



# Township of Northampton

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June 27, 2007

The regular business meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Board of Supervisors present were:

Peter F. Palestina  
James E. Kinney  
John E. Long Jr.  
Vincent J. Deon  
George F. Komelasky

Others Present were:

Robert M. Pellegrino Township Manager  
Edward Rudolph, Township Solicitor  
David W. Connell, Township Engineer

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Palestina.

- A. MOMENT OF SILENCE – Chairman Palestina held a moment of silence in support of troops serving in dangerous places around the world with a special moment in honor of our fallen hero Army PFC Robert Dembrowski, Jr who was killed in action on May 24, 2007;
- B. WELCOME HOME FLAG PRESENTATION– Chairman Palestina welcomed Navy Master at Arms Stephen Emerson back from Iraq with a Navy flag that was held in his absence. An American flag was then placed representing his safe return. MA Emerson was accompanied by his mother Harriet and his father Bob.

State Representative Scott Petri could not attend tonight due to his Harrisburg duties but prepared a commendation to be given to MA Emerson.

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of June 13, 2007 amended to reflect the zip code survey results as follows: Total of 188 responses listing 84% in favor and 16% against a zip code change. The minutes of the business meeting of June 13, 2007 were deemed approved as amended.

D. CITIZENS CONCERNS

1. Eric Lehman – Churchville – Questioned status of zip code survey.

E. Holland Estates – Revision to Approved Plan – Planning Commission Liaison James Kinney advised Board members and the public of an application filed by Holland Estates LP, represented by Sigmund Fleck, and Andrew Kaye for the revision to approved plan of subdivision located on Lower Holland Road. Sigmund Fleck requested the following changes:

1. Detention Basin: Requesting Northampton Township to take dedication of the basin.
2. Dedication of Amity Way: Subdivision plan calls for Amity Way to be a private street, developer is requesting that this street be dedicated to the township.
3. Demolish Existing Farm House Dwelling, Lot 2 – Andrew Kaye spoke on behalf of the developer, stating that he has concerns about the integrity of the structure, the considerable cost to rectify addition that is separating from the main house and the significant wood destroying insect problem.

The following letters were noted for the record:

1. Letter from Sigmund Fleck to Mrs. Goldhahn dated March 12, 2007.
2. Township Engineer's review letter of May 24, 2007.
3. Memo to file from Dolores Mitchell
4. Report from PA Historical & Museum Commission

After a presentation by Sigmund Fleck & Andrew Kaye on the above matters, comments were taken from residents:

1. Andrea Mangold of Northampton Historic Commission- toured the facility prior the approval of the final plan, taking an extensive survey on the trees, and the farmhouse. She strongly urges the board to preserve this property and the farmhouse for historical purposes.
2. Jim Wheeler – 55 Grace Drive also wants to see the property preserved.

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3. Bill Nash – 205 Lower Holland Road, disappointed in the developer not taking care of the basin that has standing water, creating mosquitoes and the debris the developer has left behind.
4. Barbara Nash – 205 Lower Holland Road – disturbed by all the wildlife and trees that were destroyed to build this development.
5. Marge Weiner – Worthington Mill Road – stated she is against all the requests for this revised plan.

Motion (Kinney-Long) was passed by unanimous vote to continue this matter to the meeting of September 12, 2007.

F. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Supervisor Komelasky reported Mr. Robert Braubitz, Northampton Township's appointment to the Bucks County Transportation Management Association has been appointed by the TMA to their executive board.
2. Supervisor Komelasky updated the Board on the issues involved with transportation and funding needed.

G. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Mr. Kinney)

1. Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance Tree Protection – Continued to the meeting of July 11, 2007 to have time to notify interested parties of the proposed ordinance.
2. Authorized Solicitor to file appeal on behalf of the township opposing the Ritchie Appeal – Motion (Kinney – Komelasky) was passed by unanimous vote.
3. Appointment of Edward Ingle, 593 Lower Holland Road, of the Environmental Advisory Council to the Planning Commission effective immediately and expiring on April 30, 2011. Motion (Kinney – Komelasky) was passed by unanimous vote.

H. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES REPORT (Mr. Deon)

1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of June 27, 2007 was deemed approved by unanimous consent.
2. Verizon Update – Supervisor Deon reminded Northampton residents that if they have Verizon they are unable to see the televised Board of Supervisors Meeting and it is unlikely Verizon will televise any of the Board of Supervisors meetings until at least January 22, 2008.

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3. Parks & Recreation Update – Supervisor Deon encourages families to come out and experience the Parks & Recreation programs that are happening, such as the Sites & Sounds of Summer, Outdoor Movies & Concerts that are put together by the Parks & Recreation Department.

## I. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT ( Mr. Long)

1. Sale of Surplus Vehicles to J.J. Kane Auctioneers as follows:
  - a. 1995 Chevy Capris
  - b. 2001 Chevy Tahoe
  - c. 2002 Chevy Tahoe

Motion (Long – Kinney) Unanimously Approved.

2. Act 537 Agreement – Agreement between Northampton Township and Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority to amend the township ACT 537 plan and install public sewers in certain sections of the township - Motion (Long – Deon) Approved 4-0-1 with Supervisor Komelasky abstaining.

## J. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

1. Flag Day was a success and thank you to all departments involved for their hardwork.
2. Trash Contract – Judge Goldberg ruled for Northampton Township on all five counts and upheld the Boards decision to award the 3 year trash collection contract to Mascaro & Sons..

There being no further business, Chairman Palestina adjourned the meeting at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Long, Jr.  
Secretary  
Board of Supervisors