



Township of Northampton

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SUPERVISORS

John E. Long, Jr.
Chairman

January 26, 2005

Dr. Arthur Friedman
Vice Chairman

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

Peter F. Palestina
Secretary

James E. Kinney
Treasurer

Members of the Board of Supervisors present were:

George F. Komelasky
Supervisor

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. DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS RECOGNITION - Chairman Long recognized Warren and Gail Hogeland, long time residents of Northampton Township who held their Thanksgiving family gathering at the "Corner Grill" and graciously opened the doors to anyone in need of food and/or companionship thus providing a holiday dinner to more than 50 appreciative people.
- B. RECOGNITION – Dr. Ted Robinson was recognized for 22 years of dedicated service to the Northampton Township Historical Commission. Dr. Robinson served on the Historical Commission from January 1983 to January 2005.
- C. CITIZENS CONCERNS
 1. Kevin Cawley, 1261 Benn Lane, Warminster, spoke opposing the proposed road (Poets Walk) to be located directly across Bristol Road, citing increased traffic problems. Mr. Townsend was requested to arrange a meeting with the residents of Benn Lane and the developer of Poets Walk to discuss the perceived problem.

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of January 3, 2005 was accepted by unanimous consent as presented.

E. CONTINUATION OF CASADONTI – CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION – Chairman Long opened a public hearing to consider a proposed conditional use application, filed by Joseph Casadonti, affecting TMP#31-52-96. The application proposes a driveway stream crossing over a tributary to the Little Neshaminy Creek. The driveway would serve a 13.4 acres lot on the northwest side of Jacksonville Road between Gwynn Lynn Drive and Almshouse Road.

The following letters/correspondence were noted for the record:

1. Northampton Township Planning Commission's correspondence of September 3, 2004 and January 21, 2005.
2. Township Engineer's correspondence of July 1, August 19, November 1 and December 8, 2004.
3. Township Planner's correspondence of June 29 and December 14, 2004.

By a 3 to 2 vote, (Komelasky and Long voting nay) a motion was passed approving the application filed by Casadonti Homes for a conditional use application to allow for the construction of a driveway through a stream easement on TMP#31-52-96, subject to the following conditions:

1. By approving the conditional use application, the Board of Supervisors is not making a determination that the proposed culvert constitutes a "bridge across the wetlands" as is referenced in Note 8 shown on the Ivylake subdivision plans recorded in 1987.
2. A deed restriction is to be placed on the property in the form of a covenant prohibiting further subdivision to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor and recorded at the Recorder of Deeds Office.

F. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Status of Litigation Northampton Valley Country Club – Mr. Komelasky advised the public that a decision related to an appeal from the Country Club for a new sign may be forthcoming. Mr. Komelasky indicated that he was concerned about the impact this sign may have on the neighboring properties.

G. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. Proposed Resolution – Support of Lower Neshaminy Creek Plan – After review of the proposed resolution, by unanimous vote (Friedman-Komelasky) Resolution R-05-2, was adopted supporting the Lower Neshaminy Creek Watershed Conservation Plan and listing the Lower Neshaminy Creek Watershed and its tributaries on the Pennsylvania Rivers Registry.
2. Authorizing Ads Placed in Township Newsletters and at Park and Recreation Facilities– The Board of Supervisors authorized the placement of advertisements in the Township newsletters and at Park and Recreation facilities. Anyone interested in advertising is being requested to contact the Township Administration.

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

1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of January 26, 2005 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Reappointment – Library Board – By a 4-0-1 vote (Palestina-Komelasky) (Kinney abstaining), passed the reappointment of Joan S. Kinney to another term on the Library Board, expiring January 31, 2008.
3. Library Renovation Project – Mr. Kinney briefed the Board and the public that the Northampton Township Library renovation project was proceeding as expected. A copy of the proposed project schedule will be given to each Board member.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

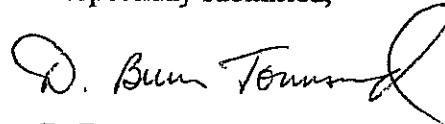
1. Declare Snow Emergency – By unanimous vote, a motion (Palestina-Friedman) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-03 ratifying a resolution declaring that a snow emergency existed on January 22, 2005.
2. Rescind Snow Emergency – By unanimous vote, a motion (Palestina-Friedman) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-04 repealing on January 23, 2005, the said snow emergency.

J. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Mr. Long)

1. Video Production Services – By unanimous vote, a motion (Long-Palestina) was passed awarding the contract for video production services to Video Gold Productions, Inc., located in Richboro, for the 2005 calendar year.
2. Authorization to Bid – Biodegradable Paper Leaf Collection Bags – By unanimous vote, a motion (Long-Palestina) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to proceed with the advertising for bids for biodegradable paper leaf collection bags to be awarded at the regular business meeting of February 23, 2005.

There being no further business, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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