Easton, Pennsylvania

June 15, 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 (via telephone); 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 Phil D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cusick 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 June 1, 2017 meeting shall be approved.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation with Mr. Kraft abstaining.

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. Stephen Barron, Controller, was not present at the meeting.
County Executive Report

Mr. John A. Brown, County Executive, advised he did not have a report.

Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget Amendment Ordinance

Mr. Cusick stated the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Geissinger and Benol at the meeting held June 1, 2016:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL AFFAIRS; DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION & 911, CONSERVATION DISTRICT, WATERSHED SPECIALIST, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; SHERIFF GRANTS; DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - JAIL; DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - PASS THROUGH GRANTS, HOMELESS ASSISTANCE, DEVELOPMENT FUND, CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES, AREA AGENCY ON AGING, HEALTHCHOICES, MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS, DRUG & ALCOHOL, GRACEDALE NURSING HOME

| 2017 |
| BUDGET AMENDMENT |
| KEY | CURRENT | INCREASE (DECREASE) | REVISED |
| ORG | ACCOUNT | ACCOUNT TITLE | BUDGET |
| 31300 | 46010 | Budgetary Fund Balance | 7,289,873 | (974,938) | 6,314,935 |

Fiscal Affairs - Balancing Of Budget

| Administration - Emerg Comm & 911 |
| 39104 | 42125 | Act 12 911 Fee | - | 360,008 | 630,016 |
| 62999 | Pooled Communications | - | 270,008 | 360,008 |
| 66999 | Pooled Professional Services | - | 90,000 | 90,000 |

Administration - Conservation District

<p>| 42603 | 41395 | Dirt &amp; Gravel Road Grant | 50,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| 67999 | Pooled Purchased Service | 169,009 | 50,000 | 219,009 |</p>
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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.

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the members of County Council.

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

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

Public Hearing on the Ordinance Titled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS OWNED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, LOCATED IN LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP, TO THE EASTON SUBURBAN WATER AUTHORITY TO ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WATER THROUGH ITS PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM"

Mr. Cusick advised the following ordinance was introduced by Messrs. Werner and Benol at the meeting held on June 1, 2017:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS OWNED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, LOCATED IN LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP, TO THE EASTON SUBURBAN WATER AUTHORITY TO ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WATER THROUGH ITS PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

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 Easton Suburban Water Authority (Authority) plans to construct, reconstruct, operate, remove and perpetually maintain water transmission lines under, upon and across said easements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority plans to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain a pumping station for use by the public water system, which pumping station with associated improvements will remain perpetually available to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the County of Northampton to grant and convey unto the Authority, its successors and assigns, upon Authority's request, perpetual easements identified as Northampton County Tax Parcel Nos. L8-11-2 and L8-11-3; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Northampton believes it is in the public's best interest to convey these easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED that the Northampton County Council hereby grants and conveys to the
Authority easements over the lands of Northampton County, identified as Tax Parcel Nos. L8-11-2 and L8-11-3, as more fully depicted in the Acquisition and Development Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Public Hearing

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

There were no respondents.

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from members of County Council.

Mr. Dietz stated due to the concerns expressed yesterday about this opening up the avenue for development he spoke to Lower Nazareth Township Manager Timm Tenges who did not think there would be a concern especially with regard to the apartment complex. Mr. Tenges also mentioned they were going to shut down another ineffective pumping station and this was just part of a gradual upgrade.

Mrs. Ferraro advised she also spoke to Mr. Tenges, as well as to some of the individuals that were involved in the apartment complex lawsuit who spoke to other individuals in the know so all of her concerns have been alleviated and she planned to vote for it.

Mr. Phillips stated this ordinance would allow the park to hook up to public water.

Mr. Benol warned everyone to be wary of free gifts because even though this was good for the County he had to wonder why Easton Suburban Water was doing it at no cost and whether there was something to be done with this pumping station down the road.

Mrs. Ferraro advised the area was zoned for an office park and she also heard that it was an upgrade.

Mr. Dietz indicated he believed the benefit to them was getting rid of an older pumping station.

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

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

Introduction of an Ordinance Titled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ARTICLE XIII PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSITION OF COUNTY PROPERTY, SECTION 13.16 CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS C. (1)

Messrs. Phillips and Dietz introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ARTICLE XIII PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSITION OF COUNTY PROPERTY, SECTION 13.16 CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS C. (1)

WHEREAS, Section 602 Ordinances (a) (1) of the Home Rule Charter empowers Northampton County Council to adopt Ordinances for the purpose of amending the Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Northampton County Council that Northampton County Administrative Code, Article XIII Procurement and Disposition of County Property, Section 13.16 C. (1) Contracts and Agreements shall be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout are being deleted and sections that are marked with bold and underline have been added):

ARTICLE XIII

PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSITION OF COUNTY PROPERTY

13.16 Contracts and Agreements

Section 13.16 Contracts and Agreements

a. Written contracts are required for all purchases of goods and services exceeding $25,000. All contracts and agreements shall be prepared and executed as directed by the
County Executive by way of the Executive Order. All contract formats shall be approved by the County Solicitor prior to use.

b. All executed contracts and agreements shall be filed in the Procurement Division within fourteen (14) days after execution, and shall immediately be available for inspection by any member of County Council.

c. At least twenty (20) days before the County Executive obligates the County to the proposed terms of any prospective contract, the County Executive shall provide written notification of the proposed terms of the prospective contract to County Council if the contract consideration exceeds $100,000, regardless of whether the contract term spans more than one fiscal year or exceeds twelve months. Such written notice shall specify the procedure used to choose the individual or entity providing the services, including a copy of the Invitations to Bid/Request for Proposals, if applicable; the name of the successful bidder; the nature of the project and the scope of work; the projected total monetary amount of the contract; the hourly or other unit costs charged under the contract; a statement of the need for such services, and a disclosure of prior relationships between the vendor and the County or County Personnel. In addition, prior to making the award, approval of County Council is required in the following instances:
(1) Any contract exceeding $100,000 \$25,000.00 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.

(2) Any contract where costs are to be funded with
monies outside of the County's General Fund, such as those funded
through bonded indebtedness.

d. No contracts shall be entered into by the County
Executive, or any other independently elected official, without:

(1) giving written notification to the Office of the
County Council, as provided in Section 13.16 c; and

(2) receiving the approval of the agreement by County
Council resolution, if the contract involves the retention of
professionals pursuant to the authority of the Council under
Section 202 of the Home Rule Charter to incur indebtedness, levy
taxes, assessments, and service charges; adopt and amend an
Administrative Code; adopt a Personnel Code; establish salaries
and wage levels; and acquire property.

e. No work shall be authorized to begin nor payment made
under a contract prior to the completion of the written notice
process, set forth in Administrative Code Section 13.16 c, until
sufficient appropriate funds have been encumbered, and where required, the approval process completed, unless exigent reasons or an emergency situation requires the immediate execution of a proposed contract, but the term of such contract shall not exceed thirty (30) days. Such reasons shall be documented and filed with the Council within 24 hours of the execution of the proposed contract.

f. Every professional service contract shall specifically state that a copy of any final report or study delivered pursuant to a contract shall be provided directly by the vendor to the County Council; and the vendor shall agree to present the final report or study should the County Council so desire. Exempt from the aforementioned requirements are:

(1) Contracts that involve the investigation of a crime and the apprehension or prosecution of persons suspected of, or charged with, the commission of a crime if the District Attorney determines that the information might prove to be prejudicial or detrimental to such action.

(2) Contracts involving services in the defense of persons suspected of, or charged with, the commission of a crime if the Public Defender determines that the information might prove prejudicial or detrimental to such action.

g. Required Conditions for All Contracts

(1) Every contract shall specifically state that it
is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment can be made.

(2) Every contract shall contain an express written provision which clearly provides that in the event of non-appropriation of funds, at any time during the term of the contract, which would prevent the County from making payment under the terms and conditions of the contract, the County may terminate the contract, without the assessment of any termination charges or financial penalties against the County, by providing written notice of intent to terminate to the contracting party.

(3) The County of Northampton shall not make contractual arrangements with a vendor who is delinquent on any taxes due the County until the taxes are paid in full. Delinquent shall herein be defined as the point when the taxes owed become the responsibility of the Tax Claim Bureau to collect.

(4) Every contract shall state that if the vendor becomes delinquent on taxes owed the County during the term of the agreement, vendor shall be in breach of the agreement and the County shall withhold vendor payments in lieu of taxes until taxes are paid in full.

(5) The County Executive, or his designee, shall issue written notice to the Council within sixty (60) days of
the end of the fiscal year if a vendor or lessee is found to be delinquent on any taxes due the County. As directed pursuant to contract language authorized by this Section, the County shall withhold payments until the taxes are paid in full.

(6) The County of Northampton shall not make contractual arrangements with a vendor who is also a lessee of the County until the rent due the County is paid in full as provided for in the terms of the lease agreement.

(7) No renewal of any existing contract, upon the expiration or termination of the original term, shall be entered into if such renewal fails to conform to provisions of the Administrative Code herein set forth.

(8) The provisions of Administrative Code Sections 13.07 through 13.13 and 13.16 shall not be evaded by entry into piece-meal contracts, which should in the exercise of reasonable discretion and prudence be conducted as one transaction, that exceed the dollar amount or term of contract set forth in Administrative Code Sections 13.07 and 13.16.

(9) All County construction projects over $25,000 shall be awarded by competitive bid to the lowest responsible bidder unless rejected in accordance with other provisions of Article XIII of the Northampton County Administrative Code.

(10) If the County Executive, or his agent, on behalf of the County of Northampton bids a construction project with a
Project Labor Agreement Requirement, then in that event, the County Executive, or his agent, shall simultaneously bid the same construction project without a Project Labor Agreement. No Project Labor Agreement shall be utilized in any County construction project unless approved by Northampton County Council prior to execution of the contract by Resolution.

(11) A Project Labor Agreement is hereby defined as a contract which requires that the project be awarded exclusively to:

(a) recognize unions as representatives of their employees on that job;

(b) exclusively use the union hiring hall to obtain workers;

(c) pay union wages and benefits; and

(d) obey the union restrictive work rules, job classifications, and arbitration procedure.

(12) Every contract shall specifically state that the vendor agrees not to hire County personnel who have or shall exercise discretion in the awarding, administration or continuance of that vendor's contract. The prohibition shall be in force for up to and including one year following the termination of the employee from County service. A vendor's failure to abide by this shall constitute a breach of contract, and the agreement shall so state.
(13) Each contract must contain the following conditions:

(a) Undue Influence: The Provider agrees not to hire any County personnel who has exercised discretion in the awarding, administrating or continuance of this contract for up to and including one year following the termination of the employee from County service. Failure to abide by this provision shall constitute a breach of this contract.

(b) Conflict of Interest: The Provider agrees to notify in writing the County as soon as the Provider learns that:

(1) A current employee of the County has commenced, or is intending to commence, employment with the Provider while continuing to maintain County employment, or while continuing to maintain County employment. Any written notice required to be given under this section shall specify the County employee's (associate's) name, the nature of the County employee's (associate's) employment, or the subject of the County employee's (associate's) contract with the Provider and the date on which the County employee's (associate's) employment or contract with the Provider commenced.

(c) Breach of Contract:

(1) The Provider agrees that any breach of performance, of any covenant, representation, or warranty,
indemnity, or condition, or attached appendices, shall constitute default of this contract.

(2) When a breach of contract has occurred, the County, in the exercise of its discretion, may allow the Provider a specific period of time to correct its breach of the contract. Such period of time shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

(3) If Provider does not correct its violation of the contract as specified, the County may terminate the contract in whole or in part if such partial termination is in the best interest of the County.

Mr. Cusick stated the public hearing, debate and possible vote would be held at the July 6, 2017 meeting.

Consideration of a Personnel Request - Department of Fiscal Affairs - Assessment Division - Real Estate Assessor II

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) position of Real Estate Assessor II, pay grade RU-23-01A, salary $41,738, shall be created in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, Assessment Division, effective June 15, 2017.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to table this resolution.

Mrs. Ferraro seconded the motion.

Mr. Cusick called for the vote on the motion.


The motion passed by a vote of 7-2.

Consideration of a General Purpose Authority - Morning Star Senior Life Project Resolution

Mrs. Ferraro introduced the following resolution:

R. 63-2017

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FOR THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY GENERAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT FOR MORNINGSTAR SENIOR LIVING, INC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, as amended, now codified at 53 Pa. Cons. Stat. §5601 et seq. ("Act"), the Northampton County Council created the Northampton County General Purpose Authority ("Authority") to act as a financing authority for projects serving Northampton County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Morningstar Senior Living, Inc. ("Corporation"), which owns and operates a continuing care facility known as Moravian Hall Square located in the Borough of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania ("Existing Campus"), has requested the Authority to issue its revenue bond or bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $34,000,000 ("Bonds") to finance a portion of the costs of a project ("Project") consisting of (1) the construction, furnishing and equipping by the Corporation of approximately 48 independent living residences comprising Phases 1 and 2 of a life plan community (continuing care retirement community) to be known as Heritage Village, located on an approximately 50-acre campus in Upper Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, approximately one mile from the Existing Campus, (2) the financing of miscellaneous capital expenditures on the Corporation’s Existing Campus, (3) the funding of capitalized interest on the Bonds, if any; and (4) the payment of certain costs of issuance related to the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has authorized the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Authority on June 6, 2017; and
WHEREAS, the Act provides that none of the powers granted thereby shall be exercised in the construction, financing, improvement, maintenance, extension or operation of any project or projects which in whole or in part shall duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes, but that such limitation does not apply to certain projects, including facilities to be financed with loans to health centers, including continuing care communities, if the municipality organizing the authority for such project shall declare by resolution or ordinance that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the area served by such facilities to have such facilities provided by or financed through an authority; and

WHEREAS, the approval by this Council, as evidenced by this resolution, will enable the Authority to finance the Project without imposing any liability on Northampton County, Pennsylvania or its citizens or taxpayers with respect to the Bonds;

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

Section 1. It is hereby declared desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in Northampton County, Pennsylvania to have the Authority issue the Bonds for the purpose of financing the Project.

Section 2. The foregoing action of this Council shall not in any way pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of the County of Northampton, Pennsylvania, nor shall the County of Northampton be liable for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds or any other cost related thereto.

In answer to Mr. Kraft’s question as to what they were going to do with the $34 million bond, Mr. Christopher Hunt, Chief Financial Officer, Morningstar Senior Living, Inc., advised they were going to build 48 units of independent living in Upper Nazareth to be part of their Life Plan Community. He further advised the residents would not have any equity in the property, but they would pay an entrance fee and then a monthly fee that gave them a right to access their personal care and skilled nursing services.
In response to Mr. Kraft’s question as to whether they were going to use local contractors and pay prevailing wages, Mr. Hunt stated they were using a local site work contractor and a local residential construction contractor who would be paying sustaining wages.

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


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

Consideration of a Chrin - Memorandum of Understanding Release Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 64-2017 WHEREAS, in October 2011, the County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Charles Chrin Real Estate Trust (Chrin) that pertained to land located near the intersection of Route 33, Tatamy Road and Van Buren Road in Palmer Township and made part of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, the County is to receive one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the net selling price of any qualified property within the TIF District, but would not receive a payment from a lot that was developed by Chrin itself unless or until it was sold; and

WHEREAS, Chrin is in the process of developing Lot 29 (which is the proposed Lot 3 of the combined Chrin Lot 30), Tax Parcel Identification Number K8-3-4 but as there will be no “sale” of this property it was exempt from the distribution provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, Chrin has indicated it would make a “good faith payment” of $50,000, even though it was not obligated to do so under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding, with regard to this property after the County signed a standard Memorandum of Understanding to avoid issues in the future.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northampton County Council agrees as it did not know if this property would be sold to receive $50,000 and have the County Executive execute a standard Memorandum of Understanding Release.

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

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

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

Consideration of Open Space Projects: a) Northampton County - Catasauqua Creek Riparian Buffer Restoration Project; b) Wildlands Conservancy - Oughoughton Creek Watershed Restoration Project; c) Lower Mount Bethel Township - Tekening Trail Fee Simple Acquisition Project; d) The Nature Conservancy - Deputy-Walton Conservation Easement Project; e) City of Bethlehem-Expansion and Upgrade of Monocacy Park Trail System Project

Northampton County - Catasauqua Creek Riparian Buffer Restoration Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 65-2017 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 Catasauqua Creek Riparian Buffer Restoration Project located in Wayne A. Grube Memorial Park; and

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

Property Owner: Northampton County
Site Location: Wayne A. Grube Memorial Park
Parcel Identification: 3A PKB
Site Information: County Park, Catasauqua Creek riparian buffer area
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Catasauqua Creek Riparian Buffer Restoration project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County Livable Landscapes Program, 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 $7,000.00 of Livable Landscapes funds as the Northampton County contribution to the Catasauqua Creek Riparian Buffer Restoration 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.

Wildlands Conservancy – Oughoughton Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:
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 Oughoughton Creek Watershed Restoration Project located in Lower Mount Bethel Township; and

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

Property Owners: Bruce Fox, Marilyn Mehas, Talen Generation LLC, Carl and Judy Nicholas, Libby Bush and Brad Kiefer

Site Location: Oughoughton Creek

Parcel Identifications: G11 5 11/G11 7 3/G11 7 4/
                     G11 5 8/G11 5 9/G11 1 6/
                     G11 7 2/G11 1 4/G11 1 5

Site Information: Stream bed and floodway, riparian areas, agricultural and meadow lands; Regional Significance - Delaware River-Oughoughton Creek Watershed

County Grant Request: $75,000.00 (25%)

Other Grants: $225,000.00 (75%) Wildlands Conservancy, Martins-Jacoby Watershed Association, PA Department of Environmental Protection

Description of Project: Restoration of an estimated 2.5 miles/16 acres of the Oughoughton Creek for the purpose of addressing severe streambank erosion, significant loss to agricultural lands, water quality degradation, severe flooding, downstream sedimentation issues and loss of fish and wildlife habitat
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Oughoughton Creek Watershed Restoration Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County Livable Landscapes Program, 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 $75,000.00 of Livable Landscapes funds as the Northampton County contribution to the Oughoughton Creek Watershed Restoration 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"; 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.

Lower Mount Bethel Township - Tekening Trail Fee Simple Acquisition Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 67-2017 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 Tekening Trail Fee Simple Acquisition Project located in Lower Mount Bethel Township; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used as follows:
Property Owner:  Martins Creek LLC  
Site Location:  505 Quaker Plain Road, Bangor, PA  
Parcel Identification:  F12 2 7/F12 2 7K/F12 2 7L  
Site Information:  173.13 acres located along the Delaware River, 4.5 miles of trail system, wooded areas and grasslands  
Regional Significance - Delaware River in Northampton County NHA  
Regional Significance - Delaware River - Oughoughton Creek Watershed  
State Significance - Delaware Shore Near Keifer Island  
Appraised Value:  $900,000.00  
County Grant Request:  $200,000.00  
Other Grants:  $150,000.00 Lower Mount Bethel Township  
$450,000.00 PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Tekening Trail Fee Simple Acquisition Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County Livable Landscapes Program, 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 $200,000.00 of Livable Landscapes funds as the Northampton County contribution to the Tekening Trail 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"; 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.

The Nature Conservancy – Deputy-Walton Conservation Easement Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 68-2017 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 Deputy-Walton Conservation Easement Project located in Upper Mount Bethel Township; and

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

Property Owner: Jay Deputy & Jon Walton
Site Location: 505 Quaker Plain Road, Bangor, PA
Parcel Identification: C10 4 1
Site Information: 59.5 acres, wooded, vernal pools, high-conservation identity, Regional Significance - Martins Creek Watershed State Significance - Persimmon Lane Vernal Pools

Appraised Value: $172,000.00
County Grant Request: $90,300.00 (47%)
Other Grants: $101,700.00 (53%) Upper Mount Bethel Township

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

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Deputy-Walton Conservation Easement Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program
Administrator of the Northampton County Livable Landscapes Program, 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 $90,300.00 of Open Space Initiative - Environmentally Sensitive funds as the Northampton County contribution to the Deputy-Walton Conservation Easement 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.

Mr. Cusick advised he thought the appraisal was a little high so he was having a hard time supporting it.

Mr. Phillips stated he had a problem with the appraisal, but County Council adopted a resolution for a similar project that Upper Mount Bethel Township did not support, however, they were putting money up for this project.

Mr. Dietz advised he also thought it was high, but a map was presented at the Parks and Open Space Committee meeting that showed homes being built in the area.

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

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

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

City of Bethlehem- Expansion and Upgrade of Monocacy Park Trail System Project

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 69-2017 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 Expansion and Upgrade of Monocacy Park Trail System Project located in the City of Bethlehem; and

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

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<td>Project Involves:</td>
<td>Upgrade and stabilization of trail from Schoenersville Road to Illick's Mill; Expansion of the trail network in and around the Memorial Pool Complex area; Signage for gateways and interpretation; benches and other amenities along the trail; related landscaping and trees along the trail</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Expansion and Upgrade of Monocacy Park Trail System Project. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County Livable Landscapes Program, 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 $285,782.17 of Open Space Initiative - Municipal Park funds as the Northampton County contribution to the Expansion and Upgrade of Monocacy Park Trail System 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.

Mr. Kraft stated it was a long time since anything was done to these banks and the work was desperately needed.

Mr. Vaughn advised this area was heavily trafficked and a popular destination for people in the area.

Mr. Cusick stated the key part for this project to come together was the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant otherwise the city might have to put up money.

As there were no further 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.

Consideration of an Article XIII Contract Approval Resolution:
Recovery Revolution, Inc.

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 70-2017 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 bonded indebtedness."

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2017, 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 $96,000 with Recovery Revolution, Inc. to administer the direct services of the Non-Narcotic Medication Assisted Pilot Program for a term of one year funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania State Department of Corrections.

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 Recovery Revolution, Inc. to administer the direct services of the Non-Narcotic Medication Assisted Pilot Program.

Mr. Werner advised this was a needed program, but he would like to have Recovery Revolution provide a presentation on the success of their programs.

Mr. Cusick suggested the presentation be given at a Courts and Corrections Committee meeting.

Mr. Phillips stated this program was being funded through a State grant and Mr. Daniel Keen, Director of Corrections, was informed that if the grant was withdrawn next year, the funding may not continue unless it could be shown to be successful.

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

The vote: Cusick, "yes"; Benol, "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.

Parks and Open Space Committee Report

Mr. Dietz advised the Parks and Open Space Committee met earlier in the evening where a presentation was given regarding trail updates and the projects presented tonight. He further advised earlier in the day, he along with Mr. Gordon Heller, Parks and Recreation, Mr. Jim Wilson, Parks Recreation Specialist, and Mr. Phillips took a tour of Leisure Lake to see the rehabilitation that took place there for ideas on how the rehabilitation of Minsi Lake could be handled to bring businesses in to boost the economy in that area.

Conservation District Liaison Report

Mrs. Ferraro stated in August the Conservation District would be doing a tour of the FedEx site.
Human Services Committee Report

Mr. Werner advised it was important to mention that at the Human Services Committee meeting earlier in the evening, Mr. Kevin Dolan, Director of Children, Youth and Families, talked about the issues facing his division in light of the laws and regulations due to the Sandusky case.

Mr. Vaughn stated they received an update on Gracedale and how they planned to increase Quality Measures.

Mr. Vaughn advised Mr. Dolan talked about the challenges of having the extra laws to protect children without the funding to enforce them. He further advised the caseworkers were some of the hardest workers in the County and the way they handled all their challenges was greatly respected.

Mr. Cusick stated one of the challenges they faced was the division’s ability to hire and keep staff so it would have to be decided if the staff needed to be increased as part of next year’s budget.

Mr. Phillips advised Mr. Dolan and President Judge Stephen Baratta have talked a lot to Supreme Court Justice Max Baer in an effort to solve problems at the State level, but it almost seems unsolvable because there were only a small percentage of individuals that want to do this type of work. He further advised giving them more money was not a bad thing, but these individuals were not money driven.

Mr. Werner stated Mr. Dolan indicated they lost 37 Administrators in 26 months across the State so perhaps the legislators needed to be informed of the problems the Counties were facing.

Capital Projects and Operations Committee Report

Mr. Phillips advised the Capital Projects and Operations Committee met yesterday where the easement was discussed and an update on the projects was provided.
Retirement Board Liaison Report

Mr. Cusick stated the Retirement Board met last week with its new financial advisors and it was decided they would study whether or not to increase the cap for lifetime medical expenditures for retirees.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Liaison Report

Mr. Phillips advised he attended a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) and If Its Business It Matters where the focus was transportation where an expert was brought in and representatives of the LVPC were able to have a round-table discussion with him.

Lehigh Valley and Economic Development Liaison Report

Mr. Vaughn stated he wanted to reiterate that the Lehigh Valley was going to be featured in the American Airlines inflight magazine. He further stated the unveiling of the cover would be held next week.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Lauer advised he was asked to review the Americans with Disabilities Act with respect to the Louise Moore homestead and he had started the process, but it had to be determined what was grandfathered or not. He further advised he planned to ask Mr. Ryan Durkin, County Solicitor, to consult with the County’s insurance carrier.

Mr. Phillips stated he asked the Administration to hold off sending out the Request for Proposal for the building until a determination was made.

In answer to Mr. Phillips’ question as to whether he had reviewed the issue regarding the lack of a Request for Proposal for the engineering work at the Jail, Mr. Phillips advised his understanding was they had drafted a new Executive Order, but he had not seen it yet.

Mr. Durkin stated they were modifying the current document so it would be compliant.
In response to Mr. Dietz's question as to whether or not County Council had to adopt the Central Booking Plan, Mr. Lauer advised his research indicated this was undertaken by the Judicial branch and the only action at this time would be to monitor the fees that were received.

In closing Mr. Cusick suggested that everyone reach out to their State legislators regarding the budget because the preliminary budget that was passed last month was not kind to County functions especially in Human Services and the Courts.

Adjournment

Mr. Kraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council