, etc.
 - * May or may not recommend closure
- June 15, 2017 meeting to vote on recommendations of Adhoc Committee
- The board would then look at possible redistricting
- February 16, 2017 Kindergarten Registration
- Council Rock School District is considering renaming the Middle School. The possibility of naming it Elwell Middle is being considered.

- The Council Rock School District recently performed the yearly audit of the Tax Office and were impressed with the outcome
- The Council Rock Day of Care and Service had 250 people volunteer to help the less fortunate.
- Council Rock Relay for life will be taking place on May 20, 2017. The Council Rock Website has the information.
- Sent condolences out to the family of Ms. Mary Mason, who gave 40 years of her life to the Council Rock School District.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- The DCNR has awarded grant money in the amount of \$220,000 applied to the Capital fund for the Civic Center project matching funds will come from the Township.
- The Parks and Recreation Department are hosting a variety of classes and trips, full information can be found in the Parks and Recreation brochure or by visiting their website.
- Parks and Recreation Department still has discounted ski and movie tickets for sale.
- Summer Camps are accepting applications and a discount is available for paying early.
- The Northampton Township Girls Softball League is in the process of contracting two (2) dugouts at Municipal Park, they will take care of all material, labor and ongoing maintained.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission Meeting was cancelled in January. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the caucus room. In March Janet Brenan will give a presentation of Shamrock Reins, a nonprofit group that provides a place where Veterans can go and learn the healing power of riding horses.
- The Parks and Recreation Board held their re-organization meeting and adopted a user fee schedule and listened to a report from each user group including when their registrations will be taking place.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The process is moving forward with the design for the new Police Station, which will be relocated to where the Municipal Authority currently resides. We have applied for a supplement bond funding from the State in the amount of 2.5 million dollars
- The Wawa will follow the current plan for Addisville Commons and will have gas pumps and convenience store, it will be located off of the service road where the Rite-Aid would have been located

- Adam Selisker the Fire Chief of the Northampton Volunteer Fire Company has stated they will once again sponsor the Adopt-A-Hydrant and asked to remind residents to send in their photos to win a \$25.00 gift card to Wawa.
- Make sure your house is well marked with your address they can't help you if they can't find you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Sorensen, Manor Drive, asked the Board to recognize the Women's March for fair and equal rights, asked the Board to propose a Resolution to support the goals of the Women's March. Mr. Sorensen also stated his dislike of limiting the first public comment, the work of the people should come before applicants and attorneys. Chairman Moore responded and reiterated his reasoning for dividing the public comment.

Joanne Klempler, 283 Magnolia Drive, spoke on the Rails to Trails and the lack of support, but is still hopeful for the future for this project. Referred to an editorial in the newspaper by Jeffrey Gold and alleged falsehoods and occurrences that did not take place. The Rails to Trails supporters went out of their way to be respectful. Mrs. Klempler also spoke on the construction occurring at Davis Pontiac and the possibility of Northampton finally becoming a walkable community.

Jeffrey Gold, 57 Grant Drive, clarified statements that he made to the newspaper and alleged they were taken out of context. Emotions ran high during the Rails to Trails debates and thanked the three Board members for not allowing this project to move forward.

Don George, Watergate Drive, reiterated his disappointment with the restricted first public comment, thanked Mr. O'Donnell for his ethical values.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, commented on the agenda change limiting the first public comment, everyone should be treated as equally important. Mr. Johnson also reiterated his comments on the Rails to Trails project and the negatives associated with the project.

Patricia Norris, 16 Jefferson Court, raised concern over comments made to her by the Penn Tamney Coalition during Facebook comments. Mrs. Norris stated she would like to see everyone get along and by amicable.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary