Easton, Pennsylvania

October 1, 2015

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Glenn A. Geissinger, Vice-President; Mathew M. Benol; Kenneth M. Kraft; Scott Parsons; Hayden Phillips; Seth Vaughn; Robert F. Werner; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council, and Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council. Absent were: Margaret L. Ferraro, President and Lamont G. McClure, Jr.

Prayer

Mr. Kraft led County Council in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Parsons led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Werner made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting shall be approved.

Mr. Parsons seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Presentation of Proclamations

Mr. Parsons stated these proclamations were for four members of the County’s Emergency 911 Division that were honored by St. Luke’s Hospital. He further stated it was great these individuals were being honored for the work they did, but they were part of a team of individuals that the residents of Northampton County could be proud of. He then asked Mr. Luis Campos, Director of Administration, to do the presentation.

Mr. Campos advised on September 19, 2015, a special group of individuals were recognized as part of St. Luke’s Trauma Center 11th Annual Night of Heroes celebration. He further advised this event honored trauma survivors, their loved ones
and a multi-disciplinary team that played an integral role in the patient’s recovery.

Mr. Campos stated the individuals at the 911 Center were usually taken for granted, but they did save lives. He then presented proclamations to Mr. Anthony Olszewski, Ms. Liza Bonisese, Ms. Erin Stahley and Mr. Jaimie Horink.

**Courtesy of the Floor**

As no one signed up for Courtesy of the Floor, Mr. Geissinger asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

**Controller’s Report**

Mr. Stephen Barron, Controller, advised the audit regarding the collection of money for substance abuse in the District Attorney’s Office was sent to the Attorney General’s Office on time.

Mr. Barron stated they were also wrapping up a number of projects and were gearing up for the external auditors visit. He further stated he had invited Mr. Vaughn to the closing meeting for the Prime Care audit and was now extending the invitation to the other members of County Council.

**County Executive Report**

As Mr. John A. Brown, County Executive, was not present at the meeting, Mr. James Hunter, Director of Fiscal Affairs addressed County Council.

Mr. Hunter advised there have not been a lot of changes since the last meeting when he talked about the State budget. He further advised they were continuing to monitor the County’s cash flow on a weekly basis.

Mr. Hunter stated allowances were made for this situation in the event it occurred so they were prepared for it. He further stated the County was paying its bills on time and were no reduction in services.
Mr. Hunter advised they have liquidated approximately $24 million and the County should be in a good position until the end of the year, but discussion had to be held regarding the beginning of next year.

Mr. Hunter stated another vote should be taken on Governor Tom Wolf’s budget on Wednesday so they would be keeping an eye on that, but they were in the process of putting together a more comprehensive plan to get the County through until the end of the year and the first quarter of next year. He further stated depending on how the vote went they may have to come before County Council with some suggestions on how the County was going to proceed.

In answer to Mr. Geissinger’s comment as to whether they were burning through the County’s anticipated $28 million year end reserve, Mr. Hunter advised they had to use some of it, but they have not tapped into anything else.

In response to Mr. Benol’s question as to whether they have talked to other Counties to see how they were handling this issue, Mr. Hunter indicated they have not because they have been able to conduct business normally thus far.

Consideration of Amendments to Open Space Initiative Projects
Resolutions a) Resolution #44-2013 (Schwartz property); b) Resolution #75-2014 (Raubsville Park Concession Stand and Restrooms Project)

Mr. Parsons stated these projects came in under budget so amendments had to be made to the original resolutions. He then introduced the following resolutions:

R. 86-2015  RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Resolution Number 44-2013, the conservation easement acquisition by the Nature Conservancy of the Schwartz property, Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County resolution, shall be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout have been deleted and sections marked with bold underline have been added.)

Number 44-2013

WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Initiative by enacting the Northampton County Open Space Ordinance #423-2004 on November 5, 2004; and
WHEREAS, the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board has recommended the conservation easement acquisition by the Nature Conservancy of the Schwartz property, Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used to acquire properties as follows:

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<th>Property Owner(s):</th>
<th>Joel &amp; Naida Schwartz</th>
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<td>Site Location:</td>
<td>774 Laurel Hill Road, Bangor, PA 18013, Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County</td>
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<td>Parcel Identification:</td>
<td>B10-4-3</td>
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<td>Site Information:</td>
<td>Approximately 25 acres: wooded acreage with Lake Minis vernal pools</td>
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<td>Municipal Allocation:</td>
<td>$75,200.00 $68,173.00 requested from Upper Mount Bethel Township</td>
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<td>County Grant Request:</td>
<td>$67,500.00 $54,375.00</td>
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Other Grants:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby directs the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his/her designee, to take any and all steps necessary to complete the conservation easement acquisition by the Nature Conservancy of the Schwartz property, Upper Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton County, Uniform Parcel Identifier Number B10-4-3.

(2) The Northampton County Council hereby directs the Northampton County Executive to appropriate $67,500.00 $54,375.00 as consideration for the conservation easement acquisition by the Nature Conservancy of the Schwartz property.

R. 87-2015 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that Resolution Number 75-2014, the Williams Township Raubsville Park Concession Stand and Restrooms Project resolution, shall be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout have been deleted and sections marked with bold underline have been added.)
WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative by enacting the Northampton County Open Space Ordinance #423-2004 on November 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board has recommended approval of the Raubsville Park Concession Stand and Restrooms Project, located in Williams Township; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used as follows:

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<td>Site Location:</td>
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<td>Park Development Description:</td>
<td>Construction of a concession stand, restrooms, storage area, installation of a well, sanitary sewer system and utilities</td>
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<td>Appraised Value:</td>
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<td>Phase II Municipal Allocation:</td>
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<td>$22,149.00 $13,953.60 (17.0%)</td>
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<td>(8%) Williams Township</td>
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<td>$125,000.00 (65%) (71.9%) Monroe County Local Share Account</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Raubsville Park Concession Stand and Restrooms Project, located in Williams Township. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the Office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his/her designee, is directed to take any and all steps necessary to administer and complete Northampton County's obligations in this project.

(2) The Northampton County Council further directs the Northampton County Executive to appropriate $35,000.00 as the Northampton County contribution to the Raubsville Park Concession Stand and Restrooms Project, located in Williams Township.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Geissinger called for the vote.
The vote: Parsons, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes" and Benol, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration of the Revision of Emergency Solutions Grant Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 88-2015

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A REQUEST FOR REVISION OF THE 2014 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED) has awarded FFY 2014 ESG program funds to the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (NCDCED) on behalf of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown and New Bethany Ministries in order to provide Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing and Shelter Renovations assistance; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown, has requested approval to modify its budget so as to allow funds budgeted for Homelessness Prevention to be utilized to cover costs categorized as Rapid Re-housing; and

WHEREAS, the PADCED requires approval of the governing body as a condition of submitting this revision request to the PADCED.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that:

1. The NCDCED, on behalf of the County of Northampton, is authorized to submit this request for revision to its ESG Program to the PADCED in order to amend the budget as proposed by Catholic Charities.
As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Geissinger called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Parsons, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes" and Geissinger, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Tampering of Filing Cabinet

Mr. Benol advised he wanted the record to show that the filing cabinet assigned to him as member of County Council and contained his Ten Commandment Plaque had been tampered with and could no longer be opened.

Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Parsons stated a list of projects that were going to receive grants from the Community Investment Partnership Program was distributed. He further stated the grant applications were reviewed by a team of individuals and these were the projects selected.

Mr. Parsons advised a total $720,500 was being granted to a number of municipalities and if there were any questions or comments regarding these projects, they could contact him.

Mr. Geissinger stated he was impressed by the number of projects and areas that were going to receive a grant.

Mr. Werner advised he was skeptical when this program was first presented, but this list was exactly the accountability he was looking for.

Mr. Parsons stated the municipalities that did not receive a grant were going to be contacted to explain why their application was not selected so they could re-apply next time.
Finance Committee Report

Mr. Hunter advised the Fiscal Affairs Department worked diligently to get the budget done by the October 3, 2015 deadline so he wanted to announce that the members of County Council would be provided their copy after tonight's meeting. He further advised the budget would be available online on Monday.

Honoring Northampton County Centenarians

Mr. Werner stated a luncheon was held honoring Northampton County's 24 centenarians. He further stated it was wonderful to hear about their lives and the skills they used in jobs that no longer existed.

Airport Authority Liaison Report

Mr. Geissinger advised a meeting was held with some of the stakeholders of Braden Airpark who made recommendations to the Airport Authority. He further advised the Airport Authority had taken action on some of the recommendations and the others were being reviewed.

Mr. Geissinger stated he was very pleased by the efforts of the community and the County in reminding the Airport Authority of the importance of Braden Airpark. He further stated the Airport Authority have taken their comments seriously and were looking into how to proceed to make it more viable.

County Solicitor's Report

Mr. Lauer advised Mr. Anthony Thompson, a trustee of the Central Moravian Church, spoke at the last meeting regarding their request for a waiver of roll back taxes. He further advised he drafted a resolution that would be distributed to County Council and suggested a copy be provided to Mr. Hunter and Mr. Doran Hamann, Budget Administrator, for their review. He noted historically County Council did not take action on tax issues until all of the other taxing bodies have presented their approvals.
Adjournment

Mr. Kraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Parsons seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council