



Township of Northampton

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Supervisor

March 9, 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
Michelle, Township Engineer
Edward Rudolph, Township Solicitor

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Long.

A. CITIZENS CONCERNS - None

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of February 23, 2005 was accepted by unanimous consent as presented.

C. OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS – FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT – After discussion amongst the Board, a motion (Friedman-Palestina) was passed by unanimous vote, approving the final land development for Omnipoint Communications, located at Bristol and Harboro roads, as submitted by Damiano Long Consulting Engineers, bearing the seal of Philip Burtner, dated August 20, 2002 and last revised June 7, 2004, subject to the submission of a new or revised Letter of Credit to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor. The issue of building permits is conditioned upon the acceptance of the Letter of Credit by the Township Solicitor.

D. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Delinquent Refuse Collection Bills – By unanimous vote, a motion (Komelasky-Palestina) was passed approving the appointment of G.H. Harris and Associates as the collector for delinquent refuse collection fees for the year 2004, based on the terms and conditions for the collection of those fees approved in prior years.

E. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. Reappointment – Building Code Board of Appeals – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed reappointing Ray Schiwall to another five-year term on the Northampton Township Building Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Schiwall's term expires March 15, 2010.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

1. Authorization to Advertise for Bids – Signalization - Intersection of Holland Road and Lower Holland Road/Vanderveer Road – By unanimous vote, a motion (Palestina-Komelasky) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to advertise to receive bids on April 7, 2005 for the installation of traffic signals at Holland Road and Lower Holland Road/Vanderveer Road with an anticipated award date of April 13, 2005.
2. Commendation for Actions Performed During a Recent Traffic Accident - Supervisor Palestina commended the Public Works Department and the Volunteer Fire Company for their heroic actions taken at a recent traffic accident.
3. Defensive Driving – Supervisor Palestina announced the need for defensive driving especially in areas where the police are performing traffic stops.
4. Declaration and Termination of Snow Emergencies – By unanimous votes, motions (Palestina-Long) were passed adopting Resolution R-05-9 ratifying a resolution declaring a snow emergency February 25th at 2:00 am and Resolution R-05-10, lifting said snow emergency of February 25th at 3:00pm. Also by unanimous votes, motions (Palestina-Long) were passed adopting Resolution R-05-11 ratifying a resolution declaring a snow emergency February 28th at 9:00pm and Resolution R-05-12, lifting said snow emergency of February 28th on March 1st at 10:00 am.

**G. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE (In the absence of Mr. Kinney this report was given by Dr Friedman.)**

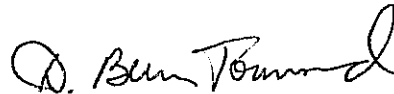
1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of March 9, 2005 was approved by unanimous consent.

H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Mr. Long)

1. Proposed Resolution – Cable Rates – By unanimous vote, a motion (Long-Palestina) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-13, a resolution authorizing setting the proposed maximum permitted rate for basic cable service for Northampton Township for 2005 at \$12.5044 per subscriber per month, effective March 1, 2005
2. Commendation – Public Works Department – Chairman Long commended the Public Works Department on their performance during the recent snow storms.
3. Response to Citizens Concern (Meeting of February 23, 2005) - Chairman Long acknowledged Mr. Townsend's letter to Mr. Miller regarding his inquiries at the last public business meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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