



# Township of Northampton

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August 11, 2004

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:

Dr. Arthur Friedman  
John E. Long Jr.  
Peter F. Palestina  
James E. Kinney  
George F. Komelasky

Others present were:

D. Bruce Townsend, Township Manager  
David W. Connell, Township Engineer  
Edward Rudolph, Township Solicitor

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Dr. Friedman.

## A. CITIZENS CONCERNS

1. Northampton Crest Homeowners Association – Joel Spiller – Mr. Spiller commended Mr. Connell and the Township for their help with problems being experienced in the Northampton Crest development
2. Lydia Sakaitis, Jacksonville Road – Ms. Sakaitis expressed her concerns over work that is being done in an area that she believes is the floodplain near her property.
3. Stormwater Concerns - Charles Omara, 17 Heron Road and Elaine Brasberger, 77 Heron Road expressed concern regarding stormwater problems being experienced in their neighborhood. The Administration will review and report back to the Board of Supervisors.
4. Library Project - Sydell Gross, Richboro expressed her concerns about alleged cuts to the proposed Library renovation project. Dr. Friedman assured her that no functional cuts had been made to the plans for the new renovated Library

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of July 7, 2004 was accepted by unanimous vote, as presented.
- C. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE – AMEND VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC CHAPTER – No action was taken at this time on the proposed ordinance which would have removed the multi-way stop signs at Indian Summer Drive and St. Leonards Road.
1. Judy Boone, 25 Indian Summer Drive
  2. Jim Jacoby, 70 Winter Road
  3. Cheryl Gross, 30 Indian Summer Drive
  4. Ginny Rock, 599 St. Leonards Road
  5. Duane Boone, 25 Indian Summer Drive
  6. Paul Ernest, 9 Indian Summer Drive
  7. Matthew Pattoli, 24 Indian Summer Drive
  8. Natalya Dreytser, 21 Indian Summer Drive
  9. Howard Bernheim, 6 Indian Summer Drive
  10. Diane Ernest, 9 Indian Summer Drive
- (All of the listed residents spoke in favor of retaining the multi-way stop signs.)

The Administration was asked to review all recommendations that had been furnished to the Township concerning the intersection and to take further actions as deemed necessary to improve the safety at that location.

- D. CASADONTI – CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION – This matter was continued to the Board of Supervisors public business meeting of Wednesday, September 22, 2004.
- E. SUMMERS PETITION FOR ZONING CHANGE – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Palestina) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider the actual rezoning of TMP#31-40-5 and TMP#31-40-6 from I-P Institutional/Public to R-2 Residential to be held Wednesday, September 8, 2004.
- F. SUMMERS LOT LINE CHANGE – After discussion between the Board and James A. Spaziano, representing Flora N. Summers, a motion (Friedman-Palestina) was passed by unanimous vote, approving the Summers Lot Line Change affecting two parcels located on Schan Drive, as originally drawn by Tri-State Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc., under the seal of Richard A. Holler, dated April 23, 2004, subject to the following conditions and comments:

1. Plans need to be revised showing water and sewer facilities
2. Plans need to be revised to show existing trees/landscaping and to provide necessary documentation satisfactory to the Township Engineer and Solicitor that would establish a deed restriction/covenant to protect those existing landscaped areas particularly those that exist on the east side of the property.
3. A copy of a deed showing the ownership of the new lot being created by this lot line change needs to be submitted to the Township

G. GIAIMO – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT – This matter was continued to the public meeting of September 8, 2004.

H. SUNDIAL FARMS, LOT 4 – LOT LINE CHANGE – After a brief presentation by William Schroeder, representing James L. and Christine J. Reilly, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed by a 4 to 1 vote (Kinney voting no), approving the lot line change for Sundial Farms. Lot 4, (TMP#31-21-11) originally drawn by All County, Inc., dated January 16, 2004, bearing the seal of Paul Wojciechowski for a lot line change, which would reverse a previous lot line change approved in 1998, located at the eastern end of the cul-de-sac of Gordon Wilbur Court, be approved subject to the conditions and comments of the meeting.

I. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Authorization to Proceed with the Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment – By unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Kinney) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to proceed with the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment as listed in the Superintendent of Public Works memorandum of July 20, 2004.
2. Authorization to Proceed with Sale of Real Estate – By unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Palestina) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to proceed with the preparation of the bid specifications and request for proposals for the sale of the 149 Middle Holland Road, 115 Middle Holland Road and 1057 Almshouse Road with the expected date of the bids to be received prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting of October 13, 2004.

J. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. Reappointment – Environmental Advisory Council – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Long) was passed reappointing Evan Stone, who resides at 15

Scott Drive, to another term on the Environmental Advisory Council, effective September 1, 2004 and expiring January 1, 2008.

**K. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)**

1. Proposed Resolution – Emergency Regulations Restricting Motor Vehicles on Sackettsford Road – By unanimous vote, a motion (Palestina-Long) adopting Resolution R-04-19 closing Sackettsford Road to all traffic other than local traffic beginning August 5, 2004 pending a full evaluation of road conditions.

The following residents addressed the Board regarding their concerns about trucks and speeding on Sackettsford Road:

William Ayre, Twining Ford Road  
Joe Longmore, 42 Robin Road  
James Schyer, 723 Sackettsford Road  
Barbara Cohen, 825 Sackettsford Road  
Barbara Andrews, 879 Sackettsford Road  
Pat Rulo, 577 Sackettsford Road  
Jack Donovan, 830 Sackettsford Road  
Pamela Burhns, 533 Sackettsford Road  
William Schoenleber, 1005 Sackettsford Road  
John Harding, 654 Sackettsford Road

2. Authorization to Schedule and Advertise – Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance – Restricting Type II Commercial Vehicles on Sackettsford Road – By unanimous vote, a motion (Palestina-Kinney) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance which would prohibit Type II commercial vehicles from operating on Sackettsford Road to be held Wednesday, September 8, 2004.
3. Regional Traffic Planning Meeting – Mr. Palestina reported that the next Regional Traffic Planning Meeting will be held at Newtown Township Municipal Building on August 19th at 7:30 pm.

**L. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Mr. Long)**

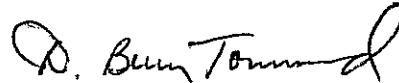
1. Winter Traffic Services Agreement with Penn DOT – By unanimous vote, a motion (Long-Palestina) approving the proposed agreement for winter traffic services with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a five-year period beginning in the winter season 2004 and concluding spring of 2009 for the provision of winter traffic services on certain designated state highways.

M. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND TREASURER'S REPORT  
(Mr. Kinney)

1. Accounts Payable - The accounts payable listing of August 11, 2004 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Northampton Township Library Renovation Project – By unanimous vote, a motion (Kinney-Palestina) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to advertise for bids for renovations to the Northampton Township Library to be received on Thursday, September 9, 2004.
3. Northampton Days – Mr. Kinney advised the Board and the public that Northampton Days celebration will be held September 12, 2004.

There being no further business, Dr. Friedman adjourned the meeting at 12:02am.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Bruce Townsend  
Township Manager

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