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

Present were:

Adam M. Selisker

Barry Moore

Paula Gasper

Dr. Kimberly Rose

Robert Salzer

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

 Barry Moore

 Paula Gasper

Dr. Kimberly Rose

Robert M. Salzer

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager

Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer

Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

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 the military, and emergency service personnel.

**CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Selisker stated the Board is wearing pink shirts tonight in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Hopefully, someday they will find a cure, in the meantime, we will keep all the survivors and those still fighting in our thoughts and prayers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board meeting minutes of September 27, 2023, were presented by Mrs. Gasper.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The accounts payable of October 11, 2023, for $2,540,443.35, and October 25, 2023, for $2,517,583.83 were presented by Dr. Rose.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Gasper) to approve the consent items. All consent items were approved by Unanimous Consent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Bids for Solid Waste Disposal Contract**

Mr. Moore stated the Township opened bids on October 16 for a new solid waste disposal contract and received bids from Waste Management, Win-Waste (formerly Wheelabrator-Falls), and J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc. The current contract with Win-Waste expires on December 31, 2023. The bid specifications require per-ton pricing for an initial 5-year contract period and a 5-year contract extension period. A bid summary was provided.

Waste Management is the low bidder on a unit price basis; however, there is a concern that the Capacity Certification submitted with their bid proposal only documents a life forecast for its landfill through April 2028, or 8 months before the expiration of the first 5-year contract term. A copy of the Certification was provided.

In subsequent communication with Waste Management, we learned that the Company has filed an application with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to expand the landfill capacity through 2035 with expected approval in the next 2 to 3 years.

Based on a concern that the Township could face difficulty with its waste disposal if a DEP permit for capacity expansion is delayed or denied, the Administration recommends all bids be rejected and the Township advertises again for new bids.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Rose) to reject all bids received for a new solid waste disposal contract and authorize the Township Manager to re-advertise new bids for this service.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Authorize Sale of Surplus Equipment**

Mr. Salzer explained Greg Hucklebridge, Public Works Director has indicated that we can sell the provided list of surplus items. These items are expected to be valued at more than $2,000 and as a result, can only be sold when authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

The Administration requests your approval to sell this equipment at a public auction on the Municibid website. If you agree with this recommendation, the following motion would be appropriate:

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Gasper) to authorize the Township Administration to sell surplus equipment at public auction as recommended by the Department of Public Works in a memorandum dated October 17, 2023.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**REPORTS**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

* Mark your calendars for Friday night, December 1st from 5 until 8:30 pm there will be a Holiday Marketplace at the senior center. The building will be filled with over 50 vendors It’s also a great opportunity to support local artists and vendors. Admission is free and open to everyone.
* Marketplace vendor spaces are still available. If interested in being a vendor please call the center at (215)357-8199.
* The Senior Center has many classes, educational programs, special events, parties, and bus trips for ages 55 and older. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call (215) 357-8199 for more information or stop by the center located at 165 Township Road for a tour. The center’s hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. – to 3:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – to 8 p.m. Another great source of information is the center’s website at northamptonsc.com.
* The Parks and Recreation Department has just added new programs:
* Morning Beginner Pickleball

9 AM and 10 AM four-week sessions starting Tuesday, November 7.

* Family Cupcake Decorating:

 Holiday Cupcake Decorating Friday, 12/15 from 6:30-7:30pm

* GIRLS NIGHT OUT (BYOB)

 Cupcakes and Cocktails 1/21 from 6:30-7:30 pm

* On Friday, October 13th, 150 residents participated in “Star Gazing in the Park.” Special thanks to the Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association for providing information on the planets during our Solar Walk. They concentrated on Jupiter and Saturn, as they were highly visible that night – all who participated got to see both planets through their telescopes and it was a sight they won’t soon forget.
* Check out Scarecrow Row on display now in the Municipal Park. Local Businesses and Residents have entered a scarecrow for your judging! Visit the park and vote for your favorite entry!
* Halloween Happening will take this Saturday, October 28 at 11 AM in the Municipal Park. Enjoy the costume parade, DJ, and entertainment. Trophies will be awarded for best costume and the first 300 participants will receive a free treat bag!
* Saturday, December 16 is Northampton Township’s Annual Storytime with Mrs. Claus. This popular special event is still available and will fill fast.
* The Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure is in resident mailboxes and online. To view the full schedule of classes, visit our website [www.northamptonrec.com](http://www.northamptonrec.com) for up-to-date class information.

Mrs. Gasper made the following announcements:

* The Veterans Advisory Commission is still looking for veterans to add to their Veterans Roster.
* The location has moved for Veterans Day and will now be held at the CR STAR School, 30 Upper Holland, Road, on November 11, 2023, at 10:00 am. The Veteran's bricks that have been purchased will be showcased, the Council Rock South Marching Band will perform, and a couple of local veterans will be honored.
* After the Board of Supervisors formally adopted the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan for the library, the Plan was shared publicly at both Senator Farry’s Senior Expo and Northampton Day using posters and specially-made bookmarks. The library has publicized the Plan on both its website homepage and with posts on social media. The library has several posters hanging throughout the building where patrons can access the Plan using QR a code.
* The Library Board has begun discussions on how best to structure the organization and planning of the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Currently, the members are planning to split the responsibilities among all members to develop the first set and schedule of goals to be met within each of the 4 Priorities. They were asked to consider which Priorities they’d like to be involved with. As these discussions develop into recommendations, they will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
* The Library Board is also planning to create an onboarding list of expectations of future Board members as they cycle onto the Library Board.
* The library has exceeded 2,100 volunteer hours year-to-date for the first time since 2019.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

* The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority presented its draft budget in October and expects to vote on the final budget in November. There is no rate increase proposed.
* Keep the victims of the terrorist attacks happening in Israel in your thoughts during this horrific time.

**Special Comments by Board Members:**

Each of the Board members took turns echoing Mr. Salzer’s comments and announced their support of Israel.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

* The Zoning Hearing Board met on October 23 and several residential applications. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 13.
* The Old Mill Race Inn is in Land Development to construct 39 Residential Condominiums above commercial offices. This plan should come before the Board soon.
* A tour of the new Station 3 Firehouse took place earlier in the week. The layout and design of the building is outstanding. Thanked Adam Selisker, Robert Pellegrino, and William Wert for all their hard work and organization on this project.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

* Fire Prevention Open House that was scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Park was canceled due to weather. No rain date was proposed.
* The new firehouses are expected to be completed by January 2024 and open houses are to tour these new facilities will be scheduled. The public is invited to take a personal tour at any time once the building is finished and occupied.
* Thanked all the residents for writing in and showing their support for Israel.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

* No Report

**ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT**

* No Report

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

* No Report

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

* No Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Paula Gasper, Secretary