Easton, Pennsylvania

December 7, 2017

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

Prayer

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Kraft made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the November 16, 2017, November 8, 2017 (Budget Hearing) and November 29, 2017 (Budget Hearing) meetings shall be approved.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Presentation by the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society

Ms. Carey Birgel, Executive Director of the Sigal Museum, stated on behalf of Board President Mr. Andy Daub, board members and members that it was a pleasure to bring the latest edition of the history of the County, noting the last one was published in 1953 that was funded entirely by the County.

Mr. Glenn Kransley advised he worked for daily Lehigh Valley newspapers for 41 years. He further advised this book
was the result of 90 interviews with leaders around the Lehigh Valley and review of public records and it contained stories about the economy, medical care service industries, changing population, education and cultural institutions, sports and entertainment. In conclusion, he wanted to thank County Council for their support.

In answer to Mr. Cusick’s question as to how someone could purchase a copy, Mr. Krasley stated it would be on sale at the Sigal Museum Gift Shop, the Moravian Book Shop and Barnes and Noble.

Presentation by the Miracle League

Mr. Rick Agretto, Vice President of Miracle League Northampton County, provided a power point presentation (see Attachment #1) and thanked County Council for their continued support. He advised their mission was to create positive experiences for those with intellectual and physical disabilities and their families through baseball. He further advised they relied on funding from public and private sources because their numbers have continued to increase since it began.

Mr. Agretto stated with the generous support of municipal and county government, businesses, individuals and foundations they have been able to create a financially sustainable operation and capital reserve that allowed them to focus heavily on providing the best experience possible for the children. He further stated that most of the players participating in the program were from Northampton County and with the County’s continuing support the players can enjoy playing and their families could enjoy seeing them.

Mr. Werner advised he would like to extend the thanks of the County to the staff that made the program work.

Mr. Benol stated it was really something to see how this program had grown.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Bruce Haines, Managing Partner of Hotel Bethlehem, Bethlehem, PA - advised Ms. Charlene Donchez Mowers, Executive Director of Historical Bethlehem Museum and Sites, worked to get Historical Bethlehem on the United States’ tentative list for
the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designation. He further advised there were only 25 sites in the United States and 1,000 world sites so to be on the tentative list was considered a great honor.

Mr. Haines stated that designation alone would position Historical Bethlehem at a higher level of historic significance than Colonial Williamsburg.

Ms. Mowers advised through their efforts Historical Moravian Bethlehem was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 2012. She further advised in December 2016, Historical Moravian Bethlehem was named to the United States' tentative list along with other sites and this list had now been accepted by the World Heritage Commission and appeared on the UNESCO World Heritage website.

Ms. Mowers stated some of the other sites on the 2016 list were Central Park, Brooklyn Bridge, Ellis Island and the Chicago Skyscraper Movement of Early 20th Century. She further stated each year the United States could choose one site from this list to go through the World Heritage nomination process.

Ms. Mowers advised they had to be ready when called upon to prepare a dossier proving to the world that they were worthy of this recognition and they must demonstrate they were important to all humanity. She further advised once a site made the World Heritage list their tourism increased four-fold and think of what that would do for tourism-related businesses in Northampton County not to mention the prestige that would come with that type of recognition.

Ms. Mowers stated they would appreciate the County's support in assisting with marketing efforts to gain this recognition.

In response to Mr. Werner's question as to who would do the marketing, Mr. Haines advised they had been in contact with Miles Partnership, who was an international marketing organization and they were to provide a targeted marketing campaign profiling the heritage traveler. He further advised they did marketing to engage local people, but they needed this company to get the world's attention and to achieve the UNESCO designation.
In answer to Mr. Dietz's question as to when the decision regarding designation would be determined, Mr. Haines advised there was not a definitive date.

Ms. Mower stated the United States' tentative list was closed for ten years so the sites on the list would stay on the list unless someone actually withdrew from it so even after ten years they would not be dropped from the list.

Mr. Jeff Fox, Pen Argyl, PA - advised the ordinance regarding the DaVinci Science Center (DaVinci) indicated it was a non-profit corporation within Northampton County so it would have to be changed. He further advised DaVinci was a non-profit and tax exempt organization and they were going to be removing property from the tax rolls.

Mr. Fox stated Ms. Lin Erickson knew of the Ripley project and decided not to mention it so what else was she not being honest about. He further stated on their website DaVinci indicated it must increase fiscal attention drastically.

Mr. Fox advised DaVinci wanted to use Northampton County tax money for its own purpose, but there were other assets in Northampton County that needed to be funded and promoted so he asked County Council not to rush to a decision regarding this project.

Easton City Mayor Sal Panto - stated after concerns were expressed last night about the statement regarding the 250 seat restaurant that component had been removed. He further stated DaVinci wanted to make this a community asset and a catalyst to grow the economy.

Mayor Panto advised to him the most important part of the project was the science center. He further advised he wanted all the planning that had been done and he had shown his Administration was about the numbers and before he entered into a $30 million deal he wanted to validate them.

Mayor Panto stated the downtown restaurants were the reason people were coming there at night, but they needed to grow the day time economy.

Mayor Panto advised this was a good project to enhance the economy for Easton and Northampton County and they wanted to be collaborative not competitive. He further advised he hoped the County would be a major partner because with government support
they would have a much better chance of raising funds from the private sector.

Controller’s Report

Mr. Stephen Barron, Controller, was not present at the meeting.

County Executive Report

Mr. John A. Brown, County Executive, stated he wanted County Council to keep in mind that this budget was this Administration’s recommendations. He further stated four years ago he ran on a platform of good government and felt he met or surpassed all his objectives.

Mr. Brown advised all deficient spending was eliminated, $30 million of taxpayer funded losses at Gracedale, reduced healthcare, internal operating and workers compensation costs. He further advised he tripled the County’s reserve while never requesting a tax increase to balance any budgets and for the first time in the County’s history zero dollars were used to balance the budget.

Mr. Brown stated Gracedale showed a profit in 2016 for the first time in eight years and should continue through 2018. He further stated it also received a four star rating for two years and for two years in a row it received zero deficiencies from the Department of Health.

Mr. Brown advised they made excellent progress in funding capital projects that were delivered on time and at or under budget. He further advised they established the P3 Bridge Project for the first time in the history of the State that would save the County $17 million.

Mr. Brown stated they dramatically reduced the waiting time at the booking center, Farmland Preservation preserved 100% of qualified farms and helped establish the post-conviction Drug and Mental Health Courts.

Mr. Brown advised his budget reflected a 2% Cost of Living Allowance for all non-union employees and the proposed 4.5% increase exceeded what the current union contracts in their
final years offered so it would greatly impact union contract negotiations.

Mr. Brown stated removing the Warden position from the Unfunded Position list was redundant because the current Director of Corrections proved that position was not necessary, but redundant. He further stated in the past the Director of Court Services position was called a hall walker and the offices in that department could be overseen by the Administration.

With regard to Farmland Preservation, Mr. Brown advised 100% of the qualified farms have been preserved so it was not necessary to add additional funding into it. He further advised funding for the booking center at Lehigh Township had been placed in the budget.

Mr. Brown stated it was recommended the County had two months’ worth of operating funds in the Stabilization Fund, which was $20 million and a tax increase was imposed with the caveat that it would be designated for that fund. He further stated County Council should follow through with that commitment so funds would be available if something were to occur in the future. He added with $20 million in the Stabilization Fund, the tax millage increase was no longer needed so he recommended the tax millage rate be rolled back to 10.8 mills.

Mr. Brown advised $1.19 million was placed in Capital Projects for the jail and would recommend leaving that in place because the County was going to need a new addition or jail. He further advised three engineering reports showed this jail was obsolete and it was County Council’s obligation to the public that a jail project move forward within the next year or two to avoid any liabilities in the future.

**Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget Amendment Ordinance**

Mr. Cusick stated the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Benol and Kraft at the November 16, 2017 meeting:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BUDGET: FINANCIAL STABILIZATION; DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PASS THROUGH GRANTS; FISCAL AFFAIRS; DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND 911 ACT 12, WATERSHED SPECIALIST, OPEN SPACE INITIATIVE FARMLAND PRESERVATION, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
### 2017

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**Administration - Emg Mgt Task Force Equip**

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### Summary - Budget Amendment

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**Effective Date:**

In accordance with Northampton County Home Rule Charter 705 (e) this ordinance shall become effective upon the date of enactment.
Public Hearing

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

Mrs. Ferraro made a motion to reduce the Financial Stabilization amount from $20,400,000 to $17 million.

Mr. Cusick seconded the motion.

Mr. Geissinger advised reducing it to $17 million was irresponsible given the financial health of the County and the unforeseen things that could occur in the future. He further advised he co-sponsored the ordinance for the tax increase with the understanding the primary objective was to get that fund to where it was today.

Mr. Phillips advised he was a co-sponsor of the GASB 54 ordinance and at first he was inclined to reduce it, but now he was inclined to leave it at $20 million.

Mr. Benol stated for years there were discussions that the tax increase was meant for Farmland Preservation, but it was for the Stabilization Fund. He further stated if the increase was not going to be used for the Stabilization Fund then the taxes should be rolled back.

Mr. Vaughn advised he also believed the plan was to get to $20 million and then the taxes would be rolled back.

Mr. Cusick stated he did not think it was necessary to have that much money in the Stabilization Fund.

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

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

The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Mr. Cusick called for the vote on the ordinance as amended.
The vote: Benol, "no"; Kraft, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "no"; Phillips, "no"; Vaughn, "no"; Werner, "yes" and Cusick, "yes".

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

Public Hearing on the 2018 Millage Rate Ordinance

Mr. Cusick advised the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Kraft and Benol at the November 16, 2017 meeting. He further advised the public hearing would be held at this time, but the vote would be held during the budget process.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REAL ESTATE TAX MILLAGE RATE IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR THE YEAR 2018

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED that the millage rate for real estate tax purposes for the year 2018 shall be set at 11.8 mills on every dollar of assessed valuation of taxable real estate or $1.18 on every $100.00 of assessed valuation.

Public Hearing

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

Mr. Cusick stated the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Kraft and Cusick at the November 16, 2017 meeting:


WHEREAS, pursuant to the Hotel Room Rental Tax Act P.L. 307 of 2000, 16 P.S. Section 13211, et seq., now 16 P.S. 1770, et seq. the County of Northampton, a Third Class County, enacted Ordinance No. 359 of 2000, effective October 8, 2000 and Ordinance No. 440 of 2005, effective October 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Act 12 of 2005, enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and approved by the Governor effective sixty (60) days from July 5, 2005 authorizes by Section 1770.8 (16 P.S. 1770.8) the County of Northampton to impose a Hotel Room Rental Tax by Ordinance at the rate of four (4%) percent and provides for the distribution of such tax monies; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 359 of 2000 established the Hotel Room Rental Tax and thereafter Ordinance No. 440 of 2005 effective October 2, 2005 increased the Hotel Room Rental Tax Act from 3.5% to 4% and restructured the distribution of the tax collected for Northampton County purposes to its current level as follows:

(a) 68.75% to the Northampton County Regional Tourist Promotion Agency (Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitor Bureau, Inc. "LVCVB").

(b) 18.75% to be retained by Northampton County for further development of tourism facilities; community development initiatives, which will enhance regional tourism.
(c) 12.5% for future development of facilities and for marketing purposes within Northampton County to enhance regional tourism.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1770.8 of the Hotel Room Rental Tax Act pertaining to counties of the Third Class, Northampton County has retained 12.5% of the funds collected in Northampton County for the further development of facilities and for marketing purposes within Northampton County to enhance regional tourism; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County Council has determined that the Da Vinci Science Center was a not-for-profit corporation whose activities enhance regional tourism and are therefore qualified to receive revenues generated by the Hotel Room Rental Tax Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by Northampton County Council, that:

1. The foregoing "whereas" provisions are incorporated as though set forth in their entirety.

2. All the definitions and provisions of the Hotel Room Rental Tax Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (16 P.S. 1770, et seq.) as amended are incorporated in their entirety.


4. Northampton County Council hereby designates its 12.5% of revenues received under Ordinance No. 440 of 2005 to be distributed on an annual basis to the Da Vinci Science Center as follows:

a. One hundred thousand dollars ($250,000) a year shall be allocated to the Da Vinci Science Center for the Da Vinci Science City project in Easton, Pennsylvania, until a total of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) is reached. Thereafter the funding shall cease.
b. It shall be expressly understood that the allocation of funding outlined in paragraphs 4.a. shall be subject to an annual review by County Council during the annual Northampton County budget review process.

c. The Northampton County Council hereby requires as a condition of the aforementioned grant funding that the Da Vinci Science Center shall provide the Northampton County Council and the County Executive with a written annual report which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the revenues received from the Northampton County hotel tax, the manner in which those revenues were used, and a status report on the respective projects.

5. This Ordinance shall be administrated by the Northampton County Executive subject to the powers of the Northampton County Council under Section 1.2-202 of the Northampton County Home Rule Charter (348 Pa. Code 1.2-202(1)) to adopt and repeal Ordinances as well as under its other powers and duties.

6. The Controller of Northampton County shall annually audit the funds distributed to assure that they are committed and expended for the enhancement of regional tourism by the beneficiary, the Da Vinci Science Center, for the benefit of Northampton County.

7. Any Ordinance or any part of any other ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Public Hearing

Mr. Ken Brown, Easton City Councilman, advised in 2003 the City of Easton was very blighted, but then everyone worked together to make it a bright star in Northampton County and the Lehigh Valley. He further advised the DaVinci project would be a big plus for everyone and would bring jobs to low and moderate income individuals.
Mr. Brown stated the DaVinci Science Center was going to be a forefront of visitation to the Lehigh Valley because it had a lot of highways leading to it so he asked County Council to give this project careful consideration.

Mr. Jonathan Davis advised he was the owner of Pearly Baker's, Bank Street Annex and Mueller's General Store that were all located in Northampton County. He wanted to thank County Council for the support given to him during his statements last night because it allowed Mayor Panto and members from DaVinci to meet with the restaurant owners and provide a commitment to strip down the food business aspect of their project.

Mr. Roger Ruggles, Easton City Councilman, stated he taught college for 35 years and the main thrust was the educational opportunities for children, but the possibility of interaction with Lafayette College. He further stated it would also be able to present technology and science to older individuals and would be an enormous benefit in building people infrastructure for future businesses.

Mr. Joseph Roy, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District and Member Trustee of DaVinci Science Center Board, advised the DaVinci project would be an incredible boon in educational opportunities for the Lehigh Valley. He further advised the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) experience was expensive and this project would allow all the children to experience.

Mr. Roy stated this was also a workforce development project that could highlight STEM careers because manufacturing today was high tech and sophisticated.

Mr. Roy advised the human body experience would be a great opportunity to expose old and young alike to advances in healthcare, which industry was another economic driver in the Lehigh Valley. He further advised he would encourage County Council to make a major commitment to the project.

Ms. Lin Erickson, DaVinci Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, stated on November 17, 2017, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of a non-profit Limited Liability Company subsidiary to be domiciled in Northampton County.

Ms. Erickson advised with regard to loss of real estate taxes, the annual real estate taxes were approximately $100,000 and the trade off in terms of additional Earned Income Taxes,
payroll taxes, sale taxes and real estate taxes for the for-profit entities would far exceed that loss. She further advised she wanted to thank Mr. Davis and the restaurateurs for working with them to make this a community project.

Ms. Erickson stated she and Mr. Joe Moore traveled to Orlando to meet with the principles of Ripley’s Entertainment to discuss possible collaboration with them with regard to their potential aquarium in the Poconos. She further stated they were very interested in collaborating with them on programing and they would continue to be in contact with them and monitor their progress.

Ms. Erickson advised the State funding for $20 million was to support a science and education center in Easton and a condition associated with the funding was if the aquarium project went forward in the Poconos, the funding could not be used for aquatic exhibits in Easton so they were developing another plan if that were to occur.

Mr. Benol stated he was glad to hear that they came to an agreement with the restaurants because he felt this project would benefit the area.

Mr. Werner advised children of the Lehigh Valley would be experiencing things that they might not have a chance to do if this project did not come to Easton. He further advised he had seen the changes that have occurred in Easton and DaVinci had proven themselves tonight by reaching out and talking to the people who had concerns.

Mrs. Ferraro stated DaVinci had been in contact with County Council for more than a year and she did not think there had been anyone who had been as dedicated. She further stated there was City money, State money and now County Council had the opportunity to fund this at the amount it deserved.

Mrs. Ferraro made a motion to amend the wording in Paragraph 4a. from One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) a year to Two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) and until a total of one million dollars ($1,000,000) is reached to ten million ($10,000,000).

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.
Mr. Kraft advised 85% of hotel tax money came from the Bethlehem area and she wants to take every cent for the next 40 years and give it to Easton so he was totally against it.

Mrs. Ferraro stated he was ignoring the fact that it was going to grow.

Mr. Cusick advised $1 million was a good starting point and that was the amount given to the SteelStacks' project. He further advised if future County Councils wanted to increase it, they could.

Mr. Dietz stated he was comfortable with $1 million because the plan was still too fluid to receive 40 years of funding.

Mr. Werner advised Easton and DaVinci were up against the City Revitalization and Improvement Zone in Allentown and the County had funded Bethlehem projects. He further advised he felt $10 million was too much, but any steps that were taken to move this project would be beneficial.

Mr. Geissinger stated Mayor Panto was providing $30 million and the State was giving $20 million so he wanted to know how he saw the funding of this project going and the impact it would have on Easton as the County seat.

Mayor Panto advised this project was presented to Easton after Lehigh County and Bethlehem turned it down, but they did not accept it until they looked at how they could come up with the funding and determined they could sustain a $30 million debt.

In response to Mr. Dietz's question as to whether removing the restaurant would have an impact on the numbers, Mayor Panto stated that was going to be a lease.

In answer to Mr. Geissinger's question as to whether his vision was to have a science center that would provide opportunities for low income individuals to have jobs, allow children from low income families to attend for free and allow children regardless of income to become better educated in the core STEM items, Mayor Panto stated that was correct because manufacturing was becoming high tech and people needed to be trained accordingly.
Mr. Geissinger advised this amendment was for a large amount and a long time period, but in comparing it with the entities in Bethlehem, they had the Sands and it totally changed what was happening on that property. He further advised he agreed the majority of hotel tax came from Bethlehem, but the opportunities this project provided was worth the $10 million.

Mrs. Ferraro stated this commitment would allow them to leverage other monies to come into this project and showed a total commitment from the County, State and city.

Mr. Vaughn advised the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation recognized there was a deficiency of skilled laborers and there were plans to address the situation and this would be an integral part of the solution.

Mr. Kraft stated if it did not come to Easton, it would not go to Allentown or Bethlehem because they already turned it down because they requested too much money and PBS and SteelStacks had projects that were shovel ready. He further stated he co-sponsored an ordinance that gave them enough money to start the project and he could not see putting all this money aside until the project was ready.

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

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

The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

When Mr. Kraft indicated he wanted to remove his name as co-sponsor of the ordinance, Mr. Benol advised he would become the co-sponsor.

Mr. Cusick called for the vote on the amended ordinance.

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

The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 5-4.
Public Hearing on the Ordinance Titled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF A 1.205 ACRES RIGHT-OF-WAY OWNED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, LOCATED IN ALLEN TOWNSHIP, TO THE ROCKEFELLER GROUP DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE WIDENING OF WILLOWBROOK ROAD AND IMPROVING THE COUNTY-CONTROLLED BRIDGE LOCATED ADJACENT TO WAYNE GRUBE PARK"

Mr. Cusick advised the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Kraft and Dietz at the November 16, 2017 meeting:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF A 1.205 ACRES RIGHT-OF-WAY OWNED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, LOCATED IN ALLEN TOWNSHIP, TO THE ROCKEFELLER GROUP DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE WIDENING OF WILLOWBROOK ROAD AND IMPROVING THE COUNTY-CONTROLLED BRIDGE LOCATED ADJACENT TO WAYNE GRUBE PARK

WHEREAS, Northampton County Home Rule Charter Article 602 (a)(6) provides that the Northampton County Council shall enact an ordinance for any act which conveys or leases or authorizes the conveyance or lease of any real property of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Rockefeller Group Development Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Rock") intends to undertake certain public roadway and infrastructure improvements, including the widening of Willowbrook Road, a township-maintained roadway, and improving the County-controlled bridge located adjacent to Wayne Grube Park; and

WHEREAS, Rock has requested that the County of Northampton grant a Deed of Right-of-Way over land owned by Northampton County, identified as Northampton County Tax Parcel No. M5-2-3A; and

WHEREAS, Rock has created a plan, entitled "Right-of-Way" Acquisition Area Over Property of Northampton County Located In Allen Township, Northampton County, PA, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and which plan depicts the areas which Rock must acquire in order to complete their project; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Northampton believes it is in the public's best interest to grant such Deed of Right-of-Way; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Northampton County Administrative Code, Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.15 Purchase, Sale and Lease of Real Estate a. and b., Rock has agreed to provide a one-time monetary payment of $100,000 and physical improvements and upgrades to Wayne Grube Park as identified by the County Department of Recreation and approved by the County Executive, in an aggregate amount not to exceed a fair market value of $150,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Northampton County Council as follows:

1. County Council hereby Grants and Conveys to Rockefeller Group Development Corporation, in consideration for the sum of $100,000 and improvements and upgrades to Wayne Grube Park not to exceed $150,000, a Deed of Right-of-Way over the lands of Northampton County, identified as Tax Parcel No. M5-2-3A, as more fully depicted in the plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

2. The Deed of Right-of-Way, referenced above, shall include a description substantially similar to the map and description attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit "A" and shall provide rights to Rockefeller Group Development Corporation as described and set forth in the Letter of Understanding attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B".

Public Hearing

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

As there were no questions or comments from members of County Council, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

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

The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 9-0.
Consideration of Municipal Park Project Resolutions: a. Allen Township - Phase II Dog Park Improvements Project; b. Bethlehem Township - Housenick Memorial Park Improvements - Phase III Project; c. Freemansburg - Pedestrian Bridge and Trailhead Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Safety Improvements Project; d. Amendment of Resolution No. 118-2016 - Lehigh Township; e. Lehigh Township - Indian Trail Park Stream Bank Restoration Project; f. Lower Mount Bethel Township - Monoghan Property Fee Simple Acquisition Project; g. Lower Saucon Township - Lower Saucon Township Parks Improvements Project; h. Moore Township - Moore Township Parks Improvements Project; i. Borough of Nazareth - Tennis Courts Improvements Project; j. Lower Nazareth Township - Newburg Community Park Project; k. Upper Nazareth Township - Tuskes Park Electrical Improvements Project; l. Borough of Walnutport - Walnutport Veterans Memorial Park Rehabilitation Project; m. Borough of West Easton - West Easton Borough Parks Rehabilitation

Allen Township - Phase II Dog Park Improvements Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 110-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Phase II Dog Park Improvements Project located in Allen Township; and

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

Property Owner: Northampton County/Leased by Allen Township

Site Location: 673 Savage Road, Northampton PA

County Grant Request: $70,004.00 (46%)

Municipal Contribution: $80,570.00 (54%)

Description of Project: Concrete installation at the “unleash” entrances, shade structures, backless benches, meadow planting at rear of park area with mowed/mulched path and parking lot expansion along Savage Road with chain-link fence
Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Phase II Dog Park Improvements Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $70,004.00 as the Northampton County contribution to the Phase II Dog Park Improvements Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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

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

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

Bethlehem Township — Housenick Memorial Park Improvements — Phase III Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 111-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Housenick Memorial Park Improvements — Phase III Project located in Bethlehem Township; and
WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used as follows:

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<td>$87,610.76 (15.2%)</td>
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<td>Other Grants:</td>
<td>$213,611.00 (37.2%)</td>
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<td>2015 Northampton County Municipal Park Grant</td>
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<td>$200,000.00 (34.8%) PA DCNR Grant</td>
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<td>Description of Project:</td>
<td>Installation of Phase III northeast quadrant trail loop and of round gazebo at circular sidewalk area, overlook at former garage, miscellaneous site education signage and site furnishings, moving and placement of leftover boulders from Phase I to create &quot;seating&quot; and creation of a pollinator garden in lieu of previously proposed hedgerow</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Housenick Memorial Park Improvements - Phase III Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $73,999.76 as the Northampton County contribution to the Housenick Memorial Park Improvements - Phase III Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.
As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

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

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

Freemansburg - Pedestrian Bridge and Trailhead Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Safety Improvements Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 112-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Pedestrian Bridge and Trailhead ADA Safety Improvements Project located in the Borough of Freemansburg; and

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

Property Owner: Borough of Freemansburg

Site Location: Monroe Street at Lehigh Canal, Borough of Freemansburg

County Grant Request: $25,000.00 (23.3%)

Municipal Contribution: $6,898.00 (6.4%)

Other Grants: $19,152.00 (17.9%) 2015 Northampton County Municipal Park Grant $50,000.00 (46.7%) Northampton County Hotel Tax Grant $3,000.00 (2.8%) D&L NHC

Description of Project: Rehab of pedestrian bridge across Lehigh Canal to D&L Trail and existing parking lot/trailhead and ADA standards for all bridge and parking lot improvements
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Pedestrian Bridge and Trailhead ADA Safety Improvements Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $25,000.00 as the Northampton County contribution to the Pedestrian Bridge and Trailhead ADA Safety Improvements Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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

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

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

Amendment of Resolution No. 118-2016 – Lehigh Township

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R.113-2017 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 Delp's Park Improvements Phase III Project located in Lehigh Township; and
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that Resolution #118-2016 will be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout have been deleted and sections marked with bold underline have been added):

Number 118-2016

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 Delps Park Improvements Phase III Project located in Lehigh Township; and

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

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<td>Site Location</td>
<td>1200 Delps Road, Danielsville, PA</td>
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<td>Park Development Description</td>
<td>Paving of parking lot, development of a dog park</td>
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<td>Phase II Municipal Allocation</td>
<td>$176,767.93</td>
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<td>County Grant Request</td>
<td>$56,500.00 (43.44% $34,993.04 (61.9%)</td>
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<td>Municipal Contribution</td>
<td>$60,346.00 (51.6%) $49,467.20 (58.1%)</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Delps Park Improvements Phase III Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the Office of 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 $56,500.00 $34,993.04 as the Northampton County contribution to the Delps Park Improvements Phase III Project.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.
Lehigh Township - Indian Trail Park Stream Bank Restoration Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

**R. 114-2017 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 Indian Trail Park Stream Bank Restoration Project located in Lehigh Township, PA; and

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

- **Property Owner:** Lehigh Township
- **Site Location:** 3821 Lehigh Drive, Northampton, PA 18067
- **Park Development Description:** Re-grading, seeding and planting of streambank, repair/replacement of walls in select areas, repair of the foundation of the Historical Society building and pedestrian bridge of Indian Creek
- **County Grant Request:** $36,158.31 (19.1%)
- **Municipal Contribution:** $153,000.00 (80.9%)

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

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Indian Trail Park Stream Bank Restoration Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the Office of 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 $36,158.31 as the Northampton County contribution to the Indian Trail Park Stream Bank Restoration Project.

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

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

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

Lower Mount Bethel Township - Monoghan Property Fee Simple Acquisition Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 115-2017  WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Monoghan Property Fee Simple Acquisition Project located in Lower Mount Bethel Township; and

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

Property Owner: John Monoghan
Site Location: Lot #4, Meadowcreek Estates Subdivision
Parcel Identification: G10-3-3C0117
Site Information: 27.23 acres with open fields, woodlands and the Martins Creek
County Grant Request: $30,510.52 (21%)
Municipal Contribution: $116,489.48 (79%)
Description of Project: Fee simple acquisition of 27.23 acres that will add established trails and parking areas,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Monoghan Property Fee Simple Acquisition Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $30,510.52 as the Northampton County contribution to the Monoghan Property Fee Simple Acquisition Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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

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

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

Lower Saucon Township - Lower Saucon Township Parks Improvements Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 116-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Lower Saucon Township Parks Improvements Project located in Lower Saucon Township; and
WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used as follows:

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<td>Site Location:</td>
<td>Various Locations throughout Lower Saucon Township</td>
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<td>County Grant Request:</td>
<td>$180,889.12 (49.0%)</td>
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<td>Municipal Allocation:</td>
<td>$183,825.44 (51.0%)</td>
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<td>Description of Project:</td>
<td>Improvements at Town Hall park - replacement of the pavilion roof and old exercise stations; Improvements at Southeastern Park - installation of swing set; Improvements at Folk Valley Dog Park - replacement of split-rail fencing with chain or vinyl link fencing; and Improvements at Woodland Hills Preserve - ADA parking, signage and loop trail including parking accessibility, existing trail rehabilitation and removal in selected areas, pond boardwalk/pier, bird blinds and restoration, stabilization and stream buffer planting plan</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Lower Saucon Township Parks Improvements Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $180,889.12 as the Northampton County contribution to the Lower Saucon Township Parks Improvements Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.
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.

Moore Township – Moore Township Parks Improvements Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 117-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Moore Township Parks Improvements Project located in Moore Township; and

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

Property Owner: Moore Township

Site Location: Various Locations throughout Moore Township

County Grant Request: $45,171.36 (49.9%)

Municipal Contribution: $45,381.45 (50.1%)

Description of Project: Improvements at Recreation Center – installation of tee boxes, signage and other related improvements to the disc golf course; Improvements at Schiavone Park – installation of new parking lot and access road, creation of new pathways/walkways, installation of fencing, picnic tables, benches and kiosk/information center; and Improvements at Appalachian Park – expansion of existing parking
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Moore Township Parks Improvements Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $45,171.36 as the Northampton County contribution to the Moore Township Parks Improvements Project. Should any amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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

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

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

Borough of Nazareth - Tennis Courts Improvements Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

**R. 118-2017 WHEREAS**, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Tennis Courts Improvements
Project located in the Borough of Nazareth; and

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

Property Owner: Borough of Nazareth
Site Location: Nazareth Borough Park
County Grant Request: $3,946.71 (40.6%)
Municipal Contribution: $5,770.81 (59.4%)
Description of Project: Resurfacing and painting of existing tennis courts

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

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Tennis Courts Improvements Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $3,946.71 as the Northampton County contribution to the Tennis Courts Improvements Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.
Lower Nazareth Township - Newburg Community Park Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 119-2017  WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative enacting the Northampton County Open Space Ordinance #423-2004 on November 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County provided Phase I Municipal Park Grants and Phase II Municipal Park Grants since 2011 for the acquisition, development and rehabilitation of municipal parks; and

WHEREAS, Northampton County provided a Phase I Municipal Park Grant, by Resolution Number 9-2011, for the amount of $123,974.00 to Lower Nazareth Township for the Newburg Community Park Project; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township has not completed the project in a satisfactory amount of time.

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

(1) Northampton County will contact Lower Nazareth Township regarding the closure of the grant funds, effective by the date of this resolution.

(2) Lower Nazareth Township will submit all necessary closing documents to be reviewed prior to reimbursement within 60 days. If the necessary documentation is not submitted within 60 days, Lower Nazareth Township will not receive any reimbursement outlined in Resolution 9-2011.

(3) Northampton County will provide the reimbursed funding accrued to the date of this Resolution, not to exceed 35% of the total accrued project costs.

(4) The remaining funds will be placed in the OSI County Parks Budget.

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.

Upper Nazareth Township - Tuskes Park Electrical Improvements Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 120-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Tuskes Park Electrical Improvements Project located in Upper Nazareth Township; and

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

Property Owner: Upper Nazareth Township

Site Location: 3040 Bath Pike, Nazareth, PA

County Grant Request: $13,125.00 (50.0%)

Municipal Allocation: $13,125.00 (50.0%)

Description of Project: Extension of electrical service from existing field house to existing pavilion

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

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Tuskes Park Electrical Improvements Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $13,125.00 as the
Northampton County contribution to the Tuskes Park Electrical Improvements Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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.

Borough of Walnutport - Walnutport Veterans Memorial Park Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 121-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 Walnutport Veterans Memorial Park Rehabilitation Project located in the Borough of Walnutport; and

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

Property Owner: 
Borough of Walnutport

Site Location: 
Washington & 5th Street, Borough of Walnutport, PA

County Grant Request: 
$23,983.00 (50.0%)

Municipal Allocation: 
All contingencies as needed

Other Grants: 
$23,983.00 (50.0%) PA DCNR

Description of Project: 
Construction of a concrete walkway and ramp, ADA improvements in and surrounding memorial and installation of new flag poles,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Walnutport Veterans Memorial Park Rehabilitation Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $23,983.00 as the Northampton County contribution to the Walnutport Veterans Memorial Park Rehabilitation Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.

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

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

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

Borough of West Easton – West Easton Borough Parks Rehabilitation

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 122-2017 WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Open Space Initiative 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 West Easton Borough Parks Rehabilitation Project located in the Borough of West Easton; and
WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used as follows:

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<td>County Grant Request:</td>
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<td>Municipal Allocation:</td>
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<td>Other Grants:</td>
<td>$500.00 (3.56%) Lehigh Valley Chamber Grant</td>
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<td>Description of Project:</td>
<td>Improvements at Gerald W. Gross Park - installation of bike racks and concrete benches, replacement/rehabilitation of basketball court and basketball nets and installation/replacement of signage, mulch and landscaping; Improvements at Louis Niko Park - installation of swing set and surfacing and installation/replacement of signage, mulch and landscaping</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the West Easton Borough Parks Rehabilitation Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his 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 $7,014.89 as the Northampton County contribution to the West Easton Borough Parks Rehabilitation Project. Should an amount be less than the sum approved by County Council, the remaining balance shall be placed back into the appropriate fund from which it was allocated.
As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

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

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


Public Hearing on the 2018 Proposed County Budget

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

Consideration of Personnel Request Resolutions

Corrections and Fiscal Affairs

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 123-2017 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full-time position of Accountant II, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $52,493, shall be eliminated in the Department of Corrections, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Accountant II, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $52,493, shall be created in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, effective January 1, 2018.

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

The vote: Benol, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes" and Kraft, "yes".
The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

District Attorney

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 124-2017 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one (1) part-time position of Assistant District Attorney, pay grade RS-07-1A, salary $49,306, shall be eliminated in the Department of District Attorney, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Assistant District Attorney, pay grade CE-03-1A, salary $60,266, shall be created in the Department of District Attorney, effective January 1, 2018.

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

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

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

Coroner

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 125-2017 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that three (3) full-time positions of Deputy Coroner, pay grade CS-23-01-A, total combined salary $143,628, shall be created in the Department of Coroner, effective January 1, 2018.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-1.
Courts Services - Civil Division

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 126-2017 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one (1) part-time position of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-15-1A, salary $14,053, shall be eliminated in the Department of Court Services - Civil Division, effective January 1, 2018.

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

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

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

Human Services - Gracedale Division

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 127-2017 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one (1) part-time position of Clerical Technician II, pay grade CS-13-01-A, salary $12,083, shall be eliminated in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Clerical Technician II, pay grade CS-13-01-A, salary $30,207, shall be eliminated in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Clerical Specialist, pay grade CS-17-03-C, salary $39,663, shall be eliminated in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that four (4) full-time positions of Nursing Home Fiscal Technician, pay grade CS-16-01-A, salary $34,686, shall be eliminated in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Nursing Home Fiscal Technician, pay grade CS-16-05-E, salary $41,363, shall be eliminated in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Nursing Home Clerical Technician II - Receptionist, pay grade CS-13-01-A, salary $30,207, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Nursing Home Clerical Technician III - Business Office, pay grade CS-15-01-A, salary $33,124, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) full-time positions of Nursing Home Fiscal Technician - Resident Funds, pay grade CS-18-01-A, salary $38,031, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time position of Nursing Home Fiscal Technician - Billing, pay grade CS-18-03-C, salary $41,530, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that three (3) full-time positions of Nursing Home Fiscal Specialist, pay grade CS-21-01-A, salary $43,663, shall be created in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale Nursing Home, effective January 1, 2018.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-1.
Consideration of Changes to the 2018 Proposed Unfunded Positions Resolution

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 128-2017  WHEREAS, the County Executive submitted the Proposed 2018 Northampton County Budget on October 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on page 18 of the Proposed 2018 Budget contains all the Unfunded Positions for 2018, which included 10 full-time and 2 part-time positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council that the one full-time position of Print Shop Specialist and the one full-time position of Support Services Supervisor in the Department of Administration; the one full-time position of Clerical Technician III in the Department of Administration – Agricultural Extension; the one full-time position of Deputy Director and the two part-time positions of Telecommunicator in the Department of Administration – Emergency Management Services and the three full-time positions of Clerical Technician III in the Department of Court Services – Civil Division, will be eliminated, effective January 1, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the one full-time position of Warden in the Department of Corrections will remain unfunded effective January 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the one full-time position of Hazard Mitigation Disaster Recovery Manager in the Department of Administration – Emergency Management Services will be funded effective January 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the one full-time position of Director of Court Services and the one full-time designated exempt position of Clerical Specialist in the Department of Court Services will be funded effective January 1, 2018.

Mr. Geissinger stated due to the fact these amendments were being voted on together, he could not support this resolution.

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

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

Consideration of Criteria for Raises Resolution

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 129-2017 RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the 2018 salaries of Career Exempt, Career Service and Department of Human Services Career Service - Civil Service full-time employees, not within Collective Bargaining Units, who have been employed by the County for four years or more and not at the top of their pay scale, effective January 1, 2018, shall receive a step increase on the respective pay scales.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 7-2.

Adoption of the 2018 Real Estate Tax Millage Rate Ordinance

Mr. Phillips advised since the Financial Stabilization Fund was adequately funded and the County Executive did not think it was necessary to have a millage rate of 11.8 for 2018 he made a motion to roll it back to 10.8.

Mr. Geissinger seconded the motion.

Mr. Dietz stated he would be comfortable with a .5 mill reduction.

Mr. Geissinger advised the Financial Stabilization Fund was reduced to $17 million, money was set aside for the Human Services Building that did not have to be paid off until 2019 and there was more money in the General Fund so he did not see any reason for the citizens of Northampton County to bear the
burden of this tax.

Mr. Kraft stated this was a low handed thing to do because it would put the budget into deficient spending. He further stated Mr. Brown presented this budget based on the current millage rate before he lost the election, but now he wants to lower it so the next Administration would have to raise taxes.

Mr. Benol advised four years ago the budget was a mess and County Council took a hit when taxes were raised.

Mr. Kraft stated they gave Mr. Brown a gift by raising the taxes.

Mr. Vaughn advised Mr. Kraft had consistently told this County Council they did not have to raise taxes, but now he does not want to lower them.

In response to Mr. Cusick's question as to how reducing the millage rate from 11.8 to 10.8 would impact the budget, Mr. Doran Hamann, Budget Administrator, stated 1 mill reduction would cost the County $8 million in taxes so a decision would have to be made to cut the budget by $8 million or ask the County Executive to cover the loss from the General Fund.

Mr. Geissinger advised the Administration presented a budget that was in balance and County Council had removed $3.5 million from it so the actual deficient spending would be $4.5 million.

Mr. Cusick stated the situation came down to whether the County Executive would be willing to add $8 million to the Fund Balance or those who support the decrease have $8 million in cuts to present.

Mr. Geissinger advised it would be $4.5 million.

Mr. Phillips withdrew his motion for a 1 mill reduction and made a motion to reduce it by .5 mill.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

Mr. Geissinger stated there was no issue four years ago when County Council said they were going to deficient spend $19 million and had they had to go through the first year to find the money. He further stated during the second year they had to take money from the General Fund, but now this Administration
had turned things around so there was no reason to continue to ask the taxpayers to carry this burden.

Mr. Brown advised he would modify revenues to balance the budget if the millage rate was rolled back 1 full mill.

Mr. Benol withdrew his second.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion for a .5 mill.

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

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

The motion failed by a vote of 4-5.

Mr. Benol made a motion to reduce the millage rate by 1 mill.

Mr. Geissinger seconded the motion.

Mr. Kraft advised this was an under handed thing to do to the next County Council and County Executive.

Mr. Geissinger stated how many years had Mr. Kraft voted for a budget that was out of balance.

Mrs. Ferraro advised she did not feel this was an appropriate time to vote for a tax decrease.

Mr. Brown stated each of the budgets since he came into office used General Fund monies to balance the budget, but through management and improvements those monies were returned.

Mr. Dietz advised he would like to give the taxpayers a tax reduction, but he did not like the way it was brought up. He further advised there were comments made after County Council meetings to the affect that they do a millage reduction and watch the next County Council and Administration try to balance. He noted he felt that showed poor service to the people of the County and he was embarrassed it was said.
Mr. Cusick stated he would feel comfortable with a .5 mill change because the fund balance changed, but he was not comfortable with a full mill.

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

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

The motion failed by a vote of 3-6.

Mr. Cusick called for the vote on the millage rate ordinance as presented.

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

The ordinance was adopted by a vote of 6-3.

Consideration of 2018 Salary Resolutions:

Part-Time Professional Employees

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 130-2017   RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the 2018 salaries of part-time professional employees shall be as indicated on the attached pay scale.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.
Full-Time Employees

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:

R. 131-2017 RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the 2018 salaries of Career Service and Exempt employees, not within Collective Bargaining Units, whose job classifications are within the parameters of the Northampton County Career Service and Exempt Pay Scales, respectively, shall be as indicated on the attached pay scales.

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


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.

Public Hearing on the 2018 Proposed Capital Improvements Plan

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

Consideration of Amendments to the Proposed 2018 Budget and 2018 Proposed Capital Improvements Plan Resolution

Mr. Kraft made a motion to remove $330,000 from the Corrections - Personnel line item to cover the cost of the raises previously approved.

Mr. Cusick seconded the motion.

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


The motion was passed by a vote of 7-2.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to add $250,000 to the 2005 Hotel Room Rental Tax to cover the cost of funding DaVinci for 2018.

Mr. Werner seconded the motion.

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

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

The motion was passed by a vote of 8-1.

Mrs. Ferraro made a motion to restore the $250,000 originally requested during the Budget Hearing - Amendments meeting from the 2005 Hotel Room Rental Tax to DaVinci.

The motion died for lack of a second.

As there were no further amendments, Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 132-2017 RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the proposed 2018 Northampton County Budget and the proposed 2018 Capital Improvements Plan shall be amended as indicated on the attached documents.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.
Consideration of Adoption of the 2018 Budget Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 133-2017  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the following 2018 Northampton County Budgets (incorporated by reference hereeto) shall be adopted, as amended, this 7th day of December 2017.

1. General Fund
2. Special Revenue Funds
3. Capital Project Funds

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.

Consideration of Adoption of the 2018 Capital Improvements Plan

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 134-2017  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the proposed 2018 Northampton County Capital Improvements Plan shall be adopted this 7th day of December 2017.

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

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

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.
Council Clerk’s Report

Ms. Zembo advised the next County Council meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Council Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Lauer stated an ordinance was previously presented that would amend the Home Rule Charter to require voter approval for certain types of debt that met with opposition from a number of entities. He further stated it had been redrafted and would be resubmitted to all interested parties for presentation at the next County Council meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Kraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by voice acclamation.

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council
THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Every Child Deserves A Chance To Play Baseball

We focus on the Players ABILITIES not their disABILITIES

We Are The Miracle League of Northampton County
Our Mission and Guiding Principles

Our Mission – To create positive experience for those with intellectual and physical disabilities and their families through baseball.

Our Guiding Principles

- Provide operational integrity through sustainable funding.
- Maintain and improve our facilities.
- Promote various program opportunities while nurturing lifelong friendships.
- Increase growth and development of the Miracle League by increasing the number of players and volunteers through outreach opportunities.
- Continue to create a safe, accepting and fun environment.
- Increase and promote community recognition of our Miracle League through awareness.
- Hold true to the integrity of our Miracle League mission by treating all that visit our field with compassion and respect while embracing diversity and celebrating the accomplishments of our players.
Major Accomplishment in the Past 5 Years

• We give parents a chance to be spectators and relax and enjoy the physical activities of their sons and daughters at a barrier free and safe baseball facility. The environment is perfect for building peer relationships that can ease stress.

• We introduced night games under the lights which has been a hit among the players.

• We have been able to attract over a thousand volunteers each year of all ages to be the “buddies” of the players. Their involvement and interaction with the players makes everyone’s experience “priceless”.

• We enhanced the use of our video board to provide more enjoyment for the players, volunteers and spectators.

• We have been very pleased to see how many of our players have improved their batting skills since they began playing in the league.

• We contracted two part-time individuals with who are highly experienced in working with children with special needs.

• As a Board of Directors, we have held true to our mission, guiding principles, core values, and our goals in a strong and distinguished manner.
What makes us a successful and sustainable program?

• We provide the opportunity to play baseball to children and young adults that no one else can provide in the county.

• There will always be children with intellectual and physical disabilities who can benefit from this program.

• We have a strong board of directors who are committed and passionate about our program and are active within it.

• We have a large number of volunteers which include very dedicated coaches, buddies and people who work in our concession.

• We have two highly qualified part-time directors who handle such things a player and family relations, arrange for all equipment and uniforms, signing up players, scheduling volunteers, directing all game day activities, etc.

• With the generous support of municipal and county government, businesses, individuals and foundations we have been able to create a financially sustainable operation and capital reserve. This allows the board of directors and staff to focus very heavily on providing the best experience possible for our players.
We are very pleased to be providing a Human Service through the sport of baseball to many of the intellectually and physically disabled children and young adults in Northampton County.
WE THANK NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT