

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:

William Wert, Assistant Manager
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer

Absent:

Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager

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 Presentation

Proclamation Honoring America's 250th Birthday

Mrs. Gasper began by noting that as the nation celebrates America's 250th anniversary this July 4th, it is important to recognize and honor Northampton Township's first responders, including police officers, firefighters, emergency medical responders and United States veterans. She expressed how proud and grateful she is to live in Northampton Township, adding that the community is fortunate to have strong

leadership, excellent services, and a township that continues to thrive. Mrs. Gasper concluded by stating that it is truly a privilege to call Northampton Township home.

Mrs. Gasper remarked that as the nation prepares to host the FIFA World Cup, it serves as a reminder of America's pursuit of excellence and unity. She stated that the occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on who we are as a country and what we stand for. She expressed that her heart is filled with patriotism and a deep appreciation for the freedoms Americans enjoy, adding that she firmly believes the United States is the greatest country in the world.

She concluded her remarks by saying, "God bless America," before reading the proclamation out loud.

Annual Report by Township Engineer on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

Amanda Fuller, Township Engineer, provided an update on the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program, which is federally mandated and regulated by the Pennsylvania DEP. The program aims to reduce stormwater pollution to waterways, particularly the Neshaminy Creek, through public education and required projects.

Ms. Fuller shared that approximately 8 to 10 basin retrofit projects remain to be completed Township-wide. To date, basin retrofit projects have been completed in Eagle Valley and Northampton Crossing. She reported that design work is currently underway for two additional basin retrofit projects in the Tanner Estates neighborhood, located at Orthodox Drive and Syracuse Lane. Additionally, a grant application has been submitted to fund a basin retrofit project at Misty Meadow Drive.

She noted that all four stormwater basins—the two currently in the design phase and the two that have already been constructed—were implemented using grant funding.

Ms. Fuller concluded by stating that the Township will continue pursuing grant funding, comply with MS4 permit requirements, monitor upcoming permit changes, and provide updates as they become available. She also encouraged residents to visit the Township's website for additional stormwater management information.

Public Comment

Rosemarie Riccardo (Richboro, PA) expressed concerns about erosion and stormwater issues along the drainage channel on her property, stating that debris and pet waste continue to accumulate and have resulted in significant property damage and maintenance costs. She urged the Township to pursue additional grant funding and consider stormwater improvements, including a retention basin near the soccer fields and Long Lane Farms, to help reduce runoff and flooding impacts.

Consent Items

Board Minutes

Chairman Salzer noted that the Consent Agenda includes the Board meeting minutes of May 27, 2026.

Accounts Payable

Chairman Salzer presented the Accounts Payable for approval: June 10, 2026, for \$2,642,649.77 and June 24, 2026, \$467,294.08.

Consider Bids for Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Heating oil, and Propane

Mr. Lombardo shared that on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium, Lower Makefiled Township advertised bids in the Bucks County Courier Times for the purchase of unleaded gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel for the contract period of August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

Based on the bid results, the Administration recommends awarding contracts as follows: Global Montello Group Corp. and Riggins, Inc. for quantities of 5,999 gallons or less; Petroleum Traders Corp. and Ports Petroleum for quantities of 6,000–7,999 gallons.

Consider Appointment of Frank O'Donnell to the Veterans Advisory Commission

Mrs. Gasper shared that due to a resignation, there is a vacancy on the Veterans Advisory Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. Mrs. Gasper recommended the appointment of Frank O'Donnell to fill the vacancy. Mr. O'Donnell expressed interest in serving and submitted an application for consideration.

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

Motion Passed 5-0.

Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

Consider Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Electric Bicycles (E-Bike)

Mr. Lombardo explained that the Administration reported increasing concerns regarding the use of electronically motorized devices (EMDs), including e-bikes and e-scooters, due to accidents, reckless operation, and lack of helmet use, particularly among minors.

He presented a draft ordinance that would prohibit individuals under age 16 from operating EMDs in Township parks, open spaces, trails, sidewalks, and parking lots, while requiring all operators to wear approved helmets, yield to pedestrians, and comply with state regulations. He explained that the ordinance would be enforced by the Police Department. The Administration recommends the Board consider adopting the ordinance to enhance public safety.

A motion was made and seconded (**Lombardo-Gasper**) to advertise an ordinance amending the Township Code in Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic by adding Part 13 to include regulations for the use of electronically motorized devices in the Township.

Mr. Lombardo emphasized that the proposed ordinance is intended to enhance public safety and align the Township with state regulations. He noted the importance of protecting both young riders and the public, adding that parents should also be aware of their responsibilities regarding the operation of electronically motorized devices by minors.

Dr. Rose expressed her support for the proposed ordinance, stating that it is a positive first step in addressing the growing issue of electronically motorized devices. She also commended the Police Department for its efforts to improve public safety.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Pedestrian Crossings Improvements on New Road at Maureen Welch Elementary School

Mr. Moore reported that the Township was awarded a \$159,000 PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Local Share grant for pedestrian crossing improvements at New Road and Jennifer Lane/Norton Drive, which serve as the entrance and exit to Maureen Welch Elementary School.

A motion was made and seconded (**Moore-Rose**) to award a bid of \$172,166.80 from T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc. of Doylestown, Pennsylvania to install pedestrian improvements at the intersections of Jennifer Lane and Norton Drive with New Road and authorize the Township Manager to execute all contracts and documents to complete the project.

Mr. Moore and Dr. Rose expressed their support for the project, noting that the crossing near Maureen M. Welch Elementary School has long been a safety concern and that the pedestrian improvements are a positive addition.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Cape Seal Road Improvement Project

Dr. Kimberly Rose explained that the 2026 Road Program will utilize a Cape Seal treatment on approximately 68,060 square yards of roadway to better address current pavement conditions and extend roadway life. She explained that this year's program will utilize Cape Seal treatment rather than micro surfacing due to the condition of the selected roadways, which exhibit greater surface deterioration. The Cape Seal process provides enhanced durability and crack sealing and is a cost-effective maintenance strategy.

A motion was made and seconded (**Rose-Moore**) award a bid to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC, of Center Valley, PA to proceed with application of approximately 68,060 square yards of Cape Seal at \$6.79 per square yard, in the amount of \$462,127.40 based on the quantities outlined in the bid documents and specifications for the Cape Seal project.

Dr. Rose expressed her support for the Cape Seal program, noting that it will extend the life of roadways that are not yet ready for milling and paving. She also thanked Greg Hucklebridge, Director of Public Works, for his work.

Mr. Moore, Mr. Lombardo, and Mrs. Gasper expressed their support for the Cape Seal program, citing its benefits in extending pavement life and preserving roadways.

Mr. Salzer also voiced his support, noting the Board's longstanding commitment to roadway maintenance.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for 2026 Road Material Hauling

Dr. Rose reviewed the bid results for the 2026 Road Material Hauling Services contract, noting that four bids were received through Penn Bid. She explained that the contract covers hauling asphalt, salt, and other materials. The bids were evaluated based on cost, equipment availability, reliability, experience, compliance with specifications, and the bidder's safety record.

A motion was made and seconded **(Rose-Gasper)** to award a contract to B. Blair Corporation, Ivyland, PA to provide hauling services of roadway materials at \$125.00 per hour for asphalt, \$125.00 per hour for salt, and \$125.00 per hour for emergency/after-hours hauling as outlined in the bid documents and specifications for the 2026 Road Materials Hauling Services project.

Dr. Rose expressed her support for the bid award, noting that it was straightforward and represented a good price for the Township.

Mr. Lombardo noted that he was pleased to see a Northampton Township company selected for the work.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Bids for Rock Way/332 Trail Construction

Mr. Moore highlighted the extension of the Township's trail system from Rock Way to St. Leonard's Road, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to Tyler State Park and surrounding areas. He noted that Township has secured a \$400,000 state grant for the project, fully covering the project's construction cost.

A motion was made and seconded **(Moore-Lombardo)** to award a contract to A.H. Cornell and Sons, Inc. in the total bid amount of \$260,465.79, including the base bid and alternate bid, for construction of a trail between Rock Way and St. Leonard's Road, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents required for this project.

Mr. Moore added that the project also includes improvements to approximately 200 feet of the existing trail along Rock Way (the Alternate Bid) , creating a safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle connection.

Dr. Rose expressed support for the project.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Consider Authorization to sell Surplus Equipment

Dr. Rose reported that the Public Works Department identified several vehicles and pieces of equipment that have exceeded their useful life and recommended they be declared surplus and sold through public auction. She noted that, in accordance with Township policy, items with an estimated value exceeding \$2,000 require authorization from the Board of Supervisors before they can be sold.

A motion was made and seconded (**Rose-Salzer**) to authorize the Township Administration to sell surplus equipment at public auction as recommended by the Department of Public Works in a memorandum dated May 29, 2026.

Mr. Lombardo commented that the Township maintains its equipment well and noted that the surplus items should provide value to future owners.

Mr. Salzer expressed his support for selling equipment that had reached the end of its useful life to generate revenue for the Township.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Liaison Reports

Public Works Services

Dr. Rose reported that the Public Works Department's Road Crew began cart path upgrades at Northampton Valley Country Club; continued inlet repairs for the 2026 paving program (Breckenridge Dr. and Karen Dr.); maintained basin mowing and storm cleanup; generated an inventory of LED streetlights for upgrades; supported Sun and Fun Fest (setup, breakdown, parking, and staffing); initiated street sweeping on Township roads; and completed pothole repairs at multiple locations.

She highlighted that the Parks Maintenance supported Parks and Recreation events including Thursday night concerts, the June 14 Flag Day event with the Veterans Advisory Commission, pre-school graduation, and Sun and Fun Fest. She shared that the mechanics prepared surplus vehicles from Police, Fire Marshal, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works for auction; and are preparing paving equipment for the 2026 road program.

Dr. Rose reported on May 30, the unveiling of historical markers took place at the Addisville Reformed Church Cemetery and Feaster Van Horn Cemetery. She thanked the Historical Commission, Township Archivist, Public Works, and Police Department for their efforts., noting the historical significance of the sites, including the burial place of Henry Wynkoop, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and many Revolutionary War soldiers. She remarked that the event complemented the Nation's 250th Anniversary celebration.

Dr. Rose also highlighted the June 14 Flag Day Ceremony, recognizing the Veterans Advisory Commission and the many volunteers, community organizations, and Township departments that participated.

Finally, she announced that the 2026 Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony honoring Marty Wade will be held on July 16 at Municipal Park prior to the Thursday evening concert and invited the public to attend.

Community Services

Mrs. Gasper shared a letter from the Chair of the Veterans Advisory Commission inviting the public to participate in the Veteran Suicide Awareness Flag Display on June 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the Township's Municipal Park. She explained that the display of more than 600 American flags honors veterans lost to suicide while raising awareness of veteran mental health and available support resources. She noted the Commission's goal of making the display an annual event. She also highlighted the success of the Township's Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mrs. Gasper announced that the library's 2026 Summer Quest Reading Program kicked off on June 20, drawing more than 300 attendees. She thanked the Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township for their donation, which provided complimentary kiddie-sized shaved ice cups at the Summer Reading Kickoff Party.

Mrs. Gasper also noted that the library is one of only four libraries in Pennsylvania selected to host The American Revolution Traveling Exhibit from July 21–31 in recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary.

She encouraged residents to visit the library and its website for information on upcoming programs, services, and events.

Recreation Services and Parks

Mr. Lombardo reported that the Northampton Township Senior Center continues to be a hub of activity, excitement, and fun, and then highlighted several upcoming programs and events planned for July.

He shared that the "Our Love to Dance" class is getting an exciting new twist! Beginning in July, the program will be renamed "Moovin' & Groovin'" and will be held every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. Participants are invited to join this fun-filled class designed to get you moving, smiling, and connecting with others in a welcoming and energetic environment.

Mr. Lombardo announced that Senior Center members are invited to attend a "Senior Sunset Luau" at the Northampton Valley Country Club pool on July 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The \$20 event will include an Aqua Fit demonstration, evening swimming, food and refreshments, games, and music. He encouraged non-members to join the Senior Center to participate in the members-only event.

He encouraged residents to purchase tickets for "An Evening in Roma," scheduled for July 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The event will feature an Italian-inspired dinner, music, dancing, and entertainment. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Mr. Lombardo reported that the Sun and Fun Fest was a tremendous success, attracting an estimated 2,100 attendees. He thanked Kristin Fullerton for her outstanding efforts in organizing the event and expressed appreciation to the police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and public works

departments for their support. He also noted that the annual Fishing Derby was held on June 13 and drew 128 children, the highest participation in five years.

Looking ahead, Mr. Lombardo reminded residents that discount tickets to area attractions are available through the Administration Building and Recreation Center. He also highlighted the upcoming Nacho Average Pool Party on June 26 at the Northampton Valley Country Club pool, and the Sights and Sounds Concert Series with performances scheduled throughout the summer.

Community Development and Planning

Mr. Moore reported that construction of the model home at the Bucks County Roses development is underway, and that progress continues at the Russell Gardens development, with construction expected to begin in the coming months.

He also noted that the Zoning Hearing Board denied an application to convert a property at 612 Second Street Pike into a three-family dwelling following significant public opposition.

Public Safety

Mr. Salzer reflected on the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States, noting the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the nation's freedoms, high quality of life, and the many opportunities enjoyed by its citizens. He encouraged residents to take time to celebrate the country's historic milestone and concluded by wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July, reminding residents to use caution when handling fireworks.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pellegrino was not in attendance.

Assistant Manager's Report:

Mr. Wert had no report.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Pizzo had no report. He wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Engineer's Report (Gilmore and Associates and Bowman Engineers)

Ms. Fuller had no report.

Public Comment

None.

Mrs. Gasper wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and expressed her excitement for the upcoming events commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Upon motion and second (**Lombardo-Rose**) the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barry Moore, Secretary