

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

Present were:

Robert Salzer
Paula Gasper
Barry Moore
Joseph Lombardo
Dr. Kimberly Rose

Others present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager
William Wert, Assistant Manager
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:

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Salzer led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Special Presentations

Library Week

Mrs. Gasper presented a proclamation to Wayne Lahr, Library Director, in recognition of Library Week, observed from April 19 through April 25. She noted that during this week, the Board encourages all residents to visit the library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

Mr. Lahr expressed appreciation on behalf of the library board, staff, and volunteers for the Board of Supervisors' ongoing and unwavering support. He noted that after attending a recent public library conference, he was struck by how many libraries have faced challenges and do not always have support from their local officials.

In contrast, he emphasized that Northampton's library is fortunate to receive strong, consistent support from the community and the Board, and he extended a sincere thank you to all involved.

National Public Works Week

Dr. Rose presented a Proclamation to Paul Lizzi, Assistant Director of Public Works, in recognition of National Public Works Week which will be observed from May 17 through May 23.

Dr. Rose expressed the Board's appreciation for public works professionals and their vital role in maintaining infrastructure and supporting community well-being, with special thanks for their outstanding work during snow events. She emphasized the phenomenal job that the Public Works Department does for the community in maintaining the Township's infrastructure.

Emergency Medical Services Week

Chairman Salzer presented a Proclamation to Captain Jamie Isreal in recognition of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, which will be observed from May 17 through May 23. He expressed the Board's appreciation for the excellent work in providing emergency medical services to the community, highlighting their readiness and rapid response times. He added that in this year's theme "Improving Outcomes Together," the Board encourages the community to observe the week through programs and activities honoring EMS professionals and their essential service.

Ms. Isreal thanked the Board for its continued support of EMS personnel, emphasizing that this year's theme, "Improving Outcomes Together," reflects the teamwork required across police, fire, dispatch, public works, and the community in responding to emergency situations. She also encouraged residents to learn CPR, check on neighbors, and call EMS when needed.

Police Week

Chairman Salzer presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Steven LeCompte and Lieutenant Charles Pinkerton in recognition of Police Week, which will be observed from May 10 through May 17. He shared remarks highlighting the Township's strong, professional law enforcement team, noting their positive community interactions and absence of misconduct fosters public trust. He also noted that May 15, 2026, is Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of officers who were killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Chief LeCompte thanked the Board for its continued support, noting the department consistently receives the resources and manpower it needs. He praised the officers' work and emphasized the importance of Police Memorial Week in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice and their families.

Chairman Salzer also took the opportunity to recognize Chief LeCompte for his leadership in Bucks County's Medication Collection initiative, which began in 2011 when Northampton Township Police joined the Bucks County Drug Take Back Program and installed Pennsylvania's first 24/7 police-station medication drop box. The program has collected over 252,000 pounds of unused medications countywide, helping reduce drug abuse and environmental harm.

He added that this year's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place Saturday, April 25 from 10 am to 2 pm, and includes 48 public collection sites across the county to collect unused, expired medications and sharps for safe disposal. He added that free anonymous medication disposal collection boxes are available year-round at 45 permanent locations throughout the County.

Chief LeCompte recognized the Drug Take Back Program as a highly successful initiative started by Chief Barry Pilla, noting its expansion over time to two local collection sites. He credited the community, former leadership, and officers for making it one of the county's top collection programs, often ranked number one in volume. He emphasized its importance in preventing drug misuse and protecting the environment and thanked the Board for its continued support.

Resolution R-26-1A

Chairman Salzer stated the Administration has asked the Board to add an item to the consent agenda authorizing submission of a sewage planning module to PA DEP for the Russell Gardens land development project.

A motion was made and seconded (**Moore-Rose**) to add Resolution R-26-1A Sewage Planning Module for the Russell Gardens Land Development to the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Items

Board Minutes

Chairman Salzer noted that the Consent Agenda includes the Board meeting minutes of March 25, 2026.

Accounts Payable

Mr. Lombardo presented the Accounts Payable for approval: April 8, 2026, for \$1,362,665.84 and April 22, 2026, \$1,006,221.97.

A motion was made and seconded (**Salzer-Rose**) to approval all consent items as presented.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Public Hearing

There were no Public Hearings.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business

New Business

(D) Consider Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Establishing Restoration Requirements for Public Utilities Performing Work in the Township Rights-of Way

Mr. Lombardo explained that when Township roads are newly paved, utility companies sometimes later obtain permits to excavate for work, which can damage the new surface. He noted a recent case where the Township successfully required a utility company to repave the road curb-to-curb. The proposed ordinance will create a formalized policy to set clearer restoration requirements for utilities based on whether roads surfaces are under or over five years old.

A motion was made and seconded (**Lombardo- Gasper**) to authorize advertising an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances at Chapter 21, Streets and Sidewalks, Part 1, Openings and Excavations, to establish restoration responsibilities for public utilities performing work in the Township rights-of-way, and to schedule a public hearing on the proposed ordinance for May 27, 2026 at 7 pm in the Township Building.

Mr. Lombardo said that this ordinance will improve coordination between the Township and utilities like PECO and help prevent repeated road damage after paving. He added that this kind of formalized process is long overdue.

Dr. Rose emphasized the importance of cooperation between the Township and public utilities when working in the right-of-way, noting that while the Township works hard to coordinate, utilities do not always make the process easier. She also noted the high cost of road paving and supported the importance of the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Moore cited an example involving Newtown Richboro Road, where PECO returned after PennDOT repaving to replace a gas line. He noted the Township intervened to ensure the road would be properly restored at PECO's expense, reinforcing the importance of coordination with utilities.

Chairman Salzer noted that coordination issues can arise between parties outside the Township's control, noting that communication gaps lead to problems. He emphasized that while residents may not always notice good coordination, they notice when it is lacking, and he supported the effort as a positive step.

Motion Passed 5-0.

(E) Consider Approval for Wall of Honor Nominees

Dr. Rose explained that the Northampton Township Wall of Honor recognizes individuals who have made lasting contributions to the community and improved the quality of life for Township residents. She added that the Board created a Wall of Honor Committee that reviews nominations and recommends individuals for inclusion on the Wall of Honor who have made valuable and lasting contributions to the community.

She noted that nominees must have been residents at the time of their service, demonstrated leadership and community spirit, served as volunteers who made a positive impact on the community, and be considered as role models. She stated that individuals recommended by the Wall of Honor

Committee are then approved by the Board of Supervisors. A plaque is then added on the Wall of Honor located in the Township's Municipal Park.

Dr. stated that the Committee recommended three Wall of Honor recipients this year, and while all applicants were strong candidates, the by-laws only allow up to two recipients per year. Dr. Rose recommended the Board approve the nomination of one nominee this year and suggested the other two nominees would be strong candidates for next year's consideration.

A motion was made and seconded (**Rose-Moore**) to approve Martin J. Wade as the 2026 Recipient of the Northampton Township Wall of Honor Award.

Mr. Moore expressed support for the nomination, acknowledging Mr. Wade for his 30 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Board and his active, supportive role in the community.

Mrs. Gasper and Mr. Lombardo both stated that while they did not personally know Mr. Wade, they believed he was very deserving of the recognition based on what they had learned about him.

Mr. Salzer expressed appreciation for the Wall of Honor Program, noting that it highlights individuals who contributed greatly to the Township without seeking recognition, and emphasized that they truly deserve to be honored.

Motion Passed 5-0.

(F) Consider Resolution R-26-8 authorizing Grant Application to LSA Statewide Grant Program for Roof Replacement Project

Mrs. Gasper stated that the Board of Supervisors is requesting a \$995,000 Statewide Local Share Account grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to fund roof replacements for three municipal buildings.

A motion was made and seconded (**Gasper-Lombardo**) to adopt Resolution R-26-8 authorizing the Township Administration to apply to the Commonwealth Financing Authority through its Statewide Local Share Account grant to fund roof replacements on the Library, Senior Center and Recreation Center and authorize the Township Manager and Assistant Manager to execute all contract documents required for this project.

Mrs. Gasper and Mr. Lombardo both noted this will address long-needed roof repairs on Township buildings.

Dr. Rose expressed hope that the Township receives the grant, noting the urgent need for roof replacements on the three buildings.

Mr. Moore and Chairman Salzer agreed with Dr. Rose.

Motion Passed 5-0.

(G) Consider Resolution R-26-9 authorizing Grant Application for Hatboro Road/Bobbie Drive Pedestrian Crosswalk

Mr. Moore explained that the Township is seeking a state grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority through its Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) to fund a pedestrian flash warning signal and other safety improvements at the intersection of Hatboro Road and Bobbie Drive. He noted that the intersection is heavily used by pedestrians accessing Municipal Park.

A motion was made and seconded **(Moore-Rose)** to adopt Resolution R-26-9 authorizing the Township Administration to apply to the Commonwealth Financing Authority through its Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for a grant to fund the construction of a pedestrian crosswalk at Hatboro Road and Bobbie Drive, and to authorize the Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager to execute all contract documents required for this project.

Mr. Moore expressed support with the project, stating it continues the Township's efforts to add crosswalks and improve pedestrian safety throughout the community.

Dr. Rose noted that with the new pickleball courts bringing more visitors to the park, crosswalk improvements are important at this location.

Mr. Salzer noted that he is very familiar with the area and noted that pedestrian traffic increases in warmer weather. He emphasized the urgency of completing the project, expressing concern that it should be finished quickly to help prevent a serious accident.

Motion Passed 5-0.

(H) Consider Resolution R-25-10 Authorizing Participation in Whitpain Township Contract with Asphalt Maintenance Solutions for Bituminous Asphalt Materials Application

Dr. Rose explained that as part of the Township's ongoing effort to maintain 10 miles of roadway annually, the Public Works Department recommends participation in a road maintenance contract awarded by Whitpain Township for application of a bonded wearing course. She noted that Whitpain Township allows other municipalities in Montgomery and Bucks Counties to participate in its bid but requires an official resolution from the governing body.

Dr. Rose stated that the lowest bidder for the ultra-thin bonded wearing course project is Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS) of Center Valley, PA. She stated that the Township plans to apply this treatment to about 1.27 miles of roads—Deborah Road, Elizabeth Lane, and Rucker Road, covering approximately 24,000 square yards, at an estimated cost of \$222,338.90, which includes mobilization, traffic maintenance, and asphalt escalation.

A motion was made and seconded **(Rose-Gasper)** to adopt Resolution R-26-10 authorizing participation in the Whitpain Township Road Resurfacing Program for Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course application on approximately 1.27 miles of the Township Road system and further authorize the Township Manager to execute all required contracts with Asphalt Maintenance Solutions.

Dr. Rose acknowledged Greg Hucklebridge, Director of Public Works, for proactively seeking alternative methods and applications to improve Township roads more efficiently and cost-effectively, helping the Township meet its goal of maintaining 10 miles of roadway.

Chairman Salzer reaffirmed the Board's long-standing commitment to resurfacing 10 miles of roadway each year

Motion Passed 5-0.

Liaison Reports

Public Works Services

Dr. Rose highlighted several ongoing township projects, including work on the trailhead crossing at Fir Drive and installation of the traffic signal at St. Leonard's Road.

She noted that the Ceremonial Gardens at Northampton Vally Country Club are complete, with lighting installation, construction of pergolas and knee walls, and installation of bluestone on the diving wall and stone façade.

Dr. Rose reported on the following Public Works Department activities:

- Completed topsoil and seeding restoration from plow damage
- Performed cleanup of downed trees and limbs at Township-owned stormwater basins
- Conducted multiple inlet repairs unrelated to the upcoming paving program
- Repaired potholes throughout the Township
- Installed memorial bricks in front of the Administration Building
- Opened bathrooms at all park facilities for the season
- Planted new trees at Municipal Park
- Began seasonal mowing operations

She concluded by noting how much the Public Works Department rocks!

Community Services

Mrs. Gasper complimented the improvements at the Northampton Valley Country Club, noting that both the exterior and interior look great, with well-done landscaping and attractive rock walls.

She noted that the Library Board is reviewing its by-laws and plans to recommend possible changes to the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Gasper also shared that the library is offering public computer classes on online security, digital literacy, device help, and e-resources.

Mrs. Gasper concluded by announcing upcoming America250PA programs, including Amy Hollander's presentation on the 1774–1776 Bucks County Committee of Observation on April 25 at 1:00 p.m., and "Mining in the Region" presented by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor on May 2 at 1:00 p.m. She noted that additional information on these and other library programs is available on the library website.

Mrs. Gasper noted that the next event sponsored by the Veterans Advisory Commission is Memorial Day on Monday, May 25. A Flag Raising Ceremony will take place at 8:00 a.m. at the Township Building,

followed by a 9:00 a.m. ceremony at Robert H. Dembowski Veterans Memorial Park, with keynote speaker Karen Kelly, a Gold Star Mother. The public is invited to attend both events.

Recreation Services and Parks

Mr. Lombardo announced that the Northampton Township Parks and Recreation summer camps are now closed with 552 campers. He noted that Parks and Recreation is also offering 30 different one-week specialty camps for families with varying summer schedules and interests.

Mr. Lombardo added that the Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking camp counselors for the summer season and encouraged interested applicants to visit the Parks and Recreation website to apply.

He also reminded residents that the Sun and Fun Fest is will take place on Friday, June 5 at the Civic Center featuring live music, food, pony rides, vendors, and more.

In addition, he announced that the Community Yard Sale will return on May 16, with participating residents selling items from their homes, with the and Parks and Recreation Department providing shoppers with a township-wide map. He noted that over 70 homes participated last year.

Mr. Lombardo shared that the Northampton Senior Center has a variety of new upcoming classes and activities coming up in May. These include:

- May 5: Taco Tuesday, \$2 tacos (11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.)
- May 7: Free downsizing seminar (11:00 a.m.)
- May 11: Tax/Rent Rebate Presentation by Representative Kristin Marcell (11:30 a.m.)
- May 14: Red Cross Disaster Prep (2:00 p.m.)
- Bocce League signup open (\$5/\$25 team)
- May 27: Senior Games Kickoff (9:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.)

Mr. Lombardo highlighted strong participation at the Country Club and Tavern on Ten with an updated menu.

He noted that the Northampton Valley Country Club is preparing for its first weddings on Friday and Saturday at the new wedding gardens. He highlights those recent improvements—such as new walls, arbors, lighting, and other enhancements contributing to the venue's appearance.

Mr. Lombardo stated that through the efforts of State Representative Kristin Marcell and State Senator Frank Farry—who contacted and formally communicated with PECO—the utility company will not be implementing a rate increase this year.

He also noted that the golf course is very busy, with strong participation even in poor weather.

Community Development and Planning

Mr. Moore stated that the Bucks County Roses site on Buck Road is progressing quickly with construction of twelve new homes underway. He also reported that the former Russell Gardens property received land development approval for eighteen new homes.

Mr. Moore also noted that the property at 120 Bustleton Pike near the former Churchville train station, currently an abandoned mixed-use building, is proposed to be converted into four apartment units. He expresses support for the project as a positive reuse of the property and stated that the applicant is expected to seek Zoning Hearing Board approval in May.

Mr. Moore shared that Council Rock School District is approaching the completion of its first year of full-day kindergarten, which has been reported as a great success. He added that registration for the upcoming year is now open and encouraged residents to register. On a personal note, Mr. Moore shared that he is proud of his granddaughter, who is currently attending kindergarten in the Council Rock School District and will be graduating from full-day kindergarten next month.

Public Safety

Chairman Salzer announced that the Northampton Township Fire Department is offering free hands-only CPR training and home fire safety classes to township residents; registration is available via the department's website.

He also noted that the Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad annual ambulance subscription program is underway, explaining that this program serves as a key funding source helping support the purchase of life-saving equipment, vehicle maintenance, operational readiness, and the continued delivery of high-quality emergency medical services. Participation can also help reduce certain out-of-pocket costs associated with 911 ambulance transport.

Manager's Report:

No report.

Assistant Manager's Report:

Mr. Wert stated the County of Bucks is advancing the Newtown Rail Trail Phase 2 extension into Churchville Nature Center and has opened a 30-day public comment period as part of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He noted that the public comment period is from April 23rd to May 26. The notice will be posted on the Township website and displayed in the Public Notice area at the Administration Building.

Mr. Wert shared that construction is underway on the Richboro Sidewalk Project Phase 2, with completion anticipated before the start of the school year. He also noted that the Improvements along Newtown Richboro Road improvements are currently underway. He added that construction includes a pedestrian-activated flashing crosswalk at Fir Drive and a new traffic signal at St. Leonard's Road. Additional improvements planned as part of this project include improvements at Holland Road, Rock Way, and Spring Garden Mill Road.

He noted that full project completion is currently delayed due to supply issues with the mast arms and poles required for installation. As a result, final completion is now anticipated by the end of the year; however, many of the initial improvements are expected to be completed in the coming months.

Mr. Wert concluded by noting that many of these projects are supported by approximately \$1.5 million in grant funding.

Solicitor's Report

Township Solicitor, Joseph Pizzo reported that the Supervisors met in an executive session immediately prior to the meeting for approximately 30 minutes. Present were the five Supervisors, the Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager, and Mr. Pizzo. A single matter of potential litigation was discussed. No official action was taken during the executive session, and no action was required as a result of the executive session.

Engineer's Report (Gilmore and Associates)

No Report.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upon motion and second (**Moore-Gasper**) the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Moore, Secretary