

The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:00 pm.

Present were:

Adam M. Selisker
Paula Gasper
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert Salzer
Michael Solomon
Joseph Pizzo
Amanda Fuller
Robert M. Pellegrino
William Wert

Agenda items were reviewed and discussed.

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam M. Selisker
Paula Gasper
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert M. Salzer

Members of the Board absent were:

Barry Moore

Others present were:

Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
William Wert, Assistant Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

MINUTES

The Board meeting minutes of June 22, 2022, was approved by unanimous consent.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable for July 13, 2022, for \$1,908,046.27 and, for July 27, 2022, for \$1,069,357.60 were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Execute All Documents in Connection with Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority/Department of Community Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund for Phase 2 of Sidewalk Improvements in Richboro

Mr. Salzer stated following a successful Phase 1 of the Richboro Sidewalk Project completed earlier this year, the Township Administration is recommending the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority/Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program (CFA/DCED MTF) for Phase 2 of the Richboro Sidewalk Project.

This project will provide connections to the Village of Richboro from the residential areas surrounding the Village. These residential areas currently do not have dedicated pedestrian access.

The Richboro Sidewalk Phase 2 project includes the addition of approximately 4,300 feet of sidewalk in nine separate segments throughout the Village. It has been recommended the Township request \$1,976,103 in CFA/DCED MTF grant funding for the construction of the proposed sidewalk. For this grant round the Township can request a waiver from the requirement to provide the 30% match as required by the grant. However, it is recommended that the Township fund the design of the proposed sidewalk and provide for inspection during the construction of the improvements should the project receive grant funding. A requirement of the grant application is a Resolution from the Board requesting the grant funds and authorizing a Township official to execute all documents associated with the grant program.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to adopt Resolution R-22-13 authorizing the Township Manager to file a grant application with the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority/Department of Community Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program to construct sidewalks identified in Phase 2 in the Village of Richboro and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements required by the grant program.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Giant on their Grand Opening on June 7th.
- The Township held a food drive, with some friendly competition among the Board. Board member Bob Salzer won for being the highest donor. The Fire Company held a fill the Fire Truck. All food and donations went to the Jesus Focus Ministry Food Pantry. Over 5,000 pounds of food was collected.
- The Senior Center held its 2nd event for the 300th Anniversary. The instructors taught the participants to spin flax. More community events to come to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the Township.
- If you are 55 or over you can become a member of the Senior Center for \$25.00 a year.
- Many exciting events are planned for the Senior Center for 2022. Check their website at nhsc@nhtwp.org or call 215-357-8799 for more information.
- The Parks and Recreation Department still has specialty camps that are offered until the end of August. Go to northamptonrec.com for an up-to-date schedule and register for the events being offered.
- The summer concerts are held on Thursday nights during the summer at the Municipal Park Amphitheater. July 28th is Southern Edge and the season ends on August 4th with the Fabulous Grease Band.
- Looking for a day trip find discounted tickets through Parks and Recreation. For a complete list of discounted tickets call 215-357-6800.
- Pre-School still has spots open for the fall.
- The Fall Brochure will reach households at the end of August.
- Thank you to all the residents who participated in the food drive.

Paula Gasper made the following announcements:

- The Veterans Advisory Commission and the Library have not met during June or July.
- The 300th committee has been working hard to provide the residents with some facts about the Township. History panels starting with the birth of our Township are now on display along the paths in the Municipal Park
- Tickets for our Friday Fun Fest on September 23rd at the Civic Center Basin are on sale now. Music, craft brews, refreshments, food, vendors, and games will be available.
- Check out Northamptontownship.com for more information and upcoming events.

Robert J. Salzer made the following announcements on behalf of Barry Moore

- PennDot awarded a contract to H&K Inc., for the Worthington Mill Bridge repair work. This project is starting on August 29, 2022, and is expected to take about 21 months of construction. The anticipated completion date is May 21, 2024.
- The reconstruction of Elm Avenue including the resurfacing from Holland Road to Bustleton Pike has been completed.
- The 2022 Microsurfacing on approximately 3.6 miles of roadway has been completed. This program is expected to extend the life of the roads which helps the Township to meet the goals of improving roadways at a rate of 10 miles per year.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

- The Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority has agreed to an exclusive negotiation period with Aqua for the sale of all the water, sewer, and sanitary sewer assets. Aqua has offered to purchase this system for 1.1 billion dollars.
- The Northampton Township Municipal Authority is one of Bucks Counties' largest wholesale sanitary sewer customers of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. The sale discussions could last up to one year but could be sold at any time. The Northampton Municipal Authority is strongly objecting to this sale.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- A groundbreaking was held on July 25th for the new Fire Stations. Thanked Bill Wert, the Assistant Manager for putting it all together.

Paula Gasper announcement's continued:

- Residents have approached and announced their displeasure of the possible Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority sale.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No Report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Newsletters have been mailed and residents should be receiving them shortly.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Board met in executive session for approximately 1 hour immediately before tonight's meeting. The following Board members were in attendance, Mr. Selisker, Dr. Rose, Mr. Salzer, and Mrs. Gasper, Mr. Moore was absent, Mr. Pellegrino, Township Manager, Mr. Wert, the Assistant Manager, and Mr. Pizzo himself were in attendance. One matter of ongoing litigation

and two matters of potential litigation were discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session and no action was required tonight because of that executive session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Entin, 211 Bristol Road, questioned if the Board has any say in the sale of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. Would residents be able to choose a different provider?

Chairman Selisker responded the Board of Supervisors does not have a say in these matters relating to the Water and Sewer Authority and suggested interested persons should attend the Northampton Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority meetings to have their concerns addressed.

Mr. Pellegrino explained that wholesale buys in bulk and retail are determined by the type of business.

A resident questioned if there is there any other company to choose from.

Mr. Pellegrino stated if the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority makes an agreement that would have to be honored and a new deal may have to be negotiated.

Dr. Rose asked the Chairman to have the Administration reach out to Tom Zeuner, Director of the Northampton Municipal Authority to attend our next meeting and give an update.

The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Authority would be on August 3, at 6:30 pm at 815 Bustleton Pike.

Mr. Calhoun, 9 Ronald Drive, spoke on his residency in the Township and bringing the NADC Museum concept to the Township in 2017. In April of 2022, this concept was turning into a reality, then the Township removed the sign announcing the site would be the future home of the NADC Museum. Mr. Calhoun feels this is a breach of contract, and the Township reversed the decision with no cause.

Mike McGuire, 31 E. Elizabeth Lane, stated he is representing the Johnsville Centrifuge and was disheartened to hear the Township is not interested in pursuing this project for a museum. Doesn't understand why this project is being terminated. On June 29th of 2022, \$165,000 was raised for this project and believes this should go forward. Mr. McGuire asked if a vote was taken by the Board to terminate this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Gasper, Secretary