Easton, Pennsylvania

May 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: John Cusick, President; Seth Vaughn, Vice President; Mathew M. Benol; Matthew H. Dietz; Margaret L. Ferraro; Glenn A. Geissinger; Kenneth M. Kraft; Hayden Phillips; Robert F. Werner; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council, and Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Benol 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 May 5, 2016 meeting shall be approved.

Mr. Kraft seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Confirmation of Appointments

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 53-2016 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that the following individuals shall be confirmed in their appointments/re-appointments as indicated hereafter:
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD

Appointment: Elise Martin
11 Finady Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Term to Expire: 6/1/18

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD

Appointments: Cynthia Hanzl
687 Nazareth Pike
Nazareth, PA 18064

Jean Manarino
1280 Oakwood Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Jessica Weiss
1421 Wynnewood Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Michael Follman
1019 Honor Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Linda M. Johnson
2495 Chestnut Lane
Easton, PA 18040

Re-appointments: Pamela L.B. Clark, MPH, CHES, CPS
2701 Fleetwood Street
Easton, PA 18045

John R. Judd
548 North New Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Andrea McCarthy
2525 West Boulevard
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Patricia A. Reihl
4235 Fieldstone Drive
Easton, PA 18045

Terms to Expire: 6/30/18
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Mary L. Tirrell
1018 Honor Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017

FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Re-appointments:

Farmer Director
Todd Gulick
6504 Koehler Road
Bangor, PA 18013

Public Director
Andrew Thierry
682 Rose Inn Avenue
Nazareth, PA 18064

Terms to Expire: 6/30/19

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes" and Cusick, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Courtesy of the Floor

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

There were no respondents.

Controller’s Report

Mr. Cusick stated Mr. Barron was not present tonight.

County Executive’s Report

Mr. Brown advised he had no report.
Consideration of Personnel Request Resolutions: a. Court Administration - Adult Probation/DUI Divisions, b. Sheriff’s Department, c. Department of Human Services - Gracedale Division - Housekeeping, d. Department of Court Services - Department of Fiscal Affairs

Court Administration - Adult Probation/DUI Divisions

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 54-2016 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that the one full time (1.00 FTE) position of DUI Program Director, pay grade CS-30-5E, salary $75,741, shall be eliminated in the Department of Court Administration, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the one full time (1.00 FTE) position of DUI Probation Officer II, pay grade CP-25-9I, salary $64,417, shall be eliminated in the Department of Court Administration, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the one full time (1.00 FTE) position of DUI Probation Officer I, pay grade CP-23-6F, salary $52,057, shall be eliminated in the Department of Court Administration, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the position of Chief Adult Probation Officer, pay grade CS-30-5E, salary $74,741, shall be reclassified to Chief Adult Probation Officer, pay grade CS-31-5E, salary $79,307, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the one full time (1.00 FTE) position of Adult Probation Supervisor, pay grade CS-26-7G, salary $68,801, shall be created in the Department of Court Administration, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the one full time (1.00 FTE) position of Adult Probation Officer II, pay grade CS-25-5E, salary $54,537, shall be created in the Department of Court Administration, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the one full time (1.00 FTE) position of Adult Probation Officer I, pay grade CS-22-1A, salary $40,431, shall be created in the Department of Court Administration, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

Judge Craig Dally stated this proposal was a reorganization of the Adult Probation Department. He further stated with the retirement of the DUI Director they saw an opportunity to eliminate that position and bolster coverage for the Problem-Solving Courts by adding an Adult Probation Officer II.

Judge Dally advised there would be a savings of salaries of $23,880 and with benefits and related expenses there would be a savings of $20,392. He further advised the Chief Adult Probation Officer would oversee all of these individuals and programs so they were increasing that salary.

Judge Dally stated they plan to come back to County Council during the budget hearings with a request to increase expenses for the Problem-Solving Courts so while this was a savings ultimately it would be used for those additional costs.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes" and Dietz, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Sheriff’s Department

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that the two part-time (1.00 FTE) positions of Deputy Sheriff, pay grade DS-23-1A, salary range $43,206 to $58,798, shall be eliminated in the Sheriff’s Department, effective this 23rd day of May, 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one full time (1.00 FTE) position of Deputy Sheriff, pay grade DS-23-1A, salary range $43,206 to $58,798 shall be created
in the Sheriff’s Department, effective this 23rd day of May, 2016.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Department of Human Services - Gracedale Division - Housekeeping

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that three part-time (1.50 FTE) positions of Housekeeper, pay grade GU-02-3A, salary $24,824, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that two full time (2.00 FTE) positions of Housekeeper, pay grade GU-02-3A, salary $24,824, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective this 23rd day of May 2016.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-1.

Department of Court Services - Department of Fiscal Affairs

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:
R. 57-2016 RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that the one full time position of Accountant 1, pay grade 22, salary range $43,948-$62,558 in Court Services Administration shall be transferred to Fiscal Affairs Financial Planning and Control.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding Between The County of Northampton and AFSCME District Council 88 Local 1265 Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2016, County Council received a Memorandum of Understanding between Northampton County and AFSCME District Council 88, Local 1265 (see Attachment "A"), indicating that the two full time painter positions in the Department of Public Works will become members of the Union and the part-time Secretary position in the Solicitor’s Office and the Lead Deputy Clerk position in the Civil/Prothonotary’s Office will be released from the Union, effective March 23, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the Memorandum of Understanding shall be approved this 19th day of May 2016.

Ms. Allen advised the job title of Secretary should be Clerical Technician III.

Mr. Cusick made a motion to amend the wording of part time Secretary to part time Clerical Technician III.

Mr. Kraft seconded the motion.

Mr. Cusick called for a vote on the motion.
The vote: Cusick, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes" and Benol, "yes".

The motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote on the following amended resolution:

R. 58-2016 WHEREAS, on May 16, 2016, County Council received a Memorandum of Understanding between Northampton County and AFSCME District Council 88, Local 1265 (see Attachment "A"), indicating that the two full-time painter positions in the Department of Public Works will become members of the Union and the part-time Clerical Technician III position in the Solicitor’s Office and the Lead Deputy Clerk position in the Civil/Prothonotary’s Office will be released from the Union, effective March 23, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the Memorandum of Understanding shall be approved this 19th day of May 2016.

The vote: Kraft, "abstain"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "no"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes" and Phillips, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-1-1 abstention.

Consideration of Gracedale - LPN Per Diem Rate Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 59-2016 WHEREAS, on May 15, 2014, Northampton County Council approved the creation of ten positions of LPN Per Diem, pay grade GU-10, to receive $24.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2016, the County Executive requested that rate be increased to $28.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding between Northampton County and AFSCME District Council 88, Local 1435, Gracedale to be executed is attached (see Attachment "A").
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the per diem rate increase shall be approved this 19th day of May 2016.

In answer to Mr. Benol’s question as to whether the per diem LPNs would be hired if they did not want to be part of the collective bargaining, Mr. Kraft stated it was in the contract and could not be changed.

Ms. Allen advised they would still have to pay their fair share of union dues.

When Mr. Cusick stated he had no objection to the increase, but he did not think they should be part of the union, Mr. Phillips agreed.

Mr. Kraft advised they have been part of the union for a long time. He further advised the issue was the increase and not whether they should be part of the union.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "no"; Cusick, "no"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "no"; Phillips, "no" and Vaughn, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5-4.

Consideration of Confirming Acting Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that Tim Herrlinger shall be confirmed in his appointment as Acting Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, effective May 19, 2016.

Mr. Lauer stated he was asked to provide an opinion as to the extent County Council should be involved in the selection of an Acting Director appointed by the County Executive. He further stated Section 901 of the Home Rule Charter (Charter) indicated County Council and the County Executive shall enact an
Administrative Code (Code) that would create or enumerate the various agencies, what they would do and what the division of powers was between them.

Mr. Lauer advised Section 202 (3) of the Charter provided County Council was granted the power to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of the heads of those agencies. He further advised Section 906 of the Charter provided the County Executive had the power to appoint the heads of any agencies immediately under his direction and supervision and an appointment shall not be effective unless County Council by resolution confirmed it or failed to reject it within 60 days.

Mr. Lauer stated Article XX of the Code created the Department of Community and Economic Development to be headed by a director "who shall be responsible to the County Executive for the administration, supervision of operation of the department", therefore, it was a position that was governed by Section 906 of the Charter.

Mr. Lauer advised he reviewed the Charter and Code and he understood this appointment was for acting head of this department, but he did not see anything in either of these documents that allowed for a difference between an acting head or head of an agency. He further advised County Council had previously approved appointments of acting heads of agencies.

Mr. Lauer stated his conclusion was that renaming a position as acting did not prevent nor take away County Council's obligation to either approve, reject or take no action within 60 days wherein it would then be considered approved.

In response to Mr. Kraft's question as to whether there was any provision in the Charter that provided a time limit as to how many months a person can serve as acting before they actually have to be appointed or removed from the position, Mr. Lauer advised he was not aware of a provision relating to that, but he would be willing to review it.

Mr. Cusick stated he believed that applied to a Career Service individual who would step into that position and did not apply to this situation.

Mr. Lauer advised Section 906 of the Charter provided the County Executive had the power to appoint the head of any agency immediately under his direction and supervision, who was a member of the exempt service subject to confirmation by County
Council and since he was exempt he believed this would apply to him.

Mr. Werner stated he just wanted clarification because Mr. Herrlinger was a full time employee, but his resume indicated he was currently teaching.

Mr. Brown advised he was a full time employee of the Department of Community and Economic Development, but that did not preclude him from participating in outside activities where he received payment.

Mr. Werner stated he was going to oppose this appointment because Mr. Herrlinger had only been employed for a short period of time and County Council did not have a lot of time to explore his background or abilities, noting he had a problem finding where economic development fit into his resume. He further stated things had not always worked out when County Council had to review a number of appointments quickly in the past.

In answer to Mr. Kraft's question as to whether it was his intention to fill the director position, Mr. Brown advised he had not seen Mr. Lauer's opinion, but he respectfully disagreed with it. He further advised there were provisions in the Employee Policy Manual that allowed the County Executive to use the acting role in order to fill a position temporarily and the intention of that policy was to operationalize the Charter and Code.

Mr. Brown stated there have been several acting appointments that had gone through as a bridge and on the occasion it became permanent, County Council had the requirement to either confirm it or not. He further stated Mr. Herrlinger had already demonstrated his ability to fill the acting position and one of the reasons he had not put him forth as the director was because County Council did not know him and had not seen his ability to articulate the goals and future of the department.

Mr. Brown advised there was a potential he would appoint Mr. Herrlinger as director, but acting appointments were to allow the Administration to create continuity in departments when a situation occurred that a director could not perform their duties.

Mr. Brown stated he agreed the Employees Policy Manual did not supersede the Charter or Code, but it was an extension of those policies in order to allow the Administration on a day to
day basis to continue to do what it had to do. He further stated that particular section had been vetted by the Personnel Commission and ratified by County Council.

Mr. Brown advised he would not argue with Mr. Lauer’s opinion, but by omitting the Employees Policy Manual really crippled the Administration’s ability to have the personnel needed. He further advised when the opportunity arose this Administration had sought to upgrade and improve the work force they could attract to the County.

In response to Mr. Kraft’s question as to whether he had a timeline to bring someone before County Council for approval as director, Mr. Brown stated the acting role was for a limited period of six months. He further stated there have been acting appointments that had continued for longer than the six months while they were attempting to recruit an individual to fill the position.

Mr. Kraft advised he did not think it was something that had to be voted on because after six months the person was out and it allowed the County Executive time to find someone.

In answer to Mr. Brown’s question as to whether County Council would be confirming the acting, as well as the permanent position, Mr. Lauer stated in order to avoid that from happening he would suggest amending the resolution to contain a provision that the person would only be acting for six months. He further stated something else to be considered was that the person who was being appointed may at the conclusion of six months make an argument that could hold up that by doing nothing for 60 days he was appointed.

Mr. Cusick stated the previous acting appointments that were not confirmed by County Council were individuals that had been with the County for a long time and were well known to County Council. He further stated his initial concern was whether or not this individual was qualified and after reading his resume he was confident he could do the job so he would support it, but the question was whether they should amend the resolution to add a term.

Mr. Brown advised he did not send the notification to County Council for them to act on, but just to keep them informed as to what he was doing with the department. He further advised he was concerned that County Council was taking on this resolution especially since he did not have an
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opportunity to fully review Mr. Lauer's opinion with the County's Solicitor.

Mr. Cusick stated County Council did have an obligation to either act or not act on this issue.

Based on the discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion to table this resolution.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

Mr. Cusick called for a vote on the motion.

The vote: Phillips, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Vaughn, "no"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "no" and Cusick, "no".

The motion passed by a vote of 6-3.

Consideration of City of Bethlehem City Revitalization Block Grant Proposal Resolution

Mrs. Ferraro introduced the following resolution:

R. 60-2016

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FY 2016 CITY REVITALIZATION BLOCK GRANT TO THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM FOR A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION SPECIALIST AND DOWNTOWN MARKET STUDY

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 321 of 1998, as amended by Ordinance No. 478 of 2007, Northampton County Council established the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (NCDCED) which is responsible, in part, for developing, implementing and monitoring grants that enhance economic development and improve the quality of life in Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, the NCDCED solicited a proposal from the City of Bethlehem for a $100,000.00 City Revitalization Block Grant (CRBG) for FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, the NCDCED and the City of Bethlehem presented a proposal to the County Council Economic Development Committee at their May 5, 2016 meeting; and
WHEREAS, the CRBG funds will be used to pay costs associated with a Business Development and Retention Specialist and a Downtown Market Study; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will match CRBG funds dollar for dollar with a combination of cash as well as in-kind services and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the CRBG proposal will be funded using the Northampton County Local Share Table Games Revenues.

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

1. The Northampton County Council hereby approves the City of Bethlehem’s proposal not to exceed $100,000.00 that will be used to pay costs associated with a Business Development and Retention Specialist and a Downtown Market Study.

2. That the County Executive of the County of Northampton is authorized to execute grant agreements with the applicants not to exceed the approved amount using Northampton County Local Share Table Games Revenues.

Mr. Kraft advised representatives from the City of Bethlehem presented their proposal to the Economic Development Committee on May 5, 2016. He further advised they were still waiting for the City of Easton to make their presentation.

Ms. Alicia Miller Karner, Director of the Bethlehem Department of Community and Economic Development, stated they appreciated the opportunity to apply for these funds because they would not be able to do this without the County’s support. She further stated being able to do an analysis of what the downtowns of Bethlehem needed to succeed was very important and to have someone to help implement what the study revealed was critical to the success of the program.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Donation Acceptance to Northampton Parks and Recreation Resolution

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 61-2016 WHEREAS, Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 202 (10) provides that County Council shall have, among others, the following powers: "to accept on behalf of the County any gifts of real property and to provide for the acceptance by any agency on behalf of the County of other gifts;" and

WHEREAS, a donation of $10.00 was received from Kerry L. Cassidy to Northampton Parks and Recreation in honor of Ms. Peg Weber, who enjoyed walking through Louise Moore Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that it does hereby accept the donation of $10.00 on behalf of Northampton County's Parks and Recreation Division.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes" and Cusick, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.


Professional Construction Contractors, Inc.

Mr. Geissinger introduced the following resolution:

R. 62-2016 WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(2) requires approval of County Council for "any contract where costs are to be funded with monies outside of the County's General Fund, such
as those funded through 2013 Bond - Bridges.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2016, the Northampton County Council received a request from the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract, in the amount of $238,805.00, with Professional Construction Contractors, Inc. for emergency deck repairs on Bridge #72, Old Filetown Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation to approve a contract with Professional Construction Contractors, Inc. for emergency deck repairs on Bridge #72.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Geissinger, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes" and Werner, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

Mr. Geissinger introduced the following resolution:

R. 63-2016  WHEREAS, Northampton County Administrative Code Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements c.(1) requires approval of County Council for "...any contract exceeding $100,000, which was awarded using the Competitive Negotiation, Negotiation After Competitive Sealed Bidding, and Non-Competitive Negotiation source selection methods. For contracts with renewal clauses, the entire potential payout if all renewal clauses are exercised under the terms of the contract must be considered when determining if Council approval is necessary."

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2016, the Northampton County Council received a request on behalf of the County Executive for County Council to adopt a resolution endorsing a contract in the amount of $813,991.00 with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) for property and liability insurance.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council does hereby concur with the recommendation of the County Executive, as set forth in the attached documentation, to award a contract to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) for property and liability insurance.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Geissinger, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes" and Benol, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Capital Projects and Operations Committee Report

Mr. Phillips advised the Capital Projects and Operations Committee met on May 12, 2016, and received an update on some of the projects, which included the contract for Bridge #72.

Human Services Committee Report

Mr. Vaughn stated the Human Services Committee met earlier in the evening where they received an update from Mr. Freddie Ramirez, Director of Veterans Affairs, about the Veterans' discount program. He further stated the card machine was ready to go, but were waiting to solicit businesses until they had everything in place. He noted this program was to provide discount cards to Veterans so they could receive a discount at participating businesses and had been successful in other Counties.

Mr. Vaughn advised the vacancies in the Department of Human Services was down to 8%.

With regard to Gracedale, Mr. Vaughn stated it was disclosed that the increase in the per diem LPN rate would allow Gracedale to be competitive with other facilities. He further stated Gracedale now had a four star rating, which was something people looked at when researching nursing home facilities.
Mr. Vaughn advised Mr. Mark Baylis of Valor Foundation spoke about their desire to open up a Veterans’ compound in Bangor where they hoped to have a medical facility, an assisted living facility and cemetery to provide services to Veterans that they could not get from the Veterans Administration.

911 Liaison Report

Mr. Dietz stated there was to be a meeting with representatives from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, but they wanted the four entities involved in combining 911 services, which were Allentown, Bethlehem, Lehigh County and Northampton County, to take an inventory of their services and equipment. He further stated they hoped to have this meeting in June.

Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) Liaison Report

Mr. Vaughn advised at the LVEDC meeting there was a discussion about a large company coming to Northampton County. He further advised the guidelines for Small Business Administration no interest financing were changing so they were talking to another organization about providing that type of financing.

Gracedale Advisory Board Liaison Report

Mr. Werner stated the census was up to 665 in April and averaging 662 residents a month. He further stated they were hoping to see some proceeds from the Intergovernmental Transfer Program, which could mean $2-4 million for Gracedale.

Mr. Werner stated after meeting with Mr. Michael Jones of NTT the issues Gracedale was facing have subsided. Mr. Phillips added they were ready to optimize the rest of their program.

Northampton County Hazardous Household Event

Mr. Benol stated there would be a Hazardous Household event held at Northampton Community College on May 21, 2016.
Adjournment

Mr. Werner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

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Linda M. Zembo  
Clerk to Council