

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

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

Others present were:

Michael Solomon, Acting Township Manager
Kurt Schroeder, 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 PRESENTATIONS

USO Recognition for Murray's Richboro Market and Richboro Freshworks

Brian Loughlin, Center Manager for USO in Philadelphia and his wife Lorri presented a certificate of recognition to John, Bill and Rose Brown for their unwavering support of the USO by providing meals for the servicemen and women during the holidays. Mr. Loughlin also presented a certificate of appreciation to Hailey Brown for her assistance with the Military and events.

Mr. Loughlin presented a certificate of recognition to Fresh Works owner, Mike Mayberry for his unwavering support for USO night and providing sandwiches and salads to servicemen and women passing thru the USO center, even staying to help serve on several occasions. Mr. Loughlin also presented Mr. Mayberry with a challenge coin for a job well done.

Chairman Moore recognized the outstanding work the USO provides for military personnel and called Wendell Rich forward of the Veterans Advisory Commission.

Mr. Rich on behalf of the Veterans Advisory Commission (VAC) presented Lorri Loughlin with a bouquet of flowers for her time she spent serving on the VAC as well as her countless hours of work on the many events the VAC hosts.

Plaque to Honor Township Supervisor George Komelasky

Chairman Moore called Vince and Grace Deon forward.

Mr. Deon unveiled the plaque and asked Pat, the wife of the late George Komelasky and their son Kevin to come forward. Mr. Deon stated on behalf of several donors who wish to remain anonymous, it is his honor to present this plaque to be hung in the lobby of the Township Administration Building in remembrance of George Komelasky and his time and dedication he put into making Northampton a great place, to live, work, and play.

Update on Patriot's Flag Program

Pete Palestina, 47 Lynford Road, provided an update on the Flag program and announced United States Army Specialist Jeffrey Vogel is returning home on Thursday, March 23, 2017. A welcome home ceremony will be held at the Vogel residence. As more information becomes available Mr. Palestina will convey it to the Veterans Advisory Board, the Board of Supervisors and thru social media outlets.

Municipal Authority Rate Increase and Billing

Chairman Moore called forward Mr. Thomas Zeuner, Executive Director of the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (NBCMA).

Mr. Zeuner stated for many years, the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority has maintained public water and sanitary sewer rates despite increases in cost of service, new regulatory mandates and increased capital expenditures requirements. In November 2015, the Authority Board recognized that an update to its Five Year Strategic Plan was necessary in order to complete a comprehensive long term rate strategy.

Mr. Zeuner stated based upon the needs assessment determined by the Plan, the Authority engaged the professional services of HRG Inc., of Harrisburg PA. HRG analyzed the overall rate setting process, financial planning, revenue requirements, cost of service analysis, and rate design. The revised rates as adopted takes into account capital and operational needs for the next five years including anticipated inflationary impact. This is how the rate increase was determined.

Mr. Zeuner noted effective February 2017, bills started to be provided on a monthly basis in lieu of the historic quarterly (3 month) billing cycle. The new rates can be viewed on the Authority's website www.nbcmatoday.org, under "Finance".

Mr. Zeuner stated now after the changes have been incorporated in hindsight it may not have the best idea to implement both of these changes at approximately the same time.

Unfortunately, since these changes have been adopted by the Municipal Authority Board, they will stay in effect.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Members of the Board then asked specific questions, and Mr. Zeuner responded in detail, concerning special rates for senior citizens, payment terms including payment plans, mailing costs, and costs incurred due to aging infrastructure.

Chairman Moore called for public comment.

Bill O'Neill, Rocksville Road, made the following comments; the Board of Supervisors need to take charge and get more involved, and tell the NBCMA to cut costs. Mr. Zeuner replied the NBCMA is an agency of the Commonwealth and Chairman Moore noted the Board is in constant dialogue with the NBCMA and apprised by Mr. Zeuner of events that are taking place.

Bill Hanson, Holland Road, stated he would have liked this increase to have been handled in a better way, the NBCMA needs to budget their money, an extreme increase such as this one is troubling and raised concern over the lack of accountability the NBCMA has.

Don George, Watergate Drive, stated although the NBCMA is an agency of the Commonwealth the Township Supervisors appoint the Board that oversees the NBCMA. Mr. Pizzo explained that the NBCMA is an independent corporate agent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania exercising governmental, as well as private corporate power, and operates under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act. The Board appoints the Board members, but the authority is not part of the municipal government.

Keith Smythe, 158 Forrest Drive, stated he feels uninformed, the NBCMA has no accountability, rate increase was too high, and many people on limited incomes will not be able to afford this. Mr. Smythe doesn't feel cutting costs will help and suggested to the Board of Supervisors they should consider selling the NBCMA.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)

Jeff Gold, 57 Grant Drive, stated during the last snowstorm his mailbox was destroyed, the mailbox was assessed within 24 hours after he reported it and fully repaired in one week. Thanked the Public Works Department for the great job.

Don George, Watergate Drive, commented on several issues as follows:

Article on Chairman Moore in the newspaper highlighting his business, mistake on the agenda, (minutes were listed twice instead of two accounts payable), questioned delivery time of Board packet, questioned the hiring of the new Assistant Manager, questioned why Mr. Solomon is sitting on the dais, his dissatisfaction with questions he has raised with holding a class at the

Senior Center and a lack of response. Mr. George also handed out several documents for the Board to follow along with his comments. Chairman Moore stopped Mr. George to reiterate that this portion of the meeting is for agenda items only. Discussion ensued between Mr. George and the Chairman. Mr. Weinstein stated that he believed Mr. George had a legitimate issue concerning the process for teaching a class at the Senior Center. Mrs. Silver objected to those comments, expressed her displeasure and left the meeting at 9:13 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Land Development Waiver – St. Bede’s Church, 1071 Holland Road

Mr. O’Donnell stated Saint Bede’s is requesting to construct a 432-square foot addition for bathroom facilities. Typically, this is considered a land development, the project is small in scope with no adverse impact. After consultation with the Township Engineer it was recommended to waive land development for this project.

A motion was made and seconded (O’Donnell-Moore) to approve the waiver of land development of Saint Bede’s to construct a bathroom addition in accordance with the plan dated February 8, 2017 prepared by Matthew Piotrowski, architect, subject to building permit review and approval by the Township engineer.

Chairman Moore asked Mr. O’Donnell to explain the necessity for this project. Mr. O’Donnell stated the church only has one bathroom. This plan provides four (4) new bathrooms and some extra storage. The addition will complement the church and will replicate a bell tower and not take away from any parking.

Chairman Moore called Monsignor Marine forward to explain the bell tower. Monsignor Marine explained it will be a functioning bell tower but will only be rang on special occasions.

Motion Passed 4-0.

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to File a Grant Application with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to Fund Construction of an All-Inclusive Play Structure at Municipal Park

Chairman Moore called the representatives forward from the Miracle League to outline the project and asked them to introduce themselves.

Mr. Chuck Strodoski of YSM Landscape Architects, the original architects on the Miracle League Field project. Mr. Strodoski introduced Alan Corless, Vice-President and Joe Hand of the Miracle League.

Mr. Strodoski outlined the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) offers a grant program to fund park development and rehabilitation and recently announced that the deadline for 2017 applications is April 12. At its recent meeting, the Parks

and Recreation Board discussed undertaking a joint project with the Miracle League of Northampton Township to improve and expand the existing playground at Municipal Park to create an all-inclusive playground facility. Toward this end, the Board recommends the Township submit a grant application to DCNR to fund the project.

The proposed improvements include the installation of new play equipment that allows children of all abilities to participate in playground activities. The existing play structures will remain. The new pieces of equipment are specially designed to accommodate children who use wheelchairs and other assistive devices. Other equipment will provide sensory stimulation for children of all abilities but greatly benefit those children on the autism spectrum.

In order to accommodate the new equipment, minor demolition to the existing stage area and interior concrete curved wall is necessary. An expansion of the playground area is also necessary and will be accomplished by expanding the area up to the sidewalk. The entire playground will be fenced. The project also includes replacement of the existing surface and the installation of surface under new equipment. Additional improvements take into account seating areas and shade structures.

Mr. Moore noted the Township must provide a 50% match to the amount of the money awarded with a maximum award of \$250,000. The estimated cost of the project is over \$500,000, and the match can be met by a combination of Township and Miracle League funds.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Each Board member took turns thanking the Miracle League for their work and dedication in providing a resource for the special needs community and their families and in the process making it such a wonderful asset to the Northampton community.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Rose) to adopt Resolution R-17-9 authorizing the Township Administration to submit an application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a grant to fund improvements to the Municipal Park playground to create and all-inclusive playground facility.

Motion Passed 4-0.

Consider Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Amending Subdivision and Land Development Regulation to add Design Guidelines for the Village Overlay Districts in Richboro and Holland

Mr. Weinstein explained the Bucks County Planning Commission has prepared a draft design of the guidelines for the Village Overlay District. The Planning Commission has been involved throughout the process and it is the consensus to move these guidelines along through an adoption of an ordinance amendment.

Mr. Weinstein stated these guidelines establish design and architectural standards in the Village Overlay Districts of Richboro and Holland addressing facades, roof styles, site design, landscape design, and streetscape. The overall objective is to define uniform standards to further the vision for the Village Overlay District.

Mr. Weinstein stated this is for authorization to advertise only and once the Board approves this for advertisement the ordinance will be formally forwarded to the Township and the County Planning Commissions as required by the Municipalities Planning Code. Due to the required 30-day review period, this ordinance will be placed on the May agenda.

Mr. Weinstein the design standards can be seen on the Township website.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-O'Donnell) to authorize a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Township building for the consideration of an ordinance amending the Northampton Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, specifically Chapter 22, for the purpose of amending sections related to the Village Overlay District to establish design standards.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Dr. Rose stated what stands out the most is the statement "The guidelines do not mimic history, but instead ensure that new development or redevelopment projects compliment the community's heritage".

Mr. O'Donnell agreed and stated it will enhance and make our community even better.

Chairman Moore stated it will give consistency to areas being developed or redeveloped.

Motion Passed 4-0.

Mrs. Silver returned to the meeting at 9:33 pm

Consider Authorization to Advertise and Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Add Design Guidelines for the Village Overlay Districts in Richboro and Holland.

Mr. Weinstein explained in conjunction with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance amendment, a zoning ordinance is also necessary to implement the design guidelines in the Village Overlay District.

Mr. Weinstein stated this amendment establishes mandatory compliance with the design guidelines for all new subdivision and land development projects. In addition, it makes ordinance amendments to address criteria related to signs and fences, which are also incorporated into the design guidelines. Also, included is a general clean-up amendment related to swimming pools. Mr. Weinstein explained swimming pools must be constructed in the rear and side yards only. All portions of the pool, including coping and pool equipment,

must be located a minimum of 10 feet from the property line. At some point, it was changed to a 6-foot setback and this change will just revert the ordinance back to the original 10-foot setback.

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Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

Consider Bids for Stone, Asphalt, and other Road Materials

Dr. Rose explained on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium, New Britain Township advertised for bids for bituminous asphalt materials and stone on February 3rd and 8th, 2017. A total of nine (9) companies submitted bids for various materials used in road maintenance and resurfacing.

Dr. Rose stated the Department of Public Works recommends the contract be awarded as follows:

1. Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, PA — Screenings, 9.5 mm, 12.5 mm and 19.0 mm Super Pave Mixes, 1/4" Stone Chips, 1B, 2A, 3A, #4 Ballast, R4 Stone
2. Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC, Center Valley, PA — Crackmaster 3405 (Sealant) and Crafcro Poliflex II Crack Seal
3. Hei-Way, LLC, Sarver, PA — QPR Cold Patch and 486 Cold Patch with fiber
4. Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., Newtown, PA — 2 %" Stone, %" Stone Mix and 5-8" mix gabion mix

Dr. Rose stated although we won't be able to pave as many roads as last year we will still be doing approximately 4-1/2 miles of repaving and resurfacing this year.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to award the contracts for Bituminous Asphalt Mixture and Stone to Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, PA, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC, Center Valley, PA, Hei-Way, Sarver, PA, Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., Newtown, PA at their bid prices to the Bucks County Consortium.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Street Signs and Posts

Dr. Rose stated the Township advertised for bids in the Bucks County Courier Times to purchase sign materials and posts on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium.

There are 200 items on the bid tabulation. The Township only purchases certain items on the list.

On the comparison, Custom Products Corporation has submitted Attachment I-A to their bid. They did not follow the specifications of the bid which fuel and shipping should be incorporated into the price of the item.

Dr. Rose stated the Department of Public Works recommends the contract be awarded as follows:

Garden State Highway Products, Inc., Vineland, NJ

Reflective Letters and Numbers, Aluminum Traffic Sign Blanks, Aluminum Street Signs Extruded Blanks — No Sheeting, Aluminum Street Name Blanks No Sheeting — Flat, Finished Street Name Signs W/Sheeting Both Sides & Letters — Flat & Extruded, Hardware, Sign Face Decals — One & Two Colors, Finished Signs — One & Two Colors and Delineator Post, Reflective Sheeting

Chemung Supply Corporation, Elmira, New York

Pre-punched Breakaway Post (Complete), Reflectors and Safe Hits

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to award contracts for sign materials and posts to Garden State Highway Products, Inc., Vineland, NJ, and Chemung Supply Corp., Elmira, NY and as recommended by the Department of Public Works.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Emergency Declaration Resolution for Winter Storm Beginning on February 13, 2017 and Ending on February 14, 2017

Mr. O'Donnell stated a limited state of emergency was declared on March 13, 2017 at 2100 hours due to a snow emergency. The limited state of emergency was considered to be no longer in effect as of 2100 hours on March 14, 2017.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver) to approve resolution R-17-10 declaring a limited state of emergency effective on 2100 hours, March 13, 2017 and ending on March 14, 2017 at 2100 hours.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

The Board thanked the Public Works Department for their dedication and hard work.

Motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Moore called for a recess at 9:45 pm and reconvened at 10:00 pm.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2017 were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dr. Rose provided an updated on the projected fund balance for the 2016 year as 1.9 million. Thanked Bob Armelin, Finance Director and the Administration for keeping the budget in line.

The accounts payable for March 8, 2017, in the amount of \$1,138,762.48, and March 22, 2017 in the amount of \$511,771.37. The accounts payable for March 8, and March 22, 2017 were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Consider Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Amending and Updating the Right-To-Know Regulations

Mrs. Silver outlined the purpose of the amendment and update to the proposed Right-To-Know Regulations. The proposed ordinance was prepared by the Township's Solicitor's office and will amend Chapter 1, Part 4 Sections 401 and 404 of the Code of Ordinances to clarify language concerning:

- The information request form and how it is submitted
- To specify that all responses to open record requests shall be delivered by regular, first class mail or retrieved by the requestor in person following payment of any fees associated with the request
- All other provisions will remain the same

Mrs. Silver explained many contractors submit right-to-know requests in order to obtain leads since each permit has the name and address of the contractor and the address of the owner, this is not the purpose or intent of this ordinance and these changes will help in controlling the number of requests received.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to authorize advertising an ordinance amendment to Chapter 1, Part 4 of the Code of Ordinances of Northampton to update the Right-To-Know regulations and clarify the process of submitting and responding to Right-To-Know requests.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mr. O'Donnell stated these types of changes are starting to happen in other Townships and the General Assembly is looking into making changes so the intent of Right-To-Know ordinance is consistent.

Dr. Rose agrees the Township needs to control the process and with requests accepted by email there is a chance of the request going to spam and not getting to the intended recipient.

Chairman Moore asked Mr. Pizzo to clarify the reasoning behind amending the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Pizzo stated the process, and the application is staying the same. Mr. Pellegrino as the Township Manager is the dedicated open records officer. The Township still has to respond in five (5) business days from the receipt of the request, and has 30 calendar days if an extension is needed. Smaller communities don't get flooded with a lot of requests. Larger communities almost need a full-time person to keep up with the requests due to the timelines in place.

Mr. Pizzo stated in order to deal with these requests in an orderly fashion. This would be achieved by all requests being mailed or hand delivered in person, clocked in, this seems to be the logical step since emails can get lost during the transmission either going to spam or the requestor having wrong email addresses, or if the Township experiences technical difficulty.

In addition, the Township cannot bill the requestor for time spent on a request and under the law a fee can be charged for photocopying of records at a cost of .25 cents per page, or if the requestor would prefer just to look at the documents that is also allowed under the law. These items are regulated by state law and this ordinance does not change any part of this process.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver stated our fee schedule that is adopted at the beginning of each year lists the copies at the .25 cents rate.

Mr. Weinstein stated he believes the intent of this proposed ordinance is innocent. But, Mr. Weinstein feels by eliminating the email aspect is taking a technological step backwards, and making it difficult for residents to make requests. If the Township is concerned with emails directed to the open records officer going to spam, several people should be listed in the e-mail as back-ups for the open records officer.

Chairman Moore reminded everyone the motion is for authorization to advertise only.

Chairman Moore called for public comment.

Don George, Watergate Drive, asked Mr. Pizzo if he reviewed and recommended removing a 10-year practice of receiving requests via email. Mr. George feels that forcing a person to make their request in person, and this may require them taking off work is unreasonable. Mr. George asked the Township to follow the same policies and procedures as the Commonwealth and list several people on the email to ensure receipt.

Mr. Pizzo reiterated this proposed ordinance would require requests either in person or via mail, no electronic transmissions would be accepted.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, asked how many requests and appeals has the Township received. Mr. Johnson agreed with Mr. George that this change is being made to penalize the requestor.

Motion Passed 4-1 (Weinstein voting nay)

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Redevelopment Authority accepted applications for the redevelopment of the Mill Race Inn property until March 8, 2017. Based on the recommendation of the Historical Commission the selected developer is being required to maintain the mill structure as part of the redevelopment.
- The Historical Commission has voiced their concerns on the possibility of the structure on 444 St. Leonard's Road being demolished and is asking the Board to not consider this request.
- Anyone interested in researching History stop by the Archives located in the Library from 10:00 am until 6:30 pm on Monday's and Wednesday's.

- The drug take back event held at the Senior Center in conjunction with the Coalition for Healthy Youth was a huge success, and thanked the District Attorney, Matt Weintraub, Chief Clark, Lieutenant Lecompte, Sergeant Kingsdorf and Officer Wyant for attending and getting the message out to help prevent drug overdoses in the area. Over 50 seniors attended.
- The annual Senior Center St. Patrick's Day Event held on March 17, 2017 was a success with over 109 people attending the celebration.
- 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.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- The Library is still in need of funding. The Library working with the Friends of the Library is looking into ways to re-energize the fundraising efforts. Check online or visit the library for full details on how you can help.
- Northampton Township Library holds many programs for children as well as adults. Check out the website for further information.

Mr. Weinstein made the following announcements:

Planning Commission meeting 5/9/17

- Will review the Township Comprehensive Plan as prepared by the Bucks County Planning Commission
- Plans have been submitted for the redevelopment of 880 2nd Street Pike for a Pediatric office

ZHB meeting occurred on 3/13/17 and the following variance requests were heard:

- Addition on West Bristol Road
- Garage Addition on Cherry Blossom
- Renovate an Existing Barn Structure on Galloway road

Next meeting of the ZHB will be held on 4/17/17

Council Rock School District met on 3/16/17 and held discussion on the following:

- Potential closing of the Richboro Middle School, if they decide to close the school it would take effect for the 2018-2019 school year
- The School District proposed a 2-1/2% tax increase to try and close a deficit of approximately six (6) million dollars. They expect to save 1.2 million due to retirements, and plan to use four (4) million of their 25 million reserve. The Board will vote on the preliminary budget on April 27, a public hearing will take place on May 10, and the final vote taken on June 15, 2017.

Master ADHOC Planning Committee met on March 6, 2017 and held discussion on the following:

- The committee determined they will not be pursuing a full day Kindergarten program, this decision was based on studies performed showing no long-term benefits to a full day kindergarten program
- Ideas for the re-purposing of the Richboro Middle School, included moving LSAC, the Sloane School, or the Twining Ford Maintenance facility to this location
- The next meeting will be held on March 30 and topics of discussion are to include: enrollment projections, projections on potential costs vs potential savings.
- The April 24 meeting will be held to discuss conceptional ideas for redistricting
- The following is a list of upcoming committee meetings, that take place at the Chancellor Center:
 - * Policy - March 23 at 7: 00 pm
 - * Academic Standards – April 3 at 7:00 pm
 - * Facilities – April 6 at 6:30 pm
 - * Finance – April 5 at 7: 30 pm
- Middle Bucks Institute of Technology – April 3 at 5:30 pm at their location
- Two School Board members Mark Byleich and Jerry Grupp made a motion to rename the Holland Middle School after Master Sergeant Ken Elwell who was killed in action, and Newtown Middle School after fallen police officer Brian Gregg. Motion failed and members will look into different naming options.
- Congratulated the Council Rock South Wrestling Team for their recent win and the SOL National Conference 200 Medley Relay Swimming champions on their victory
- The Council Rock Backyard Battle will take place on April 22 at the Trenton Thunder Stadium, this is a baseball match between Council Rock South and North, all proceeds are donated to the Travis Manion Foundation
- The Council Rock Art students are having their art recognized and will be displayed at the Chancellor Center
- The Relay for Life that benefits the American Cancer Society will take place at Council Rock South on May 20

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- 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.

- The Northampton Valley Country Club will be utilized again this year for Parks and Recreation summer camp swim trips and for swim team practice and events.
- The Veterans Advisory Meeting met on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the caucus room to discuss the following:
 - Memorial Day, Flag Day and Northampton Days
 - Working with Kids Can Make a Change to lay wreaths at the Union Cemetery
 - Jeff Rubini has provided a power point on the history of the Nike Base and in conjunction with the Veterans Advisory Commission are looking for local persons who have worked at the Nike Base during its operation time.
 - Working with the Achieve Program under the supervision of John Englehardt. Kids will be performing cleanup at Dembowski Park.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission is in the process of working on a Brick program that will be located at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Township Building.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- In response to the question during public comment, on the delivery of meeting packets to the Board members. The packets are received 5-7 days prior to the Board meeting which, gives plenty of time for review
- Approvals have been received to move ahead with the bathrooms at the Civic Center and will be going out to bid the end of March
- A grant was received from the State with a match from the Township for crosswalks. This went out to bid last November and only one bid was received and it came in way over budget. The Administration met with the Dreher group and they agreed to install the crosswalks at the intersection of Almshouse Road and Second Street Pike. By taking this intersection out of the equation this will allow us to make our grant money go further so we can do the other areas. A sidewalk grant is also in the process and the goal is to have sidewalks on both sides of the street and in conjunction with the crosswalks will start the progression of making downtown Richboro a walkable community.
- A meeting was held with PennDot to discuss the bridge that crosses over Worthington Mill Road. The discussion centered around rebuilding the bridge and making it a single lane bridge. PennDot stated by making it a single lane bridge the Township would have to take ownership of the Bridge. No decisions have been made at this time and PennDot has agreed to come back with a proposal outlining the options as discussed.

- The Township is working with the School District to organize the best use of the space, and the best interest of the Township, while keeping the fields open.
- Mr. Pellegrino and Mr. Wert are not in attendance tonight as they are on Township business at State College.

Public Comment

David Lauer, 49 Cornell Avenue, thanked the Board for getting the stop signs installed at the end of Cornell Avenue. Mr. Lauer stated the National Museum of American History is opening soon in Philadelphia. He reminded the Board that Henry Wyncoop a member of the Continental Congress was a resident here in Richboro and is buried at the Addisville Church Cemetery along with his family. Mr. Lauer stated he will be asking the Historical Commission to acquire a historical plaque denoting Mr. Wyncoop's history at the site. Mrs. Silver responded stating Mr. Pellegrino is working on getting a grant to refurbish the cemetery and its historical significance.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, stated when Mr. Moore brought the idea of a LERTA program into the Township, he thought it was great way to bring in new businesses and expand existing ones. Mr. Johnson stated he is looking to utilize the prospective jobs these developments will bring and use the Library as a conduit, where people can go to find out the available jobs in Northampton Township. The tagline would be "Hire Northampton First". The Library is going to provide a space on the Library website to post the jobs and match prospective employers with prospective employees.

Don George, Watergate Drive, continued his concerns regarding the Senior Center, the Director Sheila Jobs, the lack of process, and procedures regarding the holding of classes. Mr. George stated his concern with the lack of communication regarding his questions. Mr. George distributed documents to the Board relating to his communication with agencies in his quest to get answers to his questions on how he can hold a class at the Senior Center as an instructor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary