



Township of Northampton

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May 9, 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. WELCOME – Chairman Palestina, on behalf of the Board, welcomed Robert M. Pellegrino and offered the Board's support as he undertakes the position of Township Manager. Chairman Palestina also thanked Kathleen Goldhahn for her help during the interim.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of the business meeting of April 11, 2007 were deemed approved.
- C. CITIZENS CONCERNS
 1. Donald Reese, 94 Twining Ford Road - Mr. Reese spoke regarding his concerns relating to speeding along Twining Ford Road and requested that the Police Department take a look at this alleged speeding problem.

D. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Exoneration of Refuse Collection Fees – This matter was deferred to the business meeting of May 23, 2007 to give the Administration more time to research this request and to present additional information to the Board of Supervisors.

E. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Mr. Kinney)

1. Resignation – Planning Commission – The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Charles C. Mateer from the Northampton Township Planning Commission.
2. Applications for Appointment to the Planning Commission – Mr. Kinney requested all residents, who are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, to submit an application for possible appointment to the Planning Commission. The applications can be found on Northampton Township's web site.
3. Appointments (2) Library Board – By unanimous vote motions (Kinney-Komelasky) were passed appointing Millicent C. Neff, residing at 24 Pond View Drive, Richboro and Ernest One, residing at 260 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro to the Library Board, effective immediately and expiring January 31, 2010.

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

1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of April 25, 2007 and May 9, 2007 were deemed approved by unanimous consent.
2. Applications for Possible Appointment to the Northampton Township Historical Commission and Park and Recreation Board – Mr. Deon asked all residents who are interested in serving on either the Historical Commission or the Park and Recreation Board to submit an application to the Board for possible appointment. All applications can be found on Northampton Township's web site or can be picked up at the Administration building.
3. Verizon PEG – Mr. Deon advised residents that those residents who have subscribed to Verizon cable programming, PEG Channels (the public access channel, educational access channel and government access channel) are not included at this time. These channels will not be provided until one-year after the Township signed the franchise agreement with Verizon. Verizon will provide public access channels on approximately January 28, 2008.

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Mr. Long)

1. Award Contract – Gasoline, Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel and Heating Fuel - By unanimous vote, motions (Long-Komelasky) were passed awarding the contract for unleaded gasoline to Sunoco Inc. at their bid price of \$1.9423 per gallon (float cost per gallon) to the Bucks County Consortium; the contract for low sulfur diesel fuel to Petroleum Traders Corporation at their bid price of \$1.9363 per gallon (float cost per gallon) to the Buck County Consortium and the contract for #2 Heating Fuel to Petroleum Traders Corporation at their bid price of \$2.0339 per gallon (firm cost per gallon) to the Buck County Consortium.
2. Mr. Long welcomed Robert M. Pellegrino as the new township manager and offered him Board support in his new position.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

1. Appointment to Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust – Chairman Palestina appointed Robert M. Pellegrino as Northampton Township’s Trustee to the Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust.
2. Traffic Signal –Representatives of Northampton Township met with Penn DOT regarding the signal at (Routes #232 and #332) Second Street Pike and Almshouse Road, now have the signal working more efficiently. The situation will continue to be monitored and adjustments will be made as needed.
3. Police Chiefs’ Association of Bucks County – Chairman Palestina announced to the public that County-Wide Police Memorial Services will be held Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 9am at the Bristol Township Administration Building, 10am at the Bensalem Township Administration Building and at 6pm at St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church, Newtown, PA.
4. Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Chairman Palestina announced to the public that the next Household Hazardous Waste collection day will be Saturday, May 12, 2007, from 9am to 3pm, at the Lower Makefield Corporate Center located at 770 Township Line Road. All Northampton Township residents are urged to take advantage of the collection day.
5. Newsletter – Chairman Palestina announced that the Newsletter has been mailed to residents. There is still a problem with delivery of the Newsletter to certain areas of the Township. As a result of these problems there is a “Zip Code Response Form” provided to residents in this Newsletter to be filled out so the Board can see if they would be justified in requesting that all of Northampton Township be represented with one zip code.

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6. Flag Disposal Ceremony – The Township will hold a flag disposal ceremony on Memorial Day at the Municipal Park for residents to properly dispose of worn American flags. After the flag disposal ceremony, a concert will be held for all to enjoy. Residents who are unable to attend the ceremony can drop off their flag at various municipal buildings in advance of the ceremony.
7. Make Northampton Neat Day – Larry Hauler, the chairman of the annual cleanup day has submitted his resignation. The Township is requesting all resident's who are interested in applying to volunteer for this worthwhile cause to please let the Public Works Department know.
8. Special Speed Monitoring – Residents were advised that the Police Department will be scheduling speed monitoring on Chinquapin Road, Holland Road, Buck Road and Tanyard Road until Memorial Day.
9. Election Day – Chairman Palestina reminded residents to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, May 15, 2007.

There being no further business, Chairman Palestina adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Long, Jr.
Secretary
Board of Supervisors

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