



Township of Northampton

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September 14, 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
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. Tony Albano, Newtown-Richboro Road – Mr. Albano congratulated Board members for their recent bocce victory at Northampton Days and mentioned that there will be a County championship on October 16th at the Middletown Grange as part of Children's International Day. Mr. Albano also mentioned a 9/11/05 Philadelphia Inquirer article entitled "Best Find: Northampton Township Municipal Park" and gave further information that a USMC League is being formed in Northampton Township and that those interested can contact Lt. Clark. Mr. Albano also suggested that Northampton Township support or encourage a short Memorial Day Parade from the veterans monument to the cemetery on Rt. 232.
2. Dr. Mascoli – Dr. Mascoli spoke regarding zoning, traffic and street maintenance as they pertain to the Regency subdivision. Mr. Long suggested that Dr. Mascoli meet with the Township Administration to go over his concerns.

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the business meeting of August 10, 2005 was accepted by unanimous consent as presented.
- C. HIDDEN CREEK – FINAL MAJOR SUBDIVISION – After discussion amongst Board members, a motion (Friedman-Kinney) was passed by unanimous vote, approving the final major subdivision for Hidden Creek, located on Bridgetown Pike, as submitted by Tri-State Engineers and Land Surveyors, Inc., bearing the seal of Wayne R. Kiefer, dated November 14, 2003 and last revised May 13, 2005, as all conditions have been satisfied.
- D. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT (Mr. Komelasky)
1. Proposed Budget Calendar – After review and discussion amongst the Board, the proposed budget calendar was accepted. Budget workshops will be held on October 17 and 18. Proposed changes to the 2005 budget are expected to be considered on November 16th. The 2006 budget and tax levy public hearing is scheduled for December 14.
 2. Agreement of Sale – 115 Middle Holland Road – Both Messrs. Tom Baust and Mark Feinman (attorney for Baust) presented their proposal for the purchase of the property. After considerable public comment and Board discussion a motion (Long-Friedman) was passed by a 3 to 2 vote (Palestina and Komelasky noting no) authorizing the execution of the agreement of sale for the property located at 115 Middle Holland Road, based upon Mr. Baust's proposed offer dated June 22, 2005.

The following residents spoke regarding the sale of 115 Middle Holland Road

Jerry Walsh, 123 Middle Holland Road
Andrea Mangold, Township Historical Commission
Eileen Mangeney, 33 Covey Lane
Jim Gallagher, Newtown resident
Mona Poff, Newtown resident
Eileen Mulcahy, 185 Forrest Drive
Matt Haist, 432 Hatboro Road
Betsy Moore, Lower Makefield resident
Ken Turner, 115 Joanne Road
Ron Fesmire, 297 Ward Court
Wendy Fesmire, 297 Ward Court
Mark Blunt, 406 Revere Drive
Sherry McAllister, 135 S Marmic Drive
Ed Eichner, 308, Mountainview Drive
Marge Weiner, Worthington Mill Road
Dennis Amareld, 196 Cloverly Drive

Richard Edelman, Lower Southampton resident

3. Cell Phone Collection – Mr. Komelasky reminded residents that cell phones and calling cards can be dropped off at all Township buildings until October 13th. Brett Goers, Eagle Scout candidate, communicated in writing to the Board of Supervisors that in light of the significant response to collect cellular phones to give to the troops overseas he was extending the campaign.
4. Verizon – Mr. Komelasky urged Verizon and the Administration to make restoration of all property that was disturbed by Verizon a priority. Mr. Komelasky also questioned the necessity for Verizon to store equipment on private and public property.
5. Warminster Rush – Mr. Komelasky asked that information regarding the Warminster Rush be in the upcoming quarterly newsletter.

E. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dr. Friedman)

1. Request Waiver from Land Development – Help-U-Sell – This item was continued to the meeting of September 28th.
2. Planning Module – Palio Residence – This item was deferred to the September 28th business meeting to give the Administration sufficient time to provide more information concerning the use of the property as it pertains to the proposed planning module.
3. Planning Module – Poet's Walk – By unanimous vote, a motion (Friedman-Komelasky) approved the adoption and submission of Resolution R-05-27, to the Department of Environmental Protection for a revision to the official sewage facilities plan of Northampton Township for a planning module on behalf of the Poet's Walk subdivision.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT (Mr. Palestina)

1. Traffic Safety Survey Forms – Mr. Palestina thanked everyone who submitted traffic concerns. There were 122 responses received at this time. The Public Works, Police and Zoning departments have already begun addressing the concerns received.
2. Grant Application – Bucks County Transportation Improvement Program – The Board approved the Township Administration to proceed with submission of the grant application.

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3. Deer Hunt at Tyler State Park – The Board announced to the public that the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development will be holding a deer hunt at Tyler State Park on December 6, 2005.
4. Hurricane Katrina – Mr. Palestina read a Council Rock School District memo on Council Rock Cares Program for Hurricane Katrina victims.
5. Commendation – Mr. Palestina commended four of Northampton Township's Police Officers who helped prevent a possible suicide.

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

1. Accounts Payable – The accounts payable listing of September 14, 2005 was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Northampton Days – Mr. Kinney commended the Park and Recreation, Public Works and the Police departments for all their hard work in helping to make Northampton Days celebration a success.

H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT (Mr. Long)

1. Authorization to Advertise and Schedule a Public Hearing – Two Proposed Ordinances – Road Abandonment – Portions of St. Leonard's Road and Tapeworm Road – By unanimous vote, a motion (Long-Palestina) was passed authorizing the Township Administration to schedule and advertise a public hearing to consider two proposed ordinances, one to vacate a portion of St. Leonard's Road and a second to vacate a portion of Tapeworm Road to be held Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

There being no further business, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Bruce Townsend
Township Manager

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