

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors took place virtually using the Zoom platform. The virtual meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present were:

Adam Selisker
Eileen Silver
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Frank O'Donnell
Barry Moore
Robert Pellegrino
William Wert
Joseph Pizzo
Jacob Rigg

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors took place virtually using the Zoom platform. The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam Selisker
Eileen Silver
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Frank O'Donnell
Barry Moore

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager
Jacob Rigg, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman Selisker sent condolences from the Board and the community to a local family who lost their daughter to a horrific crime in another state.

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Selisker explained the procedures for public comment and how to email questions to be read and answered. Chairman Selisker also provided an update on the status of the Township and its operations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

FLAG PRESENTATION

Mr. O'Donnell announced United States Army Specialist Even Exten has returned home from a 10-month deployment in Iraq. His Army Flag will be removed from the display and will be replaced with his United States Flag signifying his safe return home. The Board thanked Specialist Exten for his service. Mr. O'Donnell noted Specialist Exten's mother and stepfather are also part of Warriors of the Watch. Chairman Selisker commented on a parade that was held from the airport to Specialist Exten's home in his honor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board meeting minutes of February 24, 2021, were approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable of March 10, 2021, for \$1,073,803.35 and, of March 24, 2021, for \$639,932.16, were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Bids for Sidewalk and ADA Improvements Along Second Street Pike (SR0232) and Newtown Richboro Road (SR0332)

Mr. Moore noted the bids were opened by McMahon Associates on February 16, 2021, for the Richboro Sidewalk Project. The project consists of installing Richboro 2000 style sidewalks on certain properties along Second Street Pike where none currently exist to improve pedestrian safety and walkability in the downtown area, consistent with recommendations in the Richboro Village Master Plan.

The Township received four bids for the project as follows:

Company	Base Bid	Option Bid	Total
G&B Construction Group, Inc.	\$475,210.00	\$151,182.50	\$626,392.50
Ply-Mar Construction Co, Inc.	\$524,526.00	\$127,518.00	\$652,044.00
T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc.	\$627,781.00	\$181,476.00	\$809,257.00
Road-Con, Inc.	\$808,063.49	\$210,837.50	\$1,018,900.99

The base bid includes all sidewalks as shown on the attached map, except the four properties on Second Street Pike between the Sunoco Station and Addisville Church. Those properties were included in an Option Bid since each property requires a retaining wall due to grade. All

affected property owners executed either permanent utility easements, temporary construction easements, or both.

The Township received a \$500,000 grant for this project from the Commonwealth's Multi-Modal Fund program and is required to provide 30% in matching funds. Our matching requirement will be satisfied by funding the engineering design, bidding, and construction observation costs, most of which have already been paid using previously received fees collected instead of constructing sidewalks on certain development projects.

The Township has \$520,000 budgeted in 2021 for this project. Also, the Township will receive \$12,100 from the Addisville Commons Development for the construction of a sidewalk alongside the Addisville Cemetery property, and has an additional \$91,677 remaining in its sidewalk account, for a total available balance of \$623,777.

Based on the availability of funds, the Administration recommends a bid award to G&B Construction Group, Inc., Willow Grove, PA for \$626,392.50, including \$475,210 for the Base Bid and \$151,182.50 for the Option Bid. Please note that this total contract cost is based on unit pricing for quantities estimated by McMahon Associates, and could vary slightly from the bid amount.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Rose) to award a contract to G&B Construction Group, Inc., Willow Grove, PA in the total estimated bid amount of \$626,392.50, based on unit pricing as submitted in the bid proposal, for installation of sidewalks along certain portions of Second Street Pike and Newtown-Richboro Road, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all contract documents required for this project.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

The Board was all in agreement that the goal is to make the Township more walkable. Mr. O'Donnell stated he is not agreeing to approve this bid due to the proposed decorative bricks. Mr. O'Donnell noted that the decorative bricks take away the beauty of the sidewalks, do not hold up, do not stay imbedded, and come loose causing a maintenance issue and a hazard.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

Motion passed 4-1 (with Mr. O'Donnell voting nay).

Mr. Moore stated a letter was received from a resident concerning a post made by the Police Department on Facebook regarding the safety of and kids riding bikes in high traffic areas such as the shopping center and downtown Richboro and it asked that parents have a conversation with their children regarding the need to be cautious and courteous in these areas. The letter blamed the Township and the Police Department for this. Mr. Moore stated the Board supports the Police Department and the asking of parents to have discussions with their children on the importance of safety when riding their bicycles through town and in parking lots. The Board

agreed in unison that the Police Department has responsibility for public safety and they have acted appropriately when addressing issues of this nature.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Submission and Execution of Documents to Amend the Traffic Signal Permit for Newtown-Richboro Road and Holland Road Traffic Signal

Mrs. Silver explained as part of its land development plan approval for the construction associated with the Foxlane Homes development previously known as (KMMHH) and will be called the Estates at Tyler Park is adding a fourth leg to the intersection of Newtown-Richboro Road and Holland Road. The developers are required to make certain improvements to the traffic signal at the entrance of the Development on Newtown-Richboro Road. These improvements include adding a fourth leg at the southbound approach, all associated traffic signal equipment, and upgrade the pedestrian pushbuttons.

To revise the existing permit plan for these improvements, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires a Resolution from the Board of Supervisors designating an individual to execute PennDOT Form TE-160, "Application for Traffic Signal Approval" each time a Traffic Signal Permit Plan is submitted to the Department for review and approval.

The Administration recommends the Township Manager be authorized to execute and file the permit application on behalf of the Township

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-O'Donnell) to approve Resolution #R-21-11 authorizing the Township Manager to execute and file PennDOT Form TE-160, "Application for a Traffic Signal Approval" with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for certain improvements to the intersection of Newtown-Richboro Road and Holland Road.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for 2021 Road Milling Program

Mr. O'Donnell outlined the bid results for the 2021 roadway milling project with a recommendation from Gilmore and Associates for bid award. The Township received five (5) bids using the PennBid system. The bid results are as follows:

James D. Morrissey, Inc., Philadelphia, PA	\$171,622.68
B. Blair Corp., Ivyland, PA	\$179,473.10
Haines Paving, Inc., Rushland, PA	\$186,985.90
Associated Paving Contractors, Warminster, PA	\$214,172.08
Couzins, Inc., North Wales, PA	\$244,961.75

The bid includes milling Township roads representing approximately 7 miles of the Township system. A recommendation from the Township Engineer and a map showing the road locations were included in the Board packets for reference.

The Administration recommends a bid award to James D. Morrissey, Inc., Philadelphia, PA for roadway milling for \$171,622.68 based on the quoted price of \$2.04 per square yard for a 2-inch maximum depth milling, and \$2.12 per square yard for 4-foot wide taper milling at depths from 0-inches to 2-inches.

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell - Silver) to award a bid to James D. Morrissey, Inc., of Philadelphia, PA for roadway milling for \$2.04 per square yard for 2-inch maximum depth milling, and \$2.12 per square yard for 4-foot wide taper milling at depths from 0-inches to 2-inches for a total cost of \$171,622.68 based on the quantities outlined in the bid documents and specifications for roadway milling bids.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Road Materials

Mr. O'Donnell stated on behalf of Bucks County Consortium, New Britain Township advertised bids for bituminous asphalt materials and stone on February 5th and 9th, 2021.

The tabulation details the bid results for the materials we intend to purchase. A total of 6 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, #2A Stone Mix, Super Pave 19.0 mm Binder, Super Pave 25.0 mm Binder
2. **Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC** – Detack, Crackmaster 3405 Type II
3. **Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., Newtown, PA** – #1B ½" Stone, #2B ¾" Stone, #4 Ballast Stone, Super Pave 9.5 mm Wearing Course

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Rose) to award contracts for Bituminous Asphalt Mixtures, Crack Sealing Materials, and Stone to Eureka Stone Quarry Inc., Chalfont, PA, Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., Newtown, PA, and Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, Inc, Bensalem, PA at their bid prices to the Bucks County Consortium.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

Mr. O'Donnell stated the Board realized the need for dedicated road maintenance and has put a dedicated tax toward this to ensure at least 10 miles of road maintenance can be met each year. Dr. Rose agreed and noted the roadbotics program has helped determine the areas that are in need. Chairman Selisker stated the Board is honoring its commitment regarding the upkeep of the Township Roads.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Resolution Declaring and Rescinding Snow Emergency Declaration (February 18, 2021)

Dr. Rose noted a resolution declaring a limited state of emergency on February 18, 2021, at 0600hours (6:00 am) due to a snow emergency. This same resolution declares the limited state of emergency is no longer in effect as of 16:00 hours (4:00 PM) on February 19, 2021.

The following is a motion that would authorize the declaration and repeal the limited state of emergency due to a snow emergency.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver)to approve Resolution #R-21- 12 declaring a limited state of emergency effective 0600 hours, February 18, 2021, and ending on February 19, 2021, at 16:00 hours.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The Senior Center is still making calls and checking in on our Seniors and still offering virtual activities.
- The Senior Center is sending out email blasts with vital information and their Bi-Monthly newsletter is posted on their website. Call the center at 215-357-8199 with any questions.
- The Parks and Recreation Departments are providing virtual classes, and programs. Go to northamptonpa.myrec.com for current information on the various classes, activities, and programs being offered. The new brochure is now available.
- P&R will hold summer camp this year, protocols will be in place, watch for emails for updates.
- Northampton's Park and Recreation Summer Camp and Swim Club have employment opportunities available. See the Parks and Recreation website for further information and applications.

Mr. O'Donnell made the following announcements:

- The Veterans Advisory Commission met and the Memorial Day Event was discussed and as the date gets closer determination will be made about in person or if it will be virtual.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The Zoning Hearing Board approved two residential building lots at Advent Church on Worthington Mill Road next to Highspire. Both developments are zoned R-2.
- The Zoning Hearing Board meeting for the Wawa will take place on April 12th.
- The Planning Commission meeting for the Wawa will take place on April 13th.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will hear an application on April 22 for the Trinity Church to construct a townhome and apartment complex on the church property at Buck Road.
- On Stoneyford Road an application has been submitted for a nine home development zoned R-3.
- Activity is happening at Spring Mill and on East Holland at the Waverly Sub-Division.

Mrs. Silver made the following announcements:

- The Library will hold its meeting on March 25th via the zoom platform. Check the Township website for the link.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Judge Bill Benz on his retirement. He has served the community in many capacities and the Board wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Pizzo announced the Board has met in an executive session on March 10, 2021. The members of the Board, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Wert, the Township Engineer, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. A matter of personnel was discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session and no action was required at tonight's meeting as a result of the executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary