



# Township of Northampton

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## SUPERVISORS

John E. Long, Jr.  
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Dr. Arthur Friedman  
*Vice Chairman*

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*Secretary*

James E. Kinney  
*Treasurer*

George F. Komelasky  
*Supervisor*

December 14, 2005

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:

John E. Long Jr.  
Dr. Arthur Friedman  
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 Mr. Long.

- A. FAREWELL SPEECH – Dr. Friedman took this opportunity to thank fellow Board members and the Administrative staff for all their dedication and assistance during his six year term.
- B. DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD – Mr. Long announced that Emilienne Repak was not able to attend tonight's meeting. The Distinguished Citizen Proclamation will be presented to her January 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Repak is being recognized for time spent volunteering at Churchville Nature Center and her efforts in establishing a recycling program at her high school.
- C. RECOGNITION – JUNIOR PEE WEE – INDIAN FOOTBALL – Mr. Long presented a proclamation to the Northampton Indians Football Association, Junior Pee Wee Team as recognition of their team spirit, athletic ability and successfully attaining the Eastern Regional Championship.

- D. CITIZENS CONCERNS - None
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of December 7, 2005 was accepted by unanimous consent as presented.
- F. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT 2006 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY - Chairman Long presented the 2006 budget. After comments among the Board and public input from Jay Russell, 725 New Road, a motion (Komelasky-Friedman) was passed by unanimous vote, adopting Resolution R-05-39, a resolution appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of Township government for the upcoming 2006 calendar year and; a motion (Komelasky-Friedman) by unanimous vote, passed Resolution R-05-40, a resolution increasing the tax rate for 2006.
- G. PRESENTATION – SIDEWALK PRIORITIZATION STUDY – John Mandera (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) gave a formal presentation of a study done by DVRPC in cooperation with the Northampton Township Planning Commission and staff to develop a plan for determining where it is logical to extend sidewalks in the future in order to promote pedestrian circulation and diminish residential dependency on motor vehicle as means of local transportation.
- H. PROCACCINO – PRELIMINARY/FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION – This matter was continued to the business meeting of January 3, 2006 at the request of the applicant. (The applicant has offered a voluntary contribution of \$10,000 to be used toward road widening and improvements
- I. NEW ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY – PRELIMINARY/FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed approving the lot line change submitted by CKS Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Northampton Township, dated September 1, 2005, for a lot line change affecting the former right-of-way at the corner of New Road and Second Street Pike. The Board requested that the linens show a conservation easement
- J. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)
1. Proposed Resolution – Revisions to Personnel Rules and Regulations – This matter was continued to the business meeting of January 3, 2006.

2. Revision to Uniformed Employees Handbook – By unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Friedman) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-41, revising the Northampton Township Uniformed Employees Handbook, Section VI.
3. Proposed Resolution – Amending Trash Fees - After review of the proposed resolution, by unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Palestina) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-42,, amending Chapter A145 by increasing refuse collection fees.
4. Tax Anticipation Note – After discussion amongst the Board, a motion (Komelasky-Kinney) was passed by unanimous vote, adopting Resolution R-05-43, a resolution accepting a proposal submitted to Northampton Township by Mellon Bank for a \$3,000,000 Tax Anticipation Note.

**K. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)**

1. Authorization to Schedule and Advertise – Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance – Riparian Buffer District – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to schedule and advertise a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 to consider a proposed ordinance which would amend the zoning chapter of the Township Code by establishing a riparian buffer district.
2. Authorization to Schedule and Advertise – Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance – Tree Protection – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to schedule and advertise a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 to consider a proposed ordinance which would amend the zoning chapter of the Township Code by establishing a tree protection and replacement requirement ordinance.

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

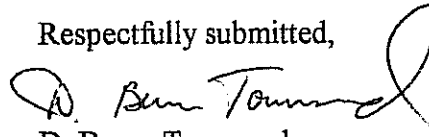
1. Snow Emergency – By unanimous vote, a motion (Palestina-Komelasky) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-44 ratifying a resolution declaring that 8:00 am a snow emergency for December 9, 2005 existed and then Resolution R-05-45 lifting said snow emergency on December 9, 2005 at 6:00 pm.
2. Commendation – Police Officers – Supervisor Palestina announced to the Board and to the public that Officer Caldwell was this year's Police Officer of the Year. Supervisors Palestina also commended Officer Trubiano, Detective Wyant, Officer Hinde and Officer Decker for the recent handling of emergency issues.

**M. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE (Mr. Kinney)**

1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of December 14, 2005 was approved by unanimous consent.

There being no further business, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Bruce Townsend  
Township Manager

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