

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  
Ken Farris  
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 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were:

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

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager  
William Wert, Assistant Manager  
Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer  
Ken Farris, Township Solicitor

#### **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.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### **Miracle League – 15-year Anniversary**

Dr. Rose called forward Lenny Fisher, various other members of the Miracle League Board, and athletes. Dr. Rose presented a proclamation recognizing 15 years of contributions to the Northampton Community and for its service to over 250 individuals with special needs in Northampton Township and neighboring communities.

**Becky Arbaugh – Life-Saving Event**

Chairman Selisker called forward Becky Arbaugh, Tri-Hampton Rescue and the Northampton Township Police Department to recognize her for her life-saving efforts in saving a child who was struggling to breathe. Mrs. Arbaugh stressed the importance of learning CPR.

**EMS Week Proclamation**

Chairman Selisker called forward Deputy Chief Raymond George of Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad, along with several other members of Tri-Hampton to receive a proclamation recognizing EMS Week during the week of May 19 – May 24, 2004.

**Public Works Week Proclamation**

Mr. Salzer called forward Mr. Greg Hucklebridge, Public Works Director, who accepted a proclamation on behalf of the Public Works Department recognizing May 19 – May 25, 2024 as Public Works Week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

The Board meeting minutes of April 17, 2024, were presented by Mrs. Gasper.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The accounts payable for May 8, for \$1,413,741.36, and for May 22, 2024, for \$1,314,593.15 were presented by Dr. Rose.

A motion was proposed by (Salzer-Rose) for the approval of the consent items. All of which received unanimous approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Recycling Disposal Contract Extension Renewal**

Mr. Moore explained the current contract with Waste Management for disposal of recycling materials expires on December 31, 2024. The initial contract was for a 5-year term with the option to extend the contract for two additional 5-year terms. This is a joint contract between Northampton Township, Upper Southampton Township, Lower Southampton Township, and Waste Management, executed when Northampton was part of the Southwest Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWBSWAC).

The contract provides for the municipalities to receive 70% of the value of any recycling materials sold by Waste Management as a credit toward the cost of material processing and disposal. The credit fluctuates each month based on the recycling materials market and affects the amount each municipality pays for disposal under the contract.

For example, in 2022, the monthly price for the sale of mixed recycling materials ranged from a high of \$70.14 to a low of (\$6.77) per ton, with an average monthly value of \$29.23 per ton. In 2023, the market improved and the range was between \$71.27 and \$48.09 per ton, with an average price of \$58.59 per ton. The higher value translates to a lower cost to the township. The 70% credit is applied monthly to the \$100.78 per ton cost to Waste Management for processing and disposal cost which is adjusted annually based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The provided Pricing Calculation Form for April 2024 shows the current value of recyclable materials, the current WM cost for processing and disposal (\$100.78), and the net cost per ton (\$44.31) to the Township after applying the 70% credit.

Northampton Township residents recycled 4,059 tons of material in 2022, and 3,818 tons in 2023. The three municipalities collectively recycled 7,184 tons of material in 2022, and 7,136 tons in 2023.

The Administration recommends the Board consider approving the attached Agreement that will extend the contract with Waste Management for another 5-year term.

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Rose) to approve a 5-year contract extension with Waste Management of Pennsylvania for recycling materials disposal beginning January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2029, and to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the contract extension Agreement.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Township Manager to Execute a Contract with PennDOT for the Iron Works Creek Sidewalk Project**

Mr. Salzer summarized the resolution that Bowman Engineering (formerly McMahan Associates) prepared a Richboro Sidewalk Improvement Plan that provides for sidewalk connections throughout Richboro.

In 2018, the Township received a PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant to provide a sidewalk connection along both sides of Second Street Pike over the Iron Works Creek, that when complete, will provide a continuous sidewalk connection from Tanyard Road to

Crossroad Plaza. The current construction estimate is \$1.3million which will be 100% funded by PennDOT.

The funding match obligation for the grant requires the Township to pay for the design, pre-engineering, and construction inspection services. Since the beginning of the project, the Township has invested \$223,745. The remaining Township costs for construction inspection services are estimated at \$160,000 to be incurred in 2025. PennDOT anticipates advertising for bids in September, opening bids in October with construction beginning as early as December, weather permitting.

A condition of this reimbursement grant requires the Board of Supervisors to adopt the enclosed resolution authorizing and designating Township officials to execute documents for the TASA Grant Agreement.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to adopt Resolution 24-7 authorizing and designating the Township Manager and/or Assistant Township Manager as the official(s) to execute documents for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Reimbursement Grant Agreement.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Consider Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment**

Mrs. Gasper explained that Dale Berton, Northampton Valley Country Club Golf Course Superintendent has indicated that we can sell the provided listing 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.

A motion was made and seconded (Gasper-Salzer) to authorize the Township Administration to sell surplus equipment at public auction as recommended by the Golf Course Superintendent in a memorandum dated May 15, 2024.

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

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

## **REPORTS**

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

- The first Parks and Recreation and Northampton Valley Country Club Joint Murder Mystery event was a huge success this past Saturday! A sold-out crowd laughed and enjoyed a delicious dinner while trying to figure out which one of the Golden Girls shot the Elvis Impersonator! The next mystery unfolds on June 8, 2024, with A Very Brady Murder – registration is now open and filling fast.
- NTPR joined other Bucks County townships and businesses to celebrate Earth Day on April 27 in Core Creek Park. Kristin Fullerton taught Bucks County residents how to turn organic materials into nutrient-rich soil or mulch, better known as composting. Every attendee walked away with tons of ideas to help our planet!
- The Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for our summer concert series, camp, and pool seasons! We are excited to kick off the summer on Memorial Day with the opening of our pool. Council Rock Jazz Band will begin our concert series on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and our specialty camps begin on June 17. It is going to be an unforgettable summer.
- The approach of Memorial Day marks the start of the senior's bocce league. It's the most popular league at the center with 18 teams signed up for plenty of fun, laughter, and some exercise too!
- If bocce isn't your thing, there are plenty of other terrific classes and activities to choose from. Why not check out the newest class – Cardio Drumming? All it takes is a large exercise ball, a bucket, and a set of drumsticks. It's great exercise and a lot of fun!
- The Senior Center will be hosting two events for the Annual Bucks County Senior Games again this year. The Senior Games are a time when residents of Bucks County ages 50 and better come together to participate in friendly, relaxed sports and game competitions that are held throughout the county.
- On Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the pool players will meet in the center's billiards room for some very lively rounds of pool.
- The bocce competitions are scheduled through the day on the center's beautiful bocce courts on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. More details regarding the senior games can be found at the senior center or online at [www.buckscounty.gov](http://www.buckscounty.gov). It's past the deadline to register for the games, however cheerleaders are always welcome!

- Any questions you may have, 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 am – 3:30 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 9 am – 8 pm. Another great source of information is the center's website at northamptonsc.com. The senior center is an awesome community resource!

Mrs. Gasper made the following announcements:

- The library is gearing up for Summer Quest 2024 – the annual nationwide Summer Reading Program in which thousands of public libraries across the country participate. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library, and we kick off the program on Saturday, June 15 from 10 AM to noon with indoor activities, outdoor games, face-painting, Rita's Water Ice, and lots of fun!
- 2024 Summer Evening family events include Family Blanket Fort Night, a return of Talewise's science and storytelling, live animals with Eyes of the Wild, magician Ran'D Shine, DINOMAN!, and another Summer Glow Party. Stubby, the helicopter, makes an appearance on Friday, June 21 as well.
- Adult Programming for the summer includes presenters from the Northampton Fire and Police Departments, two visits by the Heritage Conservancy, the return of Annie Halliday of the Mercer Museum, NY Times Bestselling Author Lisa Wingate, the Bachman Players with John Adams and the Declaration of Independence, Jeff Krick's Elvis in Concert Tribute and William Monaghan performing Billy Joel tunes.
- The Northampton Township Veterans Advisory Commission will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at 9:00 am at Dembowski Park, at 8:00 am directly before this ceremony a plaque unveiling will be held at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Administration Building.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

- Remember to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice this Memorial Day.

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

- The Council Rock School District is sending out a Survey to gauge the interest in full-day Kindergarten. Mr. Moore spoke on the benefits of full-day Kindergarten, stating there will be no re-districting as a result of full-day kindergarten, the existing facilities are enough. All information on this matter can be found on the Council Rock School District website.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

- The Holland Fire Station is set to open in mid-June. This is guaranteed 24/7 Fire Service with a dedicated Paramedic Crew. Open houses for both Fire stations are yet to be determined.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Chairman Selisker announced Ken Ferris, Esq. is sitting in for Joe Pizzo.

**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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paula Gasper, Secretary