

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
May 27, 2008

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Lewis McQuirns, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Lewis K. McQuirns, Donald J. Gracia, James K. Staufenberg, James J. Serratore and Karen “Kandy” Heckman.

Following roll call, Mr. Gracia offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

The Chairman introduced the first item on the agenda, Open Bids for Police Uniforms. The Chairman asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for the Police Uniforms. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

The bids for the Police Uniforms were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Red the Uniform Taylor. Mr. Baerwald reported that the bid is available for public inspection. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to refer the bid to Police Chief, John McGowan for review and possible award later this evening or at next month’s regular meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session earlier this evening to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2008. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Finance Reports for April, 2008. Mrs. Heckman mad a motion to approve the Finance Reports for April, 2008. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

The Chairman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for April, 2008 be deferred and also, commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room. Rick Williams of 516 Barbara Drive questioned the new position of Public Works/Engineer Director. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported that the Township is reviewing candidates tomorrow. The current Public Works Director will be retiring. Mr. Williams questioned where the Fire Marshal reports were. The Chairman advised Mr. Williams that the Fire Marshal has been at the FBI Academy for eleven weeks. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the Committee Reports for April, 2008. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked if there were any residents to be heard, there were none.

The Chairman introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Altemose Zoning Application. Frank Bartle and Bohler Engineering representing the applicant, Gambone Organization, made a presentation about the proposed development and discussed issues with the flood plain delineation. Virginia Fitzpatrick of 6 Embassy Circle questioned the analysis of the floodplain designation. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to withdraw opposition at the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Williamstadt amended conditional final approval Resolution No. 2402. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2402 granting amended conditional, final approval requiring a highway occupancy permit from PADOT for access onto DeKalb Pike. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported that the township staff met with PADOT and they are fully aware of the township's position of not being in favor of a right-out and PADOT is also not in favor of the right-out. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2402. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved four to one with Mr. Staufenberg opposing.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Barrington Open Space Property Agreement of Sale. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed that the agreements are ready to be executed. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to execute the agreement of sale. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Reserve at Penn Crossing Dedication. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reported that she is reviewing an issue with easements and a sanitary sewer line.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Consider Resolution Nos. 2399 Peter Quinn and 2400 Richard Williams. At last month's meeting these resolutions were read, presented but not approved. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution Nos. 2399 and 2400. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Liberty Bell Trail. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item; a public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the township building.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Project. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater provided a Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Project status update.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, School EDU's Ordinances. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore Associates reviewed his recommendation letter dated April 28, 2008. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reported that she is preparing an ordinance for consideration at the July regular meeting. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to authorize advertising of the ordinance for the July regular meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sewer Use Ordinance Amendment. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed and will have a draft ordinance at the June regular meeting. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize advertising of the ordinance for the July regular meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: Gill

Quarries there is a staff meeting scheduled for this week; Evergreen Terrace development – site work is underway; and Village of Caralea – the barn has been demolished.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Bob Blue reported: A. Briar Lane and Hillcrest Avenue watershed – working with the Evergreen Terrace developer to install drainage system; B. Storm Water Systems design plans for Lawnton Road, Lafayette and Springview Roads – nothing new to report; C. 605 Meadowbrook Road – work is pending construction of a grate; D. Walgreen's – final grading work has not been completed on the Mobley property. Mr. Blue reviewed an easement document issue with the Frederick property. Mr. Frederick, who was in attendance, questioned the validity of the recorded easement documents and that the work is larger and outside of the easement. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio will look into the matter and respond to Mr. Frederick. Ms. Pionzio recommended that Mr. Frederick have his attorney contact Dunn Noble to resolve the trespassing issues. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald requested that the Township Solicitor and Engineer provide as much assistance as possible to help Mr. Frederick. Carol Mobley of 3200 Butchers Lane thanked the township for starting the project, the project is not completed to her satisfaction. Township Engineer, Bob Blue will meet with Mrs. Mobley to review her concerns. E. Engineering proposal – is proceeding.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported that there is nothing new to report.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, US Route 202 Widening. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported that later in the meeting there is an item

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to apply for a vegetation management permit with PADOT for the three vacant properties at the Germantown Pike and Route 202 intersection. Mr. Baerwald reported that there will be a meeting with PADOT regarding the repairing of the left turn lane on Route 202 at Germantown Pike. Tina Howell of 29 Stony Creek Road questioned how we can stop this from happening again.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issue. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore Associates reported: A. Germantown Pike Pumping Station Wet Well Expansion Study Proposal – he should have the report completed this week on the proposed wet well expansion approximately eighty thousand gallons of additional storage. B. Comparison of Flow Data – Norris City and Saw Mill Run Pumping Stations – township staff is televising lines and identifying the problem areas.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2411 – Procedures Public Meetings. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the premise for the proposed Resolution No. 2411 relating to public participation at public meetings. The Board of Supervisors will review and discuss the proposed resolution for consideration at next month’s meeting and asked for thoughts for the resolution.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2410 – Lubar Subdivision 912 Trooper Road. This item was tabled to next month’s meeting.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2412 – Appointment to Planning Commission. Due to the resignation of Danielle Stinson from the Planning Commission the Board of Supervisors needs to make another appointment. Mr. Gracia made a motion to appoint Kristl L. Wiernicki to the Planning Commission. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved

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unanimously. Deb Nobby of 2100 North Wales Road questioned what Ms. Wiernicki's credentials are for the Planning Commissions. Mr. Staufenberg briefly read from Ms. Wiernicki's resume.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Land Development and Parks and Recreation Ordinances. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reported that the proposed ordinances are still being worked on.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Blue Star Memorial. The Norristown Garden Club has invited the Board of Supervisors to attend the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial ceremony to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Montgomery County and East Norriton Township EMS Annual Reports. Police Chief, John McGowan reviewed these reports and reported on the implications to the township.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Regional Task Force Participation. Mr. Staufenberg reviewed the Regional Task Force. He is asking the Board of Supervisors to consider allowing Township personnel and the Norriton Fire Engine Company to participate in the Regional Task Force provided meeting the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust concerns. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the MOA subject to the insurance stipulations. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Frank Ricardelli of 2934 Whitehall Road questioned who carries the workers' compensation coverage. Mr. Staufenberg replied the worker's compensation insurance is through the township.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Pension Fund Investments. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed the proposed investment

mix of the township pensions plans dated May 15, 2008. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the pension fund investment mix as proposed by the Township Investment Advisors. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Street Lighting Replacement Update. This is an informational item; letter of information have been written to all of the property owners affected in the area of the street lighting replacement. Work on the street light replacement should be started shortly by the contractor.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization. A. Police Training Request – Officer Christie Soto. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to authorize item A. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. A. PSATS Convention Expenses: Serratore - \$247.01, Baerwald - \$816.54, Heckman – \$382.05, McQuirns - \$304.82 and Gracia - \$238.85; B. MONTCO Association of the Blind - \$100.00; C. Briar Lane and Heatherwood Storm Drainage Expenses – waiting for cost response from contractor for Russo project – Briar Lane project expansion; D. Electronic Speed Signs (PECO) Authorization – cost for electricity; E. Vegetation Management Permit (US 202 demolished properties) – no cost; and F. Township Complex Boundary Survey and Topography - \$9,875.00. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize items A through F. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

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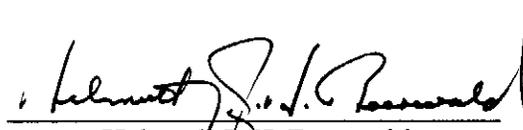
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Mrs. Heckman reviewed the meeting schedule for May 27, 2008 through July 28, 2008.

The Chairman asked if there was any other business. Police Chief, John McGowan recommended the uniform bid be awarded to Red the Uniform Taylor. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to award the bid per Chief McGowan's recommendation. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, Rick Williams of 516 Barbara Drive questioned status of the Verizon FIOS installation in the entire township.

Mr. Gracia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.


Helmuth J. H. Baerwald
Secretary

