

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

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

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 PRESENTATION

Update on Northampton Day Community Festival

Ms. Amie Houser & Pete Palestina provided an update on the upcoming Northampton Day Community Festival coming to Richboro on May 5, 2018. Ms. Houser and Mr. Palestina outlined the events, activities, and food options that will be available.

Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week

Ms. Sarah Fetzer accepted a Proclamation on behalf of the Northampton Free Library, recognizing the Library for their work with the community and their outstanding programs they provide, in addition to normal library services. Ms. Fetzer outlined some of the new and upcoming programs that will be offered in the next few months.

Presentation On Rezoning Request – Bucks County Roses Property, 1235 Buck Road

Chairman Moore deferred to Mr. John Vanluvenne, attorney for the applicant, KB Buck Road, LLC, and in attendance was Tom Kessler, equitable owner of the property.

Mr. Vanluvenne stated the Bucks County Roses Property consists of approximately 17 acres and has a very unusual shape. KB Buck Road, LLC has filed a request to rezone this property from R-1 to the R-3 zoning district to permit a Townhouse Development consisting of 60 units. Mr. Kessler described his vision for the development and noted he has been involved with

developing similar properties. Mr. Vanluvenne explained the Board is not required to formally consider this request at this time, however, if the Board wished to proceed with the rezoning, a public hearing will need to be authorized to consider the draft ordinance rezoning the property, which includes reviews by the Township and the County Planning Commissions before it would come back to the Board for a formal decision.

Discussion ensued with the Board asking the following types of questions:

- Approximate price range
- Size, type and options of proposed townhomes
- Time range for build out

Mr. Kessler responded they are looking to price the townhomes in the \$650,000 to \$700,000 range, with approximately 3-4 bedrooms, with possible basement options. Mr. Kessler's previous developments have sold out within a year and half.

Chairman Moore called for public comment:

Ralph Soren, 50 Jericho Road, stated he is here on behalf of the Jordan Corner Homeowners Association Board of Directors. Mr. Soren distributed an email, which he proceeded to read from on the rezoning request. Mr. Soren questioned the benefit of rezoning from R-1 to R-3, and stated the Homeowners Association does not see the benefit and noted for the record the Jordan Corner Homeowners Association is opposed to the rezoning request.

Alex Fish, 20 Dalton Way, raised concern over the pricing of the proposed housing, stating those prices are inflated and should be closer to the \$425,000 range, otherwise it will cause the other residents to cause their houses to be reassessed. Rumors are circulating that if houses cannot be sold they will become subsidized housing.

Cheryl Applebaum, 51 Thoroughbred Drive, questioned if any model type can be built, Mr. Pizzo stated if the zoning is changed to R-3, any type of housing could be developed under this following the Zoning guidelines for housing developments. Ms. Applebaum questioned if the entrance and exit will be on to Buck Road as it is already a high volume road. Mr. Kessler replied PennDOT would require a study and the impact would need to be mitigated. Mr. Kessler also noted PennDOT approval is required or the project will not go forward.

Nicole Armour, 16 Thoroughbred Drive, presented a petition that was signed against this zoning change. Ms. Armour stated the main concern is the overcrowding of schools, and how much more this is going to cost the taxpayers to keep services in place. Ms. Armour also stated the demographic for the Holland Area does not support this high-end home type of pricing. Mrs. Silver responded stating the owner of this property wants to sell, and they have that right.

Martin Applebaum, 51 Thoroughbred Drive, major concern is the traffic this type of development is going to cause. Mr. Kessler reiterated his previous statement on PennDOT approvals. Would like to see this area become open space.

Dr. Michael Thorwart, 106 Forrest Drive, questioned the zoning and how many single-family homes would be able to be put there. It is important the Board lets the School District know as soon as possible since modelers have been looking at population and is already in the process of displacing children.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, asked that the canopy along Septa's right of way, which remains a wildlife corridor in place. Mr. Johnson also raised a concern with the very long driveway into the cul-de-sac and it's becoming a bottleneck for emergency vehicles.

William Miller, 1185 Buck Road, objects to this change.

Ralph Soren, 50 Jericho Drive, asked for further clarity on the diagram.

Chairman Moore stated the Board at this time is not ready to authorize a public hearing on this project. Mr. Vanluvenne responded the applicant has a right to a public hearing, but understands the Board's position and asked while the Board gathers more information if this could go in front of the Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission for comment. Chairman Moore feels it is too early in the process to authorize that. The Board would like to vet this further.

Mrs. Silver asked residents to contact the Township if they have questions and not listen to the rumor mill especially on social media.

SPRING MILL COUNTRY CLUB UPDATE

Chairman Moore stated no formal proposal has been submitted from Judd Builders. The Board believes there are still many items that will need to be reviewed before a decision can be rendered. The Board will continue to keep the public informed moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of February 28, 2018 were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for March 14, 2018, in the amount of \$780,572.28, and March 28, 2018 in the amount of \$518,164.45, was approved by unanimous consent. Dr. Rose noted a bill from the March 14, 2018 has been discussed and needs further research.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consider Ordinance to Amend Sketch Plan Review Process

Chairman Moore opened the hearing at 8:50 pm.

Mr. Weinstein outlined the ordinance amendment eliminating the mandatory requirement that sketch plans be submitted for flag lots. It is noted with any development project, sketch plans are encouraged to facilitate discussion and address issues prior to detailed plans being prepared. Mr. Weinstein explained to make this requirement mandatory, it conflicts with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code from a procedural standpoint based on this it is recommended by the Director of Planning and Zoning to eliminate the language.

Mr. Weinstein noted, this ordinance was advertised in the Advance on March 4 and March 11, 2018. The Planning Commission at their meeting has recommended the approval of this ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-O'Donnell) to adopt ordinance #596 amending the Northampton Township Zoning Ordinance, specifically Chapter 27, for the purpose of amending sections related to flag lots and sketch plan requirements.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Chairman Moore closed the hearing at 8:55 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Bids for Police Station Construction

Mr. O'Donnell stated bids were opened on March 13 through the Penn Bid System for construction of our new police facility. A total of six prime bids were requested in the bid specifications. The specifications included site construction, general construction, mechanical construction, electrical construction, plumbing construction, and fire protection construction.

A summary of the results for each prime bid follows:

Site Construction

There were 10 bids received for site construction. Base bids for the three (3) lowest bidders are:

A.H. Cornell and Sons Inc.	\$730,150
B. Blair Corporation	\$938,356
Highway Materials, Inc.	\$969,349

A.H. Cornell and Sons, Inc. is a contractor well known to the Township and they have an excellent reputation for good workmanship. This is confirmed through references verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends awarding the Site Construction bid to A.H. Cornell and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$730,150.

General Construction Contract

There were six (6) bids received for the General Construction contract. Base bids for the three (3) lowest bids are:

LBI Construction, LLC	\$3,948,000
Uhrig Construction, Inc.	\$3,948,000
Gordon H. Baver, Inc.	\$3,998,000

Given there is a tie between the two lowest bidders, the Administration recommends these bids be rejected, and the General Construction Contract re-bid for consideration at the April 25 meeting. Both low bidders have excellent references as verified by the Architect and we hope they each submit a new bid for the work.

Mechanical Construction Contract

Four (4) bids were received for the Mechanical Contract. Base bids for the three lowest bids are:

Tri-County Mechanical, Inc.	\$664,000
Myco Mechanical, Inc.	\$677,000
Rogers Mechanical, Inc.	\$805,735

All three bidders have excellent references as verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends a contract award to Tri-County Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$664,000.

Electrical Construction Contract

Five (5) bids were received for the Mechanical Contract. Base bids for the three lowest bids are:

AJM Electric, Inc.	\$794,000
Electric-Tech, Inc.	\$914,000
MJF Electrical Contracting, Inc., Inc.	\$933,000

All three bidders have excellent references as verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends a contract award to AJM Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$794,000.

Plumbing Construction Contract

Two (2) bids were received for the Plumbing Contract. Base bids for the three lowest bids are:

Fisher Mechanical, Inc.	\$348,000
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Myco Mechanical, Inc. \$392,000

Each bidder has excellent references as verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends a contract award to Fisher Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$348,000.

Fire Protection Construction Contract

No bids were received for the Fire Protection Construction Contract. The contract is being re-bid in two ways: 1) by including it as an alternate in the re-bid for the General Construction Contract, and 2) by re-bidding this contract separately. Bids will be opened on April 11 for this contract and the General Construction Contract and presented for consideration at the April 25 meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell summarized the following Administration recommendations:

1. Reject all bids for the General Construction Contract
2. Award contracts for Site Construction, Mechanical Construction, Electrical Construction, and Plumbing Construction.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to reject all General Construction Contract bids for the new police facility and re-bid the contract for consideration at the April 25 meeting.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell – Weinstein) to award contracts for construction of a new police facility to A.H. Cornell and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$730,150 for site construction. Tri-County Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$664,000 for mechanical construction, AJM Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$794,000 for electrical construction, and Fisher Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$348,800 for plumbing construction, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all necessary agreements related to these contract awards.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Civic Center Restrooms

Mrs. Silver stated the bids were opened on March 13 through the PennBid system for construction of a restroom facility in the Township's Civic Center complex. A total of three prime bids were requested in the bid specifications. They included general construction, electrical construction, and plumbing construction.

A summary of the results for each prime bid is as follows:

General Construction Contract

There were three (3) bids received for the General Construction contract. Base bids for the three (3) lowest bids are:

Premier Builders, Inc.	\$255,820
LBI Construction, LLC	\$259,000
Uhrig Construction, Inc.	\$268,000

All three bidders have excellent references as verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends a contract award to Premier Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$255,820.

Electrical Construction Contract

Three (3) bids were received for the Electrical Contract. Base bids for the three lowest bids are:

Premier Builders, Inc.	\$30,200
Electric-Tech, Inc.	\$57,000
Wescott Electric	\$57,500

All three bidders have excellent references as verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends a contract award to Premier Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$30,200.

Plumbing Construction Contract

Three (3) bids were received for the Plumbing Contract. Base bids for the three lowest bids are:

Fisher Mechanical, Inc.	\$46,000
Hirschberg Mechanical	\$59,450
Myco Mechanical, Inc.	\$63,000

Each bidder has excellent references as verified by the Architect. The Administration recommends a contract award to Fisher Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$46,000.

Mrs. Silver summarized the recommendations from the Administration for awarding the contracts as follows:

Premier Builders, Inc. - General Construction	\$255,820
Premier Builders, Inc. – Electrical Construction	30,200
Fisher Mechanical, Inc. – Plumbing	<u>46,000</u>
	\$332,020

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to award contracts to Premier Builders, Inc. in the amount \$255,820 for general construction, and \$30,200 for electrical construction, and to Fisher Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$46,000 for plumbing construction of an outdoor restroom and pavilion facility in Civic Center Park, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all required documents for project construction.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mr. O'Donnell stated he is pleased with the placement of the restrooms.

Dr. Rose is happy the Board was able to keep the promise to get them built, and believes this to be another investment in the community.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Sign Materials 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.

The Public Works Department recommends contract awards 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 home, signs with sheeting both sides and letters-flat and extruded, hardware, sign face decals-one and two colors, finished signs – one and two colors, and reflective sheeting

Chemung Supply Corporation, Elmira, New York

Galvanized post pre-punched breakaway post (complete), galvanized post pre-punched without anchor, corner bolt and nut, Delineator post, 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 as recommended by the Department of Public Works.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Road Materials

Mr. Weinstein stated bids were requested on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium, New Britain Township advertised for bids for bituminous asphalt materials and stone on February 2 and 7th, 2018.

A total of 9 companies submitted bids for various materials used in road maintenance and resurfacing.

The Department of Public Works recommends contract awards as follows:

1. **Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, PA** – Screenings, AS-1, 1B, 2A, 2B, #4 Ballast, Rip Rap
2. **No Bidders for this contract year** – 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** – All Super Pave Mixes and 5-8” Mix Gabion Stone

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to award contracts for Bituminous Asphalt Mixture and Stone to Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, 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 and public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0

Consider Resolution Authorizing Capital Loan for Equipment Acquisitions

Dr. Rose explained each year the Township seeks quotations from qualified lending institutions for short-term loans to finance the acquisition of capital equipment including police and public works vehicles, IT equipment, and public works construction equipment.

Based on the quotes received by the Finance Department, U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. offered the lowest borrowing rates for short-term loans to acquire various capital items as part of the 2018 Capital Equipment Replacement Program.

We propose to borrow \$108,000 over a 4-year period at a rate of 3.08%, with an estimated annual payment of \$28,241, and \$124,000 over a 5-year period at a rate of 3.121%, with an estimated annual payment of \$26,347.

A loan document is required for each of the loans. Upon full payment of the loan obligations, the equipment becomes Township property. In order to secure the capital loan, the Board must approve a Resolution.

If the Board agrees to proceed with the loan obligations, an appropriate motion is as follows:

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to adopt Resolution R-18-5 authorizing a 4-year capital loan obligation in the amount of \$108,000 and a 5-year capital loan obligation in the amount of \$124,000 with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. for the acquisition of capital equipment in accordance with the Township's Capital Equipment Replacement Program, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents required in connection with the loan agreements.

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Consider Resolution Authorizing Application to PennDOT for a Plan Revision to the School Flashing Signals on Upper Holland Road

Mr. Weinstein explained that the Council Rock School District is seeking to extend the School Zone signal at Richboro Elementary School on Upper Holland Road to include the Richboro Middle School property. The District intends to use the Middle School for elementary age students for the 2018-2019 school years. The District believes the extending the School Zone will improve safety at the entrances to its properties. It is responsible for all costs associated with the project.

McMahon Associates submitted a proposal for \$8,500 to complete design and bidding services to add a new signal at the west end of the existing School Zone to replace an existing signal. The District approved the proposal and agreed to pay this cost. McMahon also estimated installation cost at \$23,500.

Mr. Weinstein announced the installation of the new signal and an extension of the existing School Zone requires an amendment to the signal permit plan for the existing signals, and requires that the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of the permit application and plan amendment to PennDOT.

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to approve Resolution R-18-6 authorizing the Township Manager to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a revision to the School Zone signals on Upper

Holland Road between the Richboro Elementary School and the Richboro Middle School to extend the School Zone as requested by the Council Rock School District

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Dr. Rose reiterated the School District is paying for this and Chairman Moore thanked Mr. Weinstein for bringing this important matter to the Board's attention.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution for Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Grant Application for Municipal Park All-Inclusive Playground Improvement Project

Mrs. Silver noted The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) offers a grant program to fund park development and rehabilitation. The deadline for 2018 applications is Wednesday, April 11. You will recall that the Township submitted a grant for this project last year but was not selected. DCNR staff asked Nancy Opalka the Parks and Recreation Director to resubmit the application as it is a highly worthy project.

At its recent meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board briefly discussed this 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, once again, that the Township submit a grant application to DCNR to fund this 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 of 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.

The Township must provide a 50% match to the amount of the money awarded. The estimated cost of the project is over \$600,000, and the match can be met by a combination of the Township and Miracle League funds. The Township will request a grant in the amount of \$300,000.

Mrs. Silver explained a requirement of the grant program is to have a resolution from the municipal governing body authorizing submission of the grant application and designating a Township official to execute the application and other documents related to any grant award. In this case, the Resolution is the standard DCNR format.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution R-18-7 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 an all-inclusive playground facility

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Consider Emergency Declaration Resolution for Winter Storm on March 20, 2018

Mrs. Silver read from a resolution declaring a limited state of emergency on March 20, 2018 at 1800 hours due to a snow emergency. This same resolution declares the limited state of emergency is no longer in effect as of 1500 hours on March 22, 2018.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-O'Donnell) to approve Resolution R-18-8 declaring a limited state of emergency effective 1800 hours, March 20, 2018 and ending on March 22, 2018 at 1500 hours.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver and Dr. Rose both listed several actions that should be followed during a snow emergency.

- Shoveling your sidewalk, do not put the snow back in the street
- Keep your cars off of the road so the snow plows can get thru the neighborhoods more efficiently
- Keep your fire hydrants shoveled out in case of a Fire

Motion Passed 5-0.

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- No Historic Commission meeting was held in March. The next one is scheduled for April 19, 2018.
- The Awesome Project sponsored by the Senior Center is proving to be a huge success, with many extra benefits that only come with being a member.
- Tri-Hampton held a class at the Senior Center on how to respond to a medical emergency. Tri-Hampton is a great community resource.
- Spring is around the corner and the Bocce and Golf League is starting, call the Senior Center for more information.
- The annual Senior Center St. Patrick's Day Event was held on March 16, 2018 from 12 pm until 2 pm. Approximately 98 tickets were sold and overall was a tremendous success.
- The Spring Fling Shopping event will be held at the Senior Center On April 20, 2018 from 5 pm until 9 pm. Over 50 vendors will attend.
- April 16, Coffee with Cops and a drug take back event will be held. Come out meet one of your local law enforcement personnel, dispose of your outdated or unused drugs and get a piece of special dessert for participating.
- Reminder yard waste is the day after trash day beginning April 1. Lawn and Leaf Bags can be purchased at the Township Administration Building. In addition, any trash can be made into a recycle bin, pick up your stickers for this conversion also at the Administration Building

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcement:

- The Municipal Authority Meeting did not meet this month.
- The Municipal Authority has just released its newsletter and has made sure the document is more readable, right in the front is a notice about the relocation of offices, many interesting articles on various topics.
- A review of the process of inflow and infiltration was explained
- On April 14 at the Library District Attorney Matt Weintraub will be speaking on the opioid epidemic. If interested in attending, contact the Library for more information.
- The Library held a fundraiser titled painting with a purpose on Saturday, March 24 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. Tickets were \$35 with 50% of the fee going directly to the Library.
- The Northampton Free Library is a PA Forward Library, and therefore must meet the following literacy core values: Basic, Information, Civil, Social, Health, and Financial. Over the course of the year, they will be holding specialized seminars that meet one or

more of these core values, i.e., In March a voting rights seminar will be held to meet the civil core value. For more information and a listing of upcoming core value workshops, visit the library's website.

Mr. Weinstein made the following announcements:

- Echoed the comments of other Board members on the outstanding job the Public Works Department performs on a daily basis

Volunteer Fire Company:

- Firefighters are tagged as personnel who just fight fires, but they do so much More. They train every Monday night and recently over 50 members of the NTVFC were recertified in Hazardous Materials Response.

Police Department:

- I am very glad that we voted to move forward on the police station bids tonight. We will likely complete the bids at the April 25 meeting.
- There is a coffee with cops at the senior center on April 16
- On April 28 from 10-2 in front of Murray's IGA, there is a drug take back. Please bring your unwanted prescription and nonprescription drugs over so they do not fall into the hands of our children.
- Great job by our department who recently made arrests in a theft ring. The defendants were allegedly using stolen identities to order items to township homes that did not order the packages and would grab the packages with the goods obtained under false pretenses. When the officers made the arrests, they found much contraband. This theft ring involves multiple jurisdictions.
- It is very difficult being a police officer and they are far too often wrongly criticized. This month already there have been 11 officers killed nationally in the line of duty. We need to appreciate our officers.

Council Rock School District

- I recently attended a meeting at rolling Hills Elementary school where Susan Elliot, assistant superintendent spoke on professional learning communities or PLC's. The idea behind them is for teachers to get more one on one time with students to give them additional enrichment in an area where they may require extra help. Because of the time devoted to the PLC for grades, one through three-recess time will be reduced from 45 to 30 minutes daily. English language arts will be reduced by 16 minutes each day and math will be increased by 15 minutes each day. For grades, one through six science and social studies will be reduced by about 20 minutes a day. For those at the middle

school on the days that the PLC will occur, it will be during the R.A. period. This will occur on days three and six in their schedule and each class on those days will be reduced by two minutes.

- During the next school year, council rock will be implementing Alice training. This program is a learning approach to implement school security plans through training drills and exercises to prepare for active shooters in one of our schools. More details are to follow.
- I hope the kids are enjoying spring break. It will last through the rest of the week. The last day of school and graduation day will be on June 20. Council rock North will graduate at four and Council rock south will graduate at six
- At the last Council Rock Board of School Directors, meeting on March 15 it was announced that policies for student expression and student attendance would be discussed and reviewed in light of the recent student walk out. The board also approved the contract with cropper GIS to perform another demographic study, which will include enrollment projections. This will cost \$16,000. This is being done because of board dissatisfaction with Sundance. The board also approved Council Rock Summer 2018 capital projects, which include Wrightstown Elementary. The board also approved a future environmental study for the rolling hills elementary school renovation project
- At the end of the last meeting, school board member Wendi Thomas resigned from the board, as she is seeking to succeed Scott Petri as State Representative. Wendi's announcement was met by her fellow board members with many wishes for success in her endeavor to be our next state representative.
- If interested in applying to replace Wendi on the school board, please send an email to Rfraser@crsd.org by 5 PM on April 3
- Council Rock has decided that redistricting meetings will remain closed to the public. No word yet on when a decision will be made as to what map will be used
- Congrats to the Council Rock Education Foundation on a very successful fundraiser known as the duel. The council rock education foundation also recently received a \$25,000 donation from Fred beans auto dealers.
- Registration deadline is April 20 if students want to participate in the council rock evening summer music school program
- On April 8 15th and 22nd at Council rock, North 4th through eighth graders can participate in the Scott Mills memorial hockey clinic. A portion of proceeds goes to the

Scott Mills Memorial scholarship fund. If interested, please email coach Belz lbelz@crsd.org or get a registration form at CRSD.org

- Council rock south qualified a record eight wrestlers to the recent state tournament. Kyle Waterman placed fifth and Ben Radner placed seventh.
- Three Council Rock South swimming and diving team members qualified for the PIAA state championship. They were Phoebe Shaya, Kelsey Robinson, and Greg Roytman. Phoebe Shaya won the bronze medal in the diving category.
- Congrats to the council rock south hockey team, which made a semifinal appearance in the hockey flyers club classic
- Congrats, to Simon Asadoorian a member of the Council Rock South bowling team who qualified for the PIAA state bowling tournament.
- April is autism awareness month.
- Council Rock South scholars' bowl team finished in third place in Bucks County
- Congrats, to CR South graduate Justin Pugh on signing a five-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals. Justin gives a lot back to this community.
- Hope everyone has a meaningful and joyous Easter and Passover

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- Parks and Recreation met on February 1, 2018; at this meeting, the user groups reported an increase in younger children signing up for spring sports.
- The Northampton Indians have just announced a year round football program. In addition, a flag football program has just started.
- The Parks and Recreation Spring brochure have arrived; look through all the events being offered. There is something for everyone.
- Reserve your spot for the Bunny Hunt.
- Summer programs and camps are filling up quickly; make sure to reserve your spot.
- Pool memberships are available see the newsletter for more information
- The Veterans Advisory Commission met on March 19, at 7:00 pm.
- Michael Bodkin has resigned from the Veterans Advisory Commission and we thank him for his hard work as part of the Board. Due to his resignation, there is now an opening on the board and all interested persons are invited to submit an application to serve.

- The Veterans Advisory Commission will have a table at Northampton Days, stop by and see what they are doing and what programs are available
- A Boy Scout will be performing work at the Demobowski Veterans Park as part of his Eagle Scout project; this is expected to take place in September.
- Auditions for youth singers to perform at Township events. Information will be posted on the website
- The Churchville Nature Center will be holding their fourth annual Rocks and Mineral Expo on April 7 and 8.
- The Holland Little League will be holding their annual parade on April 7 on the Middle Holland Road
- On April 14, Senator Tomlinson will be holding his annual Kids Expo at Council Rock South from 11 am until 2 pm.
- Hope everyone has a meaningful and joyous Easter and Passover and Happy Spring

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The Board received an unsolicited offer for the Northampton Municipal Authority. To dispel any rumors, the Board is not interested in pursuing this at this time.

Consider Execution of Letter of Intent to Purchase the Northampton Country Club

A letter of intent has been received to purchase the Northampton Valley Country Club; this includes running the golf course and catering business. The purchase price is \$12.5 million dollars. A copy of the letter of intent will be placed on the website.

Chairman Moore noted, everything as far as running the Country Club would stay the same. All employees will be kept intact. This letter of intent gives the Township 90 days to perform their due diligence and if interest rates rise about 4%, the Township can back out of the deal. This letter of intent is a structural non-binding agreement.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Dr. Rose stated this is worth looking into, to potentially bring another source of income into the Township. Hiring a professional company to run it, all employees will keep their jobs and it would be an investment into the community.

Mrs. Silver stated the Township will be performing their due diligence and weighing the pros and cons.

Mr. Weinstein consulted with the Attorney on this matter and will abstain from voting due to his holding an event there.

Mr. O'Donnell opposes purchasing a golf course.

Chairman Moore deferred to Mr. Pizzo to outline the letter of intent, explain the 90 days and other issues involving the signing of the letter of intent. Mr. Pizzo also stated this is now a public document and can be put on the website.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to authorize the signing of a non-binding letter of intent to explore with the possibility of the Township purchasing the Northampton Valley Country Club.

Chairman Moore called for public comment.

Joe Johnson, 41 Grant Drive, questioned when the negotiations began on this process. Chairman Moore replied this has been in discussion for over 20 years and that it was George Komelasky's vision. Mr. Johnson stated this should not have been discussed tonight, as it was not an agenda item, it should have been announced so that residents are prepared and would have a chance to speak.

Chairman Moore replied this is a non-binding agreement, and it puts the Township in a position to perform research, ask questions, so an informed decision can be made.

Motion Passed 3-1-1 (with Weinstein abstaining and O'Donnell voting nay).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pizzo stated the Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting for approximately 30 minutes and present for that meeting were members of the Board of Supervisors, the Codes and Zoning Director, the Township Engineer, and myself the Township Solicitor. A matter of potential Real Estate Acquisition was discussed; no official action during the executive session, official action was taken during tonight's meeting. In the form of approval for a letter of intent to purchase the Northampton Valley Country Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary