

Township of Northampton

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June 8, 2005

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Dr. Arthur Friedman
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:

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. CITIZENS CONCERNS

1. William Eyre, 320 Twining Ford Road – Mr. Eyre brought presented to the Board photographs showing stormwater problems that he is experiencing on his property.

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of May 25, 2005 was accepted by unanimous consent as presented.

C. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)

1. Verizon – Mr. Komelasky asked if the Administration could provide a more comprehensive description of work being performed by Verizon on the municipal access channel to help residents understand the ongoing project.

2. Earned Income Tax Collector – Mr. Komelasky reminded the Administration that he is still waiting comments concerning the audit procedures being performed on Berkheimer Associates and their work as E.I.T. collector.
3. Southampton Orchestra – Mr. Komelasky reported to the Board and to the public that Southampton Orchestra is looking for a place where they could hold practices. If anyone can offer information it would be appreciated

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. Revisions to Approved Preliminary Land Development Plan – Villa Joseph Marie Campus – After a presentation by Ed Murphy, attorney and Diana Koopman, principal of Villa Joseph Marie, a motion, (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed by unanimous vote, approving the revisions to the approved preliminary plans drawn by O'Donnell & Naccarato, Inc., last revised May 16, 2005, submitted by Villa Joseph Marie (originally approved on February 27, 2002) subject to the following conditions and comments.
 - a. Detention Basin – Preliminary plans are to be revised to the Township Engineer's satisfaction by modifying plans for detention basin to comply with current stormwater runoff regulations (BMP).
 - d. Notes - A note should be placed on the plan stating that if any other use is applied to the nursing home portion of the buildings, additional parking may be required at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.
 - c. Phasing Plans – If the applicant intends to implement the improvements in phases, a clear phasing plan must be delineated to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer. Additionally, a note should be placed on the record plan detailing compliance of each phase with Township zoning regulations (physical and dimensional requirements, etc.).

The applicant was reminded to make all the appropriate above-mentioned conditions to the preliminary plans and submit them to the Township for the Township Engineer's certification and approval. Only upon his certification that the preliminary plan is official and that the plans meet the above-mentioned conditions would the Board of Supervisors be willing to accept a final plan submission. In addition, the Board may want to remind the applicant that a final plan submission will need to include any fees and/or contributions and the entering into escrow and development agreements before the signing of the final plan. The Township Engineer should be consulted as to whether or not any fees are applicable in this instance.

2. Authorization to Schedule and Advertise – Public Hearing – Proposed Ordinance Zoning Change – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to schedule and advertise a public hearing to be held on August 10, 2005, to consider a proposed ordinance which would rezone certain lands from A-R Agricultural-Residential District to R-2 Residential District.
3. Dedication – Jean Avenue Estates – After comments made by Frank Marino, 68 Jean Avenue, a motion (Friedman-Kinney) (Friedman and Long voting no) was passed by a 3 to 2 vote, adopting Resolution R-05-21, accepting the Deed of Dedication dated June 16, 2004, from Toner Homes, Inc., for the dedication of the public improvements, and Resolution R-05-22, accepting the Deed of Easements dated October 25, 2001, for the improvements with the easements in the development known as Jean Avenue Estates and that the maintenance requirements for the period of eighteen months from this date be accepted.
4. Dedication – Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) was passed adopting Resolution R-05-23, accepting the Deed of Dedication, dated October 23, 2003, from Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Rights-of-Way of Second Street Pike and Worthington Mill Roads and that the Maintenance Bond submitted, be accepted to fulfill the maintenance requirements for the period of 18 months from this date.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

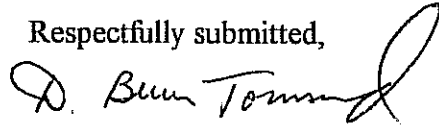
1. Bristol Road Closure June 12th –Upper Southampton Municipal Authority will close Bristol Road between Chinquapin Road and Buck Ridge Road in the evenings between 7pm to 6am, beginning June 12th. This closure is to install a new water main.
2. Public Service Advisory – Mr. Palestina announced to the public that on Saturday, June 11, 2005, Holland Road will be closed between East Holland Road and Lower Holland Road to normal traffic at approximately 9am to 10am to help with a large volume of traffic being anticipated for the viewing and funeral service to be held for Northampton Township Police Officer Rob Hannah. The Police Department wishes to thank all who may be inconvenienced by the temporary traffic for their patience.

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

1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of June 8, 2005 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Northampton Township Parks and Recreation Summer Camp – Mr. Kinney reminded residents that the Parks and Recreation Summer Camps held throughout the Township will begin shortly.
3. Parks and Recreation Concert Series – Mr. Kinney reminded the public that the Summer Concerts began on June 5th. The concerts are held at the Civic Center II Amphitheater Newtown-Richboro Road through August. These concerts are free to the public.
4. Wednesday Night Movies in the Park – Mr. Kinney reminded the public that movies in the Municipal Park will begin on June 22nd at dusk. Admission is \$1.00.
5. Swim Club Membership – Mr. Kinney reminded residents that swim club memberships are still available.
6. 5K Run – Mr. Kinney reminded residents that a 5K Run will held at the Municipal Park on Saturday June 11, 2005 beginning 8:30am.
7. Senior Center Pavilion – Bocce Court – Mr. Kinney announced that a cover is been installed over the bocce court at the Senior Center.

There being no further business, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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