



Township of Northampton

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SUPERVISORS

September 22, 2004

Dr. Arthur Friedman
Chairman

John E. Long, Jr.
Vice Chairman

Peter F. Palestina
Secretary

James E. Kinney
Treasurer

George F. Komelasky
Supervisor

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. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH – Chairman Friedman presented the Citizen of the Month award to James J. Richerts, a Council Rock music student for his initiative to organize the collection of used musical instruments for those students who financially were unable to avail themselves of an education in music.

B. CITIZENS CONCERNS

1. William Ayre, - Mr. Ayre expressed his concerns over the speed limits throughout the County.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of September 8, 2004 was accepted by unanimous vote, as presented.

D. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE – SHOPPING CENTER DEFINITION – Following discussion by the Board of Supervisors, a motion (Komelasky-Kinney) was passed by unanimous vote, adopting Ordinance No. 497, amending the Northampton Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 140, by providing a definition of “Shopping Center” and to permit shopping center as a conditional use

in the C-2 General Commercial/Office District and as a permitted use within the C-3 Planned Commercial District.

- E. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE - SUMMERS - PETITION FOR ZONING CHANGE - This matter was continued to the business meeting of Wednesday, October 13, 2004.
- F. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING – CASADONTI – CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION – This matter was continued to the public business meeting of November 17, 2004.
- G. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)
1. Certificate of Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – Supervisor Komelasky brought to the Board’s attention the MMO prepared by the Township Actuarial Consultant, Jack Lister. The Board acknowledged receipt of the MMO for the purpose of incorporating these obligations for both the Non-Uniformed Employees and the Police Pension plans to the 2005 budget.
- H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)
1. Proposed Resolution – Farm Bill – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Long) was passed by unanimous vote adopting Resolution R-04-20, a resolution opposing the Rendell Administration’s creation of an Agricultural Review Board and authorizing the Township Administration to send a copy to the Pennsylvania State elected officials
 2. Revision to Approved Plan – Leck Land Development – By a 4 to 1 vote (Friedman-Komelasky), (Palestina voting no) was passed contingent upon the applicant negotiating with the Township Administration for a fee in lieu of the required fencing.
- I. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)
1. Regional Traffic Planning Meeting – Mr. Palestina reported that the next Regional Traffic Planning Meeting would be held at Northampton Township Administration Building on September 29th at 7:30 pm.

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2. Traffic Signalization Update – The Township Administration was requested to prepare, for the next public business meeting, an update to the traffic signalization.
3. Cherry Blossom Drive – At the request of residents living on Cherry Blossom Drive, the Police Department will be ticketing violators who neglect to stop at the stop intersections.
4. Commendation – Acting Detective Chuck Pinkerton – Supervisor Palestina commended acting detective Charles Pinkerton for his recent recognition by NOVA for his efforts in the arrest of a stalker.

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

1. Accounts Payable - The accounts payable listing of September 22, 2004 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Appointment – Historical Commission – By unanimous vote, a motion (Kinney-Komelasky) was passed appointing Nancy T. Kershaw who resides at 23 Frog Hollow Road to fill an unexpired term on the Northampton Township Historical Commission effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2006.
2. Northampton Township Senior Center Rental Agreement – By unanimous vote, a motion (Kinney-Long) was passed approving the agreement to be used by those wishing to rent the Northampton Township Senior Center.
3. Award Contract – Northampton Township Library Addition and Renovation Project – A motion (Komelasky-Long) was passed by a 3-1-1 vote (Palestina voting no)(Kinney abstaining) awarding the following contracts for the Northampton Township Library Addition and Renovation to J.A. Taddei Corporation for site work in the amount of \$536,300 and to D.P. Murt Co., Inc. for electrical contract in the amount of \$704,000. It was anticipated that the Board would act upon the remaining bids/awards at the next business meeting of October 13, 2004.

There being no further business, Dr. Friedman adjourned the meeting at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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