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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: Robert Pellegrino, 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.

### PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)

None was heard.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board meeting minutes of August 23, 2017 were approved by unanimous consent.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for September 13, 2017, in the amount of \$1,135,884.54, and September 27, 2017 in the amount of \$502,720.57. The accounts payable for September 13, and September 27, 2017 were approved by unanimous consent.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

### NEW BUSINESS

# Consider Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for Use of Shelter Space at 50 Newtown-Richboro Road

Mr. Weinstein explained when the lattice cell tower at 50 Newtown-Richboro Road was constructed in 1995 under a contract with the Crown Atlantic Company, there was a 12' by 30' portion of the property subleased to Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless for its

equipment shelter. At that time, the Township acquired use of a 10' by 12' portion of the shelter for its emergency communications equipment; however, the Township has learned that a lease for this space was never executed.

Mr. Weinstein noted the Administration spoke with Verizon Wireless representatives about continued use of the shelter space and they agreed to formalize the existing arrangement. This formal agreement gives the Township continued use of a 10' by 12' portion of the existing shelter at no cost, with a term that is coterminous with the existing Land Lease between the Township and Crown Castle Corporation.

Mr. Weinstein stated the agreement further provides that if the shelter is replaced, the cost is shared proportionally between the parties based on square footage. The Township will continue to pay for its own electric usage, which is on a separate meter.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein – Silver) to approve an Agreement with Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless for use of a portion of the equipment shelter at 50 Newtown-Richboro Road for the Township's emergency communications equipment, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment. None was heard.

# Motion Passed 5-0.

# <u>Consider Planning Module for Northampton Municipal Authority Property, 111 Township</u> <u>Road</u>

Mrs. Silver explained a Resolution is required the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for Planning Module approval for the new police building. The Township will need to purchase two (2) additional Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's) from the Authority to serve the building. The cost estimated is approximately \$10,000. The Philadelphia Water Department, and Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority certified capacity in accordance with the Township's Connection Management Plan. The Bucks County Planning Commission also approved the proposal.

Mrs. Silver stated the Resolution and Planning Module application must be submitted to PADEP for approval.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to adopt Resolution R-17-1C approving a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for a new police building at 111 Township Road and authorizing its submission to the Pennsylvania DEP for its approval as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" of Northampton Township. Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Chairman Moore questioned the fee of \$10,000 and Mrs. Silver explained how and additional two (2) EDU's were needed to serve the additional capacity of the building.

## Motion Passed 5-0.

# <u>Consider Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal</u> <u>Authority Property, 111 Township Road</u>

Mr. O'Donnell noted the construction and site plans are almost complete for construction of a new police station at 111 Township Road and the project will be ready for public bidding in October pending a final staff review of the bid documents. In anticipation of this project, the Municipal Authority is planning to relocate its administrative offices to the Humphrey's Drive property with a satellite location at the Township Building for utility bill payments. The Authority anticipates vacating the premises on or before December 31.

Mr. O'Donnell stated the intended purpose of the proposed resolution is to grant authority to the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to acquire the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority property at 111 Township Road for construction of the new Police Station. The Authority passed a similar Resolution at its meeting on June 7, 2017.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to adopt Resolution #R-17-15 authorizing the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to proceed with the acquisition of the Municipal Authority property at 111 Township Road for construction of a new Police Station, and further authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents required for the transaction.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver stated an appraisal was completed and came in at \$650,000. The Township will not be offering more for the property and will not be taking out a bond or a loan to pay for the purchase. Mr. O'Donnell stated that is correct the Municipal Authority in their Resolution stated they have agreed to accept the appraisal amount of \$650,000.

Chairman Moore added the intent is to coordinate acquisition of the property from the Authority with bids for construction of the new police facility (most likely in November or early December) and sale of the Elm Avenue cell tower leases. The latter will generate \$750,000 to pay for the acquisition cost of \$650,000.

Mr. Weinstein thanked Chairman Moore for coming up with the Revenue idea of selling a cell tower, to avoid taking on more debt.

Dr. Rose noted this project is long overdue, the original police station was built for a maximum of 22 police officers and a much smaller Township we now have 42 officers and a still growing population.

Chairman Moore called for public comment. None was heard.

### Motion Passed 5-0.

# <u>Consider Authorization to Advertise Zoning Ordinance Amendment for LED Signs for Gas</u> <u>Station Prices</u>

Mr. Weinstein outlined the proposed draft ordinance amendment for LED signs for gas station price changes subject to numerous criteria, including conditions related to the following:

- Size of LED sign area related to the total sign square footage;
- Restrictions on the sign from flashing, scrolling, or imitating movement;
- Restrictions on time intervals;
- Restrictions on sign lighting and glare intensity; and,
- Setbacks from residential districts.

Mr. Weinstein noted as part of this process, this ordinance has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor as well.

Mr. Weinstein noted upon authorization for advertisement, this ordinance will be forwarded to the Township and County Planning Commissions as required by the Municipalities Planning Code. Also, due to the required 30 day review period, this ordinance will have to be placed on the November agenda, not October.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to authorize a public hearing on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Township building for the consideration of an ordinance amending the Northampton Township Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 27, for the purpose of amending sections related to sign requirements for commercial districts to permit LED signs for gas station price changes\*.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver questioned the use of the word changes after price in the motion, stating there will always be changes and would like to see that word strike.

\*Mr. Weinstein and Dr. Rose amended their motion deleting the word changes.

Mrs. Silver stated that although this and previous Boards have been against LED signs, it is necessary to keep the Township moving forward and in line with the changing times, but at the same time keeping it very regulated and limiting it to gas station pricing. Mrs. Silver stated, with new businesses moving in with new technology, it only makes sense to make sure the Township is updating its ordinances and regulations to meet the needs of all parties involved.

Dr. Rose pointed out the LED lighting is only for the price of the gas. The name and some other items will not be lit.

Chairman Moore stated this will be very helpful for the store owners and for the customers so they are aware of the gas price they are paying and for extra assistance the prices will be in two colors.

# Motion Passed 5-0.

# Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Execute and Submit an Application for Traffic Signal Approval as Required by the PennDOT Green Light Go Grant Agreement for Traffic Signal Improvements at Holland and Upper/Middle Holland Roads

Dr. Rose noted that in May of 2016, the Township was awarded a \$20,880 Green Light Go Grant from PennDOT for traffic signal improvements at Holland, Upper Holland, and Middle Holland Roads. As part of the grant requirements to install video detection and countdown pedestrian signals at these intersections, the Township is required to submit an "Application for Traffic Signal Approval" form to address the necessary modifications. In addition to the application, the Board of Supervisors is required to adopt a resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit and sign the application on behalf of the Township.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to adopt Resolution R-17-16 authorizing the Township Manager to execute and submit the Application for Traffic Signal Approval as required by the PennDOT Green Light Go Grant Agreement for traffic signal improvements at Holland, Upper Holland, and Middle Holland Roads.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mr. Weinstein noted, this is not a red light camera. The benefit of video detection systems compared to the underground loop systems is you no longer have to dig up the road to repair and then repave again if it fails making the video detection more cost effective.

# Motion passed 5-0. Consider Bid Award for Rock Salt

Dr. Rose announced on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium, Doylestown Borough advertised for bids for Rock Salt in the Intelligencer on July 31, and August 7, 2017.

After reviewing the bid tabulation sheet prepared by Doylestown Borough it is the recommendation of the Township Administration to award the contract to Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL at their bid price of \$48.82 price per ton delivered. We are currently paying \$59.48 per ton and used approximately 2,600 tons last year due to the very light winter season. Morton Salt, Inc., has been the provider of salt to Northampton Township for the past few winter seasons.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to award a contract for rock salt to Morton Salt Inc., Chicago, IL at the bid price of \$48.82 per ton delivered or \$48.00 not delivered to the Bucks County Consortium.

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

### Motion Passed 5-0.

### Consider Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans

Mr. O'Donnell announced the Pension Plan Advisory Committees met on August 14, 2017 and voted unanimously to recommend a cost-of-living (COLA) adjustment for retirees in accordance with Section 6.7 of the Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan Section 6.2 of the Police Pension Plan with a retro-active date of January 1, 2017.

The attached analysis dated September 15, 2017 prepared by the Township Actuary indicates that the COLA would be 2.07% if approved by the Board. The proposed COLA is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index from December 2015 to December 2016. The dollar value of the proposed increase is \$683.24 per month for the Non-Uniformed retirees and \$1,119.12 per month for Police retirees for a total of \$21,628.02 per year. The last COLA was granted in 2013.

Mr. O'Donnell explained the Actuarial Valuation Reports prepared for each plan assume an annual 3% COLA for retirees. When a COLA is not granted, there is an actuarial gain in the plans. Actuarial gains (or losses) represent the differences between events as predicted by the actuarial assumptions and those that actually occurred. Actuarial gains result in a reduced Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) costs, or the amount that the Township contributes to the Plans to maintain their actuarial solvency. Other variables affecting the MO include investment returns and changes in plan participants.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to approve a cost-of-living adjustment as determined by the Township Actuary in the amount of 2.07% effective January 1, 2017 for retirees in the police and non-uniformed pension plans.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mr. Weinstein confirmed that this is actually a requirement under a Township Ordinance the Board must vote on every 4 years. Mr. Pellegrino confirmed Mr. Weinstein's statement and both agreed the amounts were very minimal.

### Motion passed 5-0.

### LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

The Senior Center

- 75 new members have joined
- New carpet has been recently installed
- The New Bags n' Bling Bingo will be held at the Senior Center on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, get your tickets early as this is a very popular event. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. Dr. Rose thanked the sponsors publicly for making this event possible: Bucks Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation, Joe Saracino, State Farm Insurance, Marge Weiner, Re-Max Center, Richboro, Sunrise Senior Living, Lower Makefield.

#### **Historical Commission**

- A rebuilding has taken place since the resignation of Michael and Clare Tomkins. Beverly Schaffer has taken the lead as Michaels replacement stepping up her role from the Vice-Chairman's position, working very hard to bring herself up to speed. Miss Shirleon Benson as replaced Clare as the Archivist. Miss Benson has worked as a volunteer in the archives while working towards her degree in Historic Preservation. Miss Benson's hours are limited and she is only there Monday's and Tuesdays and has posted a note on her door asking anyone who would like to drop off any historical item to make an appointment. This will allow Miss Benson to officially accept and log the items into inventory.
- There is still an opening on the commission and anyone interested should submit an application to the Township Manager's office by November 15, 2017.

### Miscellaneous

The Acme in the Richboro Shopping Center held their Grand Opening on Saturday, September 30, 2017, thanked Acme for investing in the Northampton Community.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- Tickets are still available for the Fall Gala to be held at the Library on Friday, October 13, 2017 from 7-10 pm. Cost \$50.00 before Oct 1<sup>st</sup> after the 1<sup>st</sup> they will be \$60.00. This will be the first wine and art event for the Township.
- The Public Works Department has finished paving 5.7 miles of road this year. This is the highest total that has been paved in the last eight years, this excludes the amount covered by the bond which included 12.8 miles. Even with all we have accomplished, we need to find a way to do more. With what we did last year this puts the Township on a 32 year replacement schedule with some roads lasting longer than others and puts us ahead of where we would be with the 2013 schedule where we only paved 2.3 miles that would put us at a replacement cycle of 68 years per road. The Public Works Department, Administration, and Supervisors are looking at the worst roads for next year and will do their best to get them resolved. Mr. Pellegrino added Spring Avenue still needs to be completed and is scheduled. Mr. O'Donnell stated he had already added Spring Avenue into his total miles paved for this year.

Mr. Weinstein made the following announcements:

The Planning Commission

- At the September 12, Planning Commission a presentation was made by the Township's Traffic engineer Joe DeSantis. Mr. DeSantis presented an overview of all of the traffic projects in the Township, including funding sources. A portion of his presentation was an overview of the traffic improvements that are proposed in the Richboro Master Plan. His presentation can be seen on our channel in replays of the Planning Commission meeting and is additionally available in PowerPoint form on the Township website. The WAWA in the Addisville Commons is scheduled to open on December 15.
- The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on October 10, at 730PM. Tentative agenda items include a sketch plan presentation for an addition at Hillcrest Elementary and a discussion on the LED sign ordinance that this Board voted to advertise this evening. In addition, the Bucks County Planning Commission will give a presentation on the Township Comprehensive Plan update of which the Richboro Master Plan is a large component.

The Zoning Hearing Board

- Met on September 11 and heard appeals for a detached garage on St Leonard's Road and an in ground pool on Cumberland Circle.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 9.

## Council Rock School District

- A School Board Meeting was held on September 19, 2017. The School Board announced it is currently seeking parents to represent their children's schools on the redistricting committee. There will be two (2) parents from each school plus administrative staff and a consultant on this committee. Members of the committee will be required to meet on Oct 3, 10, 17, Nov 1, 14, 28, Dec 5, and 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9PM. Applications were due September 26, but in case all slots were not filled you may wish to inquire. Also, at this meeting was the mention of potentially grandfathering students at the high school and potentially at the middle school so that they are not subject to the impending redistricting.
- Policy Committee Meeting September 28, 2017 7PM
- Academic Standards Committee Meeting October 5, 2017 7PM
- Facilities Committee meets October 12, 2017 630PM
- Finance committee following facilities committee meeting
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit October 17, 2017 7 PM at IU
- Board of School Directors Meeting October 19, 2017 7PM
  Location: The Chancellor Center 30 N. Chancellor St., Newtown, PA 18940
- The Council Rock School Board and the District as a whole have been in discussions should Rolling Hills close and Wrightstown Elementary would then need to be expanded, it has been suggested possibly around the 2018-2019 school year to move the Wrightstown Elementary students to Richboro Middle School while Wrightstown goes through an approximate 14 million to 18 million dollar expansion. The District has stated by moving students to Richboro Middle they may save about a half million dollars, this is still under discussion and no decision has been made yet.
- The September 19 hearing on the closure of Rolling Hills Elementary was postponed to an undetermined date because a number of board members were unavailable.
- At the September 19, 2017 School Board Meeting it was announced by Superintendent Robert Frasier that a committee will be formed to determine whether the Council Rock North Indian will remain as the school's mascot. For those unaware of the etiology of the name of the district, Council Rock was named for a large rock on the present location of the BCCC in Newtown where the Lenape Indians use to hold councils or meetings. The Indian has been the mascot since the district was formed in 1946.

- The Philadelphia Chapter of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society is conducting its 33rd annual fire safety in the Home contest with Council Rock Elementary Schools from Oct 8-14, which is also a National Fire prevention week. Students who are interested should inquire with their teachers. The contest is judged by Pete Palestina, Frank Fenton and Wendi Thomas. Winners will be honored at the November 16, Council Rock School Board meeting, and the November 15, Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Hearty congratulations to Barbara Simons and Lou Spiewak, who were named Council Rock Education Foundation 2017 Partners of the Year. Miss Simons for her work at the Peace Center in Langhorne and Mr. Spiewak as the Executive Director for Council Rock United Soccer Association (CRUSA). Mr. Spiewak is devoted to the kids and what he does. A dinner is being held in their honor on October 11, at 6:30 pm at the Fuge in Warminster, to purchase tickets call 215-944-1023 or email gacota@creducationfoundation.org.
- Four Council Rock South students have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program. Megan Blaustein, Isabelle D'Amico, Michelle Wang and Robert Xu are the semifinalists. To be honored as a semifinalist, you must have an outstanding transcript, be recommended by a HS official, write an essay, and earn strong SAT scores.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- New programs are beginning at the Recreation Center for the Fall. Since most of them have started, the Parks and Recreation Department will pro-rate the class if you begin after the class has already started.
- Not sure what class you want to take? Try the new class pass. You can take different classes instead of signing up for just one.
- Registration for classes is available either in person at the Administration Building, Recreation Center, by phone, or online.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Restaurant Week will begin in Holland/Churchville October 15-21<sup>st</sup> and Richboro begins October 22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy special promotions, Pre-fix menu's, and other special items, check out the website for further details after October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Happening event is taking place on October 28, from 11-1pm at the Northampton Recreation Center. Halloween Happening was the first special event to ever be held by the Parks and Recreation Department. Free event featuring costume contests for all ages, games and other fun events.
- The Miracle League of Northampton is hosting a Halloween Bash on October 27, from

7-11 PM at the VE Club on 130 Davisville Road, Warminster. The hope behind these fundraiser's is to make Municipal Park Playground a place where children of all abilities can play on the playground without limitations with their friends and families. For more information go to mlnorthampton.com.

- Acme during their grand opening ceremony donated a bench to the Parks and Recreation Department without their brand or name on it to use wherever the Department needs it the most.
- The Parks and Recreation Department held a meeting on September 7 and discussion was held on the role of the members of the Parks and Recreation Board. Nancy Opalka also gave her Directors report stating the preschool numbers were down. A local preschool in the area has closed and I hope that those families affected will come over and check out Northampton's pre-school program you will find it exceptional.
- Trips are the hot item in the Parks and Recreation Department this year, so make sure to register early.
- With all the rain this year some of the mowing had to be sub-contracted out just to keep up with all the grass.
- Nick Millevoi has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Board, which leaves an open position, anyone interested is encouraged to apply by the November 7 deadline.
- Mr. Weinstein's comments were reiterated on longtime resident Lou Spiewak, who has been part of the Northampton sports scene for many years.
- The wreath laying ceremony will take place on December 12, rain or shine hosted by Kids Can Make a Change, led by Kristen Riley. This endeavor will involve over 400 wreaths and Kristen will be making a presentation to the Cemetery Board outlining the sequence of events for the day.
- Thank you to all who attended and donated to the fundraising event at the Richboro Swim Club that allowed this wreath project to proceed. In conjunction with the fundraiser a welcome home event for Vietnam Vets was held.
- The Veterans Advisory Commission is doing a Walkway of Honor in front of the Township Building at the Veterans Memorial over 30 bricks have been sold. The official unveiling will take place on Veteran's Day, November 11 with a time yet to be determined.
- On Sunday, September 24, members of the Veterans Advisory Commission, Judge Rubini, myself, and fellow Supervisor Larry Weinstein visited the Sandy Hook Recreational Park, that houses a Nike Base Museum. With the current discussions happening on the Civic Center Improvement Phase II, and the launcher mechanisms the thought occurred, it would be a great idea to investigate the idea of a Nike Base Museum. The tour and the tour guide were wonderful and informative. Findings from this tour will be discussed with the rest of the Veterans Advisory Commission to see

what the options are. For more information google Richboro Nike Base to find the history of the site.

• Thanked and wished all the Jewish residents of Northampton Township Shanah Tovah. Mr. Weinstein concurred.

Chairman Moore made the following announcements:

- A number of Boards and Commissions have terms expiring as of December 31, 2017 or have openings due to resignations. Submit your application before the November 7<sup>th</sup> deadline. If you're not sure which Board or Commission best suits you, all meetings are open to the public, go and sit in on a few different ones to see what appeals to you.
- Northampton Day is scheduled for the spring and is looking for volunteers, so anyone interested please come forward to make this event a continued success.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pizzo stated an executive session was held immediately before tonight's meeting. The following were present; the five (5) Supervisors, Township Manager, Assistant Manager, Township Engineer, and the Township Solicitor. Two (2) topics of Township Real Estate matters were discussed. One (1) matter for which no official action was taken, the second was for the Resolution for the acquisition of the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority, which had official action tonight resulting in a vote of 5-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Vaneerden, 84 Bustleton Pike, thanked the Board for all of their hard work they do on behalf of the residents. She was disheartened to hear that the Engineering Study for the Rails to Trails project was voted down 3-2. Mrs. Vaneerden is also dismayed by the disrespect shown towards two of the Supervisors.

Michelle Druding, 118 Rotterdam Road East, stated she has admired and supported Dr. Rose's endeavors in the past, she then went on to explain why her opinion of Dr. Rose has changed and listed her reasons, most which surrounded Dr. Rose's support of the Rails to Trails project.

Janice Patterson, 19 Amsterdam Avenue, stated she is happy to see the Board come together in support of keeping Rolling Hills Elementary open. Ms. Patterson noted her dismay with the Rails to Trails project being revived.

Kelly Clark, 43 W. Patricia, spoke on the dangers associated with the Rails to Trails project. Ms. Clark asked the Board to end this project once and for all.

Joanne Klempner, 283 Magnolia Drive, stated she is bringing a different perspective regarding the Rails to Trails, it's a way to keep the community viable and healthy, the Township needs to

be progressive. Ms. Klempner stated the personal attacks should stop against the ones that are in favor of the Rails to Trails project. The Board should be in favor of progress.

Christian Nielson, 132 Mallard Road, spoke on the process of Gerrymandering, which is a form of re-distristicting to try and predict district outcomes during an election. Ms. Nielson passed out information on a Resolution and asked the Board to consider passing this in support of a Citizen Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistristricting.

Ralph Soren, 50 Jericho, stated trails are not free, grants are not free nor are they guaranteed this Board voted to protect all residents and should not let the rails to trails discussion come back in front of the Board again. Maintenance and policing of trails will come out of the Northampton Township budget.

Jim Phillips, 32 Windmill Drive, the Rails to Trails project is frivolous expense and he has suggestions for alternate routes that make more sense and are more positive for the residents backing up to the rails and to the community.

David Lauer, 49 Cornell Avenue, spoke on the impending death of ash trees due to the spotted lantern fly and the damage it's causing. Several Townships are being proactive, putting money in their budget and have already cut down some of their tree's. Mr. Lauer asked the Board what resources can the Township offer the residents who have questions.

Jeff Gold, 57 Grant Drive, stated he is against the Rails to Trails, and against raising taxes to support it, go to the website; stoprailstotrails.com. He asked the Board to honor the residents and not open up the Rails to Trails for any more discussion. Thanked the Board for their work on the Rolling Hills Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary and for supporting the residents.

Andrew Gannon, 500 Bustleton Pike, stated he will be holding a Veterans Expo on October 17 from 530-7 PM, plenty of resources will be available for Veterans, from discount cards, Tour Of Honor, Guardians of the Cemetery and many more. Mr. Gannon announced he is in charge of Entertainment for Northampton Days if you would like to help out in this area, a meeting is being held on October 4, 7PM in the Community Room of the Library. The Churchville Nature Center has information on the Ash Trees, residents, many want to start there.

Marge Weiner, 450 Worthington Mill Road, the Travis Manion Foundation has opened Freedom Square in Doylestown, they have taken all the banners of servicemen killed in Afghanistan and Iraq and have moved them to this new location.

Steve Voorhees, 50 Grant Drive, spoke about his experience of living next to a trail, the second hand smoke, noise, and skateboarders. Mr. Voorhees stated he moved up here to get away from that experience and doesn't want to live near one again.

Patty Sexton, 63 Amsterdam Avenue, spoke on the bad idea of closing of Rolling Hills Elementary and the additional traffic and congestion it will cause.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Avenue, stated his reasons for being against the rails to trails plan. No one gives a 100% for grants, they all look for a match and maintenance will also come out of the pockets of the taxpayers as well. Thanked Board for the Rolling Hills Elementary Resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary