The agenda meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6:15 p.m.

#### Present were:

Adam M. Selisker Dr. Kimberly Rose Robert Salzer

#### Members absent were:

Paula Gasper Barry Moore

### Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager William Wert, Assistant Manager Jacob Rigg, Township Engineer Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

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

# Members absent were:

Paula Gasper Barry Moore

### Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager William Wert, Assistant Manager Jacob Rigg, Township Engineer Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Selisker led the Pledge of Allegiance and shared a brief statement. He noted that our nation has witnessed senseless and horrific acts of violence in recent weeks, months, and even today. He asked that tonight's moment of silence be a time to keep the affected families in our thoughts and to remember that violence is unacceptable.

# **Special Presentations**

Distinguished Citizen Award – Dr. John Sampson, VMD

On September 17, 2025, the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors proudly presented the Distinguished Citizen Award to Dr. John Sampson, VMD, in recognition of his extraordinary act of

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bravery and selflessness. While visiting Hershey Park on August 30, 2025, Dr. Sampson spotted a young boy walking alone on an elevated monorail track. Acting without hesitation, he climbed onto the tracks to secure the child, later describing his quick response as simply trusting his "dad instincts." His courageous actions prevented a potential tragedy and ensured the boy's safe return to his family.

Chairperson Selisker expressed that Dr. Sampson's heroism reflects the highest ideals of citizenship and community service, bringing honor and inspiration to all who live in Northampton Township.

Chairperson Selisker read the Distinguished Citizen Award aloud and remarked that it is important to recognize those who step up in selfless ways. He noted that true community is defined by people supporting one another, and in that spirit, the Northampton Supervisors were honored to present the award to Dr. Sampson and his children.

Dr. Sampson expressed his appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for this recognition, noting that good deeds go a long way and reminding everyone of the importance of being there for one another.

# **Public Comment**

None was heard.

#### **Consent Items**

#### **Board Minutes**

Mr. Pellegrino presented the Board meeting minutes of August 27, 2025, for approval.

#### Accounts Payable

Dr. Rose presented the Accounts Payable for approval: September 10, 2025, for \$2,203,746.25.

A motion was made and seconded (Salzer-Rose) to approval all consent items as presented. Motion Passed 3-0.

# **Public Hearing**

No items were presented under Public Hearings.

#### **Unfinished Business**

No items were presented under Unfinished Business.

#### **New Business**

(C) Consider Ordinance 624 Establishing No Parking on a portion of Chinquapin Road
Mr. Salzer, as recommended by the Township Police Department, proposed establishing a no-parking zone on Chinquapin Road from the Buck Road intersection extending 500 feet.

A motion was made and seconded **(Salzer–Rose)** to approve Ordinance #624 amending the Northampton Township Code, specifically Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 4, General Parking Regulations, Section 402, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations, to establish no parking on a portion of Chinquapin Road. **Motion Passed 3-0.** 

### (D) Consider Request to Sell Surplus Equipment

Dr. Rose noted that the Township's Public Works Department has recommended the sale of certain equipment that has reached the end of its useful life. She added that surplus equipment valued at more than \$2,000 may only be sold with authorization from the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Salzer) move to authorize the Township Administration to sell surplus equipment at public auction as recommended by the Department of Public Works in a memorandum dated September 5, 2025.

Dr. Rose noted that the equipment being sold, including police vehicles, a Gator from Parks and Recreation, and a Public Works tanker truck—has reached the end of its useful life and will be retired.

#### Motion Passed 3-0.

### **Reports**

Chairman Selisker noted that Mr. Moore and Ms. Gasper were absent and sent their apologies, so there was no report from both.

Dr. Rose made the following announcements:

#### Senior Center

- Pickleball is in full swing! Senior center members are enjoying the new courts at the Municipal Park. Current members can sign up to play Wednesdays this fall 8:00AM – 11:30AM. Advance registration is required. Please call or visit the senior center front desk to sign up – spots are limited!
- New Classes: The senior center has added two new exercise classes this month:
   Balanced Strength and Forever Fit.
- Only a few seats remain for "Never Too Late" a hilarious comedy about a man in his fifties who suddenly learns he is about to be a father again. September 24<sup>th</sup> at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ. Contact the center to purchase tickets.
- Visit the Northampton Valley Country Club on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM

   1:00PM for Senator Frank Farry's Senior Expo. Stop by the Senior Center's table
   and say hello!
- Have you purchased your senior center lottery tickets? The next lottery ticket drawing is on: Tuesday, October 14th. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Senior Center front desk. Only 400 tickets are sold – great odds to win!
- On Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> the center will offer a vaccination clinic through New Hope Pharmacy. Preregistration is required. Please see the front desk for forms and more information.

#### Parks and Recreation

- o Fall has officially started at Parks and Recreation!
- Lititz Chocolate Walk October 11th: Explore 25 shops and restaurants offering chocolate creations from the region's best chefs, bakers, and candy makers.
   Proceeds benefit children's charities in Lancaster County.
- Cape May Winery & Shopping October 15th: Guests will enjoy a visit to Cape May's winery, lunch, and local shopping. Limited seats remain!
- Family & Community Events: Families won't want to miss our revamped Halloween Happening, now scheduled for Friday, October 24th from 5–9 PM. The evening will feature food trucks, our famous costume parade with prizes, and a showing of the Halloween classic *Hocus Pocus* at the amphitheater immediately following the parade.
- Tickets: Most of our theme park ticket sales have closed for the season, but discounted tickets are still available through December for Sesame Place, Adventure Aquarium, the Museum of the American Revolution, and AMC and Regal Cinemas.
- Visit <u>www.northamptonrec.com</u> for the full range of programs, trips, and events for children, adults, and families of all ages. We look forward to a fun and festive fall season with the community!
- Dr. Rose noted that the Fall Parks and Recreation brochure should have been received in the mail, and copies are also available at the Township building.
- Dr. Rose also expressed her gratitude to everyone involved in Northampton Day, calling it a wonderful event with beautiful weather, and thanked the Northampton Day committee and all volunteers for making the day such a success.

#### Mr. Salzer made the following announcements:

- Echoed Dr. Rose's comments, Mr. Salzer added that Northampton Day was a great success this year, with wonderful weather, and thanked everyone involved.
- He shared personal experiences from September 11, 2001, and expressed concerns about
  political violence in the United States today. He expressed his personal opinion on the
  importance of patriotism, unity, civil discourse, and rejecting violence as a means of
  addressing political differences.

### Chairman Selisker made the following announcements:

• Library Report – Chairperson Selisker highlighted the recent rebranding of the Free Library of Northampton Township, which was unveiled alongside their strategic plan. He and Supervisor Gasper attended the official unveiling, which was well attended and celebrated the library's vision for its next chapter. He commended Library Director Wayne Lair, his staff, and the library board for their work in implementing the strategic plan. Chairperson Selisker noted that the library receives over 160,000 visitors annually and praised it as a true gem in the community. He encouraged residents to visit, take part in the giveaways, and celebrate the new branding. New library logo and website can be viewed at <a href="https://freelibrarynt.org/">https://freelibrarynt.org/</a>

- Announced that the first week of October is Fire Prevention Week. A Fire Prevention Open
  House will be held on Friday, October 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at all three stations. The
  event will include activities for children, station tours, light refreshments, and opportunities to
  meet firefighters and emergency medical staff. (Locations are as follows: Station 3 3 Township
  Road; Station 73 451 E. Holland Road; and Station 83 283 Hatboro Road).
- Chairperson Selisker reported that he attended the September 11th ceremony at Council Rock South, which included first responders, school personnel, and a performance of the National Anthem by the Council Rock South choir. He noted the ceremony was moving and important for honoring the memory of that day and passing its significance on to future generations.
- Chairman Selisker reminded residents of the ongoing bridge and road closure along Buck Road near Old Bristol Road and encouraged residents to continue supporting the businesses in that area, which remain open.

# Manger's Report:

There was no report from Township Manager, Robert M. Pellegrino.

## **Assistant Manager's Report:**

Assistant Manager, William Wert, made the following announcements:

# Veterans Advisory Commission

- O Wreath Laying Fundraiser Support the Veterans Advisory Commission's wreath program by attending our Wreath Laying Fundraiser on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The event will be held at Giuseppie's in Richboro, PA. Guests will enjoy music and light refreshments. Proceeds from the event will help fund wreaths to honor fallen veterans and first responders, which will be placed on their graves during the Wreath Laying Ceremony.
- Mr. Wert reminded residents that updates regarding the Buck Road closure will be posted
  on the Township website. He also encouraged residents to sign up through the website
  to receive email notifications about this and future projects.

# **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Pizzo wished everyone happy Rosh Hashanah.

## **Engineer's Report (Gilmore and Associates)**

No Report.

#### **Public Comment**

Joe Lombardi (Holland, PA) thanked the Township and shared positive feedback from neighboring residents, who take pride in their properties and view the road as an extension of their homes, enhancing curb appeal. They expressed appreciation for the Township's support of the roadways

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Ed Maier (Churchville, PA) noted that Supervisor Salzer's remarks, while poignant, could be perceived as official Board statements and suggested personal opinions be issued separately to avoid confusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.	
	Respectfully Submitted,
	Paula Gasper, Secretary