

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

Present were:

Adam M. Selisker
Dr. Kimberly Rose
Robert Salzer
Paula Gasper
Barry Moore
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 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were:

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

Others present were:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance with a Moment of Silence was observed with thoughts for flood victims in Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

CONSENT ITEMS

All consent items were presented together and approved with a single vote.

BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Gasper presented the Board meeting minutes of June 25, 2025, for approval.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Dr. Rose presented the Accounts Payable for approval: July 9, 2025, for \$1,578,188.35, and July 23, 2025, for \$1,219,678.

Consider Resolution R-25-13 Authorizing a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application for Phase 3 of the Richboro Sidewalk Program

Mr. Moore noted the application is for \$1,834,000 in grant funding for Phase 3 of the Richboro Sidewalk Program.

- The Township is requesting a waiver of the 30% matching funds requirement for the grant.
- This project involves new sidewalks along Tanyard Road and Pond View Drive, this project is considered a more complicated but important section for public safety.

Mr. Moore asked to consider approving Resolution R-25-13 authorizing the Administration 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 3 in the Village of Richboro and to authorize the Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements required by the grant program. This was part of the overall consent items vote.

Consider Bids for Pavement Markings

Mr. Salzer noted that two bids were received on July 17, 2025, through the PennBid system for the 2025 pavement marking projects.

- Roads included in the project are Lower Holland Road, Middle Holland Road, Addisville Way, East Holland Road, and two sections of Temperance Lane.
- The lowest bid was from Traffic Lines, Inc. for \$120,873.60 (base and alternate).
- Specific Action Taken: The board awarded only the base bid to Traffic Lines, Inc. for \$106,473, with the alternate bid being stricken. This was part of the overall consent items vote.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Gasper) to approve all consent items as presented carried unanimously. All consent items were presented together and approved with a single vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

None was heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Bids for Traffic Signal Installation at Leonard's Road, and Signal Improvements at Holland Road and Rock Way

Mr. Salzer noted on July 17, 2025, the Township received four (4) bids using the PennBid System for the new traffic signal and intersection improvements at St Leonards and Newtown-Richboro Roads and intersection improvements associated with two recent Green Light Go Grant awards.

In addition to the new traffic signal at St. Leonards Road, the intersections at Newtown-Richboro & Holland and Newtown-Richboro & Rock Way/Spring Garden Mill will receive ADA/sidewalk upgrades, pedestrian push buttons, and new signal heads. Combining all three (3) locations into one (1) project under a single contractor will improve overall project management and enhance signal coordination between the intersections—leading to better traffic flow and driving conditions.

The Administration recommends accepting the lowest qualified bidder, T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc., with a total cost of \$1,119,208.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Gasper) to award a bid of \$1,119,208.00 from T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, for a new traffic signal at St Leonards Road and Newtown-Richboro Road and other intersection Improvements at Newtown-Richboro Road and Holland Road, and at Newtown-Richboro Road and Rock Way/Spring Garden Mill Road. The project also includes intersection improvements associated with two recent Green Light Go grant awards.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

Mr. Salzer highlighted that there have been **69 reportable accidents** in this area over the last 10 years, emphasizing this is purely a **safety issue**.

Mrs. Gasper noted that the population is growing, and traffic is heavier.

Dr. Rose added that police responded to **92 calls** in that area over the last five years, indicating it is a "problem section".

Mr. Moore expressed excitement, stating that the project has been in the works for years and will improve traffic flow, especially for left-hand turns and access to Tyler Park.

Chairman Selisker confirmed that this intersection meets **multiple PennDOT criteria** for a traffic light. A key improvement is that the three traffic lights (Holland Road, Rockway, and the new St. Leonard's) will cooperate via GPS timing, improving traffic flow.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

Motion Passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

(Parks and Recreation)

- Concerts were delayed in a rainy June but have been successful in July, with residents appreciating outdoor performances. The July 11th Devlin performance drew around 250 residents, and the Cherry Lane Band concert attracted an even bigger crowd. The summer concert series continues, with Midlife Crisis performing tomorrow at the municipal park.
- New pickleball and basketball courts** have been very active, averaging **600 users per week** and trending upward. Dr. Rose thanked the board and the parks and recreation board for their support.
- Discount tickets for summer attractions and AMC/Regal Movies are available at township buildings. Limited preschool openings remain for the 2025-2026 school year. More information is available at www.northamptonrec.com.

(Senior Center)

- Upcoming trips include a show at Hunter Hills Playhouse on September 24th (tickets on sale Aug. 5th) and a tribute to the Ed Sullivan Show at the Ace in the Hole Club on October 8th (tickets available Aug. 18th).
- An AARP safe driver course will be held on August 15th, 22nd, and 29th.
- Bucks County Register of Wills, Linda Bobrin, Esq., will give a presentation on wills and estate planning on August 19th.

Mrs. Gasper made the following announcements:

- Reported that the library's strategic plan is ongoing, describing it is described as an exciting time for new developments.
- The new library website design is progressing, with the first beta version viewed on July 22nd. The anticipated go-live date for the website, branding, and logo launch is late August or early September. The new Library website design is progressing, with an anticipated "go live" date in late August/early September.
- The Summer Quest 2025 (summer reading program), the children's reading group, had an "amazing opening" with hundreds of kids and teenagers participating.
- The Elmwood Park Zoo's Zoom on Wheels program is scheduled for August 2nd.
- Magician Conrad Cologne will make his Free Library of Northampton Township debut on Tuesday, July 1st, at 6:30 PM.
- From the Veterans Advisory Commission, a fundraiser will be held at Giuseppe's restaurant on September 25th to support the wreath-laying celebration at the Union Cemetery on December 6th.

- A Veterans Day ceremony is planned for November 9th at the Star School.

Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

PFOA/PFOS Issue:

- Phase 2 of this project is expected to receive bids in August, with an award anticipated in September. This phase is ****entirely funded by Penvest****. For property owners in Phase 2, connection to the project is optional and ****at no cost**** if they choose to connect.
- Buck Road Bridge Closure: The actual closure of the Buck Road bridge is anticipated in approximately two weeks.
- Information on these projects and more can be found on the Municipal Authority's website, nbcmatoday.org

Mr. Moore made the following announcements:

Zoning Hearing: On July 14th, a variance was approved for a 12-lot subdivision on Twining Road, which is currently a day camp. This project still requires Planning Commission and Board approval.

- Planning Commission: The July meeting was canceled; the next meeting is September 8th.
- The Bucks County Roses project on Buck Road (12 larger houses) expects activity in September/October, and the Mill Race Inn is also undergoing administrative work.
- Iron Works Creek Sidewalk Project: Located across from Manhattan Bagel, Rita's, and the old Wawa, this project began in April, and one side of the road is now complete. It was a major project involving stormwater management and wall construction, addressing a very dangerous area for pedestrians. The project cost almost \$1.8 million, with the Township securing 80% funding.
- Golf revenue at the Northampton Valley Country Club is ****up 52%**** since the Township purchased it in 2019, now exceeding \$2.5 million. Rounds of golf have increased from 40,000 to over 55,000. Two new outdoor gardens are being added near the Crystal Rooms for wedding ceremonies, allowing the club to host both ceremonies and receptions. All costs for these additions are covered by golf course proceeds, with wedding bookings through June 2025 up 35%.
- Full-Day Kindergarten: This program has been fully approved by the school board and administration and will begin in September 2025. It will transition from a two-hour half-day program to a six-and-a-half-hour full-day program, with curriculum developed, teachers hired, and classrooms set up.

Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

(Public Safety - Pool Accidents)

- In July, emergency services responded to ****three serious pool accidents**** in the Township.
- Residents with pools were reminded to always watch the pool, ensure gate and door alarms work, and assign a designated person to watch the pool during parties.
- Hiring lifeguard services for parties was suggested.
- Resources from the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) at cpsc.gov were recommended for pool safety information.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- PECO will be digging up the newly paved Newtown-Richboro Road in the next 60 days to replace 4-inch gas mains with 8-inch mains, increasing capacity. To clarify, "the Township is not involved" in this project, does not own the road, and did not pave it. Atributing this to a lack of coordination between PECO and PennDOT. Work will start east of Second Street Pike and another section near Fir Drive. Minimal service disruption is expected.
- PennDOT is requiring PECO to repave the entire street from one side to the other, which PECO agreed to, emphasizing that any disruption is "clearly PECO being PECO," not the Township.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Buck Road Water and Sewer Main Relocation Project (Bridge Closure Follow-up). Updates are available on the Township's website and via news blasts, mirroring information from the Municipal Authority, and on the Capital Projects page under Holland improvement projects. Construction is underway, and the bridge closure will begin in a couple of weeks, with businesses remaining open up to the bridge. The Township is coordinating with the school district. The bridge is expected to be closed until mid-November, approximately, with construction continuing into next year. PennDOT's bridge replacement project will follow, meaning the area will be problematic for motorists for at least the next year and a half to two years.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Pizzo reported that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session immediately before the public meeting. Present were the five Board Members, the Township Manager, the Assistant Township Manager, the Township Engineer, and the Solicitor. Two matters of pending litigation and one personnel matter were discussed, but no official action was taken during the executive session, nor was any official action required at the public meeting as a result of this meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Gilmore and Associates) - No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Eric Gleman (Resident): Raised concern about the Rocksville Road and Buck Road intersection, stating he has witnessed several accidents there and that it requires attention. The board indicated they would look into the matter.
- Joe Lombardo (Resident of Holland, Basketball Official): Thanked the board for the new pickleball and basketball courts, praising them as very nice, successful, safer, and better for players' legs. He acknowledged the high activity on the pickleball courts but also noted that the basketball courts are very active. He requested that a fence previously present at the far end of the old basketball courts be reinstalled to prevent balls from rolling into the field.
- Ed Mayor (Resident of Churchville): Praised the many accomplishments, likening the meeting to "Christmas in July". He highlighted that the Iron Creek sidewalk project (costing almost \$1.8 million) received significant government funding (80%) and not taxpayer money. He also noted that the upgrades to the ceremony gardens at the Northampton Valley Country Club were at no cost to taxpayers (funded by golf course proceeds). He appreciated the Township Manager's clarification that the PECO road digging was not the Township's responsibility. He suggested that upon completion of the Iron Creek sidewalk project in December, the Township consider installing "**Welcome to Richboro**" signs at that intersection, as it marks the beginning of Richboro.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Gasper, Secretary