

December 15, 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. BLUE LIGHT CEREMONY – Mr. Palestina conducted the annual Blue Light Ceremony honoring those men and women of our emergency services units who have paid the ultimate price in defense of their community.

- B. PRESENTATION- NORTHAMPTON PATRIOT - Supervisor Palestina returned the Army flag held in the display case to returning soldier Michael Pinciotti and his parents, and replaced that flag with an American flag. Following that presentation, Supervisor Palestina escorted Brad Raudenbush's mother and sister to the display stand and placed an Army flag in the display for Army soldier Brad Raudenbush signifying his currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- C. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH – Chairman Friedman presented the Citizen of the Month award to Shelly Raudenbush, sister of Brad A. Raudenbush, for Brad's humanitarian efforts to collect and distribute sandals to needy Iraqi children while serving with the U.S. Army Reserves, 1st Brigade, 111th Infantry Battalion in Iraq.

- D. CITIZENS CONCERNS - None
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of December 8, 2004 was accepted by unanimous vote, as presented.
- F. PUBLIC HEARING – BOND ISSUE 2005 – Chairman Friedman opened discussion with Joe Falcone, First American Municipals and Robert Jones, Saul Ewing regarding a proposed bond issue. After discussion and request for public comment, a motion (Komelasky-Long) was passed by unanimous vote, adopting Ordinance No. 502 authorizing the incurrence of electoral debt of the Township of Northampton by the issuance of \$4,340,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2005, for the purpose of providing funds for and towards a current refunding program and paying the costs of issuing the bonds; authorizing the preparation and filing of a debt statement and other documentation; covenanting to create a sinking fund and to budget, appropriate and pay debt service on the bonds and pledging the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Township for the bonds; setting forth the substantial form of bond; setting forth the stated principal maturity amounts and dates, interest rates and interest payment dates, place of payment, sinking fund provisions and other details of the Bonds; authorizing the execution of a fourth supplement to continuing disclosure agreement; finding that a negotiated private sale of the bonds is in the best financial interest of the Township and accepting a proposal for the purchase of the bonds; appointing a paying agent and sinking fund depository; and authorizing other necessary action.
- G. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT 2005 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY - Chairman Friedman presented the 2005 budget, the proposed reduced tax rate due to County-wide revision of pre-determined ratio and the proposed tax levy to members of the public and Board of Supervisors. After comments amongst the Board and no public comment, a motion (Komelasky-Kinney) was passed adopting Resolution R-04-26, a resolution appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of Township government for the upcoming 2004 calendar year and; a motion (Komelasky-Long) passed Resolution R-04-27, a resolution reducing the tax rate due to County-wide revision of pre-determined ratio and; a motion (Komelasky-Kinney) passed Resolution R-04-28, a resolution enacting the tax rates for 2005.
- H. CONTINUATION OF CASADONTI – CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION – This matter was continued to the Board of Supervisors regular business meeting of January 26, 2005.

I. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Proposed Resolution – Revisions to Personnel Rules and Regulations – By unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Long) was passed adopting Resolution R-04-29, a resolution revising personnel rules and regulations for the employees of Northampton Township to allow for changes in the holiday schedule and position classification and pay plan.
2. Proposed Resolution – Revisions to Fee Schedule – After review of the proposed resolution, by unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Palestina) was passed adopting Resolution R-04-30, amending Chapter A145 by increasing certain fees.

J. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. Dedication – Jean Avenue Estates – After discussion with Frank Marino, 68 Jean Avenue and his concerns regarding street paving, Chairman Friedman continued this matter to a future date.
2. Reappointment – Zoning Hearing Board and Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – By unanimous votes, motions (Friedman-Komelasky) were passed by unanimous votes reappointing John C. Fenningham to the Zoning Hearing Board for another three-year term and reappointing Matthew Schrum as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate for another three-year term.

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

1. Accounts Payable - The accounts payable listing of December 15, 2004 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Reappointment – Historical Commission – By unanimous votes, motions (Kinney-Palestina) were passed by unanimous votes reappointing Virginia Geyer and Andrea C. Mangold to another five-year term on the Northampton Township Historical Commission.
3. Reappointment – Park and Recreation Board - By unanimous votes, motions (Kinney-Komelasky) were passed by unanimous votes reappointing Debbie Nowak, Martin Wade and Edward S. Radlow to another five-year term on the Northampton Township Park and Recreation Board.

M. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

1. Mr. Palestina requested the Township Administration to send a letter congratulating Council Rock High School South's choral group for being selected by the American Community Services to perform on tour in Grand Cayman, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico.
2. Mr. Palestina announced to the public that the Northampton Township Volunteer Fire Company was sponsoring a small game of chance through a calendar sale. All are invited to join in the game.

There being no further business, Chairman Friedman adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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