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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, August 26, 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 Douglas Jones the Township’s new in house engineer. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald read a short bio of Douglas Jones.

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

The bids for the Traffic Zone Paint and Hot Thermoplastic were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Alpha Space Control Company Inc. - \$11,313.00; Guidemark Inc. - \$17,300.00; and Interstate Road Management - \$19,350.00. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to authorize approval to the responsible bidder subject to final approval from the Public Works Director. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Open Bids for four Township Vehicles. The Chairman asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for the four Township Vehicles. After requesting any

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comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

The bids for the four Township Vehicles were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Hassan for the 1997 Mercury Mountaineer - \$2,250.00; M & E Truck Sales for the three 2005 Chevrolet Tahoes - \$5,188.00 each and for the 1997 Mercury Mountaineer - \$688.00; and Rogers Auto Sales for the 2005 Tahoe vin#3063 - \$3,258.00 and for the 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe vin#2195 - \$2,819.00 and for the 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe vin#0336 - \$2,618.00 and for the 1997 Mercury Mountaineer - \$818.00. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to award the 1997 Mercury Mountaineer to Hassan for \$2,250.00 and the three Chevrolet Tahoe's to M & E Truck Sales for \$5,188.00 each. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Proclamation: September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month – Resolution No. 2417. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald read Resolution No. 2417 into record. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2417. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Certificate of Appreciation - Presentation to Lloyd “Lucky” Young. The Board of Supervisors presented Mr. Young with a Certificate for his many years of faithful service to the citizens of East Norriton Township.

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

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Supervisors also met on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at the East Norriton Middle School on the East Norriton Township Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2008 and the public meeting of July 16, 2008. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Finance Reports for July, 2008. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for July, 2008. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for July, 2008 be deferred and also, commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the Committee Reports for July, 2008. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions of the committee reports, there were none.

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

Mrs. Heckman announced the first item under “Old Business”, Appointment to the Township Planning Commission. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to appoint Robert Schottmiller to the Planning Commission for the fulfillment of Mr. Young’s term. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Addressing the Transportation Funding Crisis. This is an informational item, a number of public meetings have been scheduled by the County Commissioners to address this important issue for the region. One of the meetings will be held at Presidential Caterers in East Norriton on Friday, October 3, 2008.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Land Development Ordinance. Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney reported that the ordinance is being drafted.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Reserve at Penn Crossing Dedication. This informational item was reviewed by the Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney and the Township Engineer, Bob Blue.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2416 – two lot subdivision 912 Trooper Road. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed the proposed subdivision. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2416. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Liberty Bell Trail Meeting. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater briefly reviewed the discussions held at the special public meeting which was held Wednesday, July 16, 2008. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald asked the Board of Supervisors to consider executing the agreement with PECO and develop the trail along the power lines. Nick

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Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned the executing of the agreement before knowing the costs.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Sewer System Standards Ordinance Amendments. Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney provided an update on the proposed ordinance and Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize advertisement of the ordinance. 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, Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Project. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported on the status of the sewer lateral repair project. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned why repairs were not made when the lien letters were mailed, specifically on Kennedy Road.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments and Construction Updates. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed: Swede Square Shopping Center work is being completed; Swede Road widening project the township is waiting for PECO to relocate the utilities; Einstein the preliminary land development plans – a meeting was held during which Einstein's Traffic Impact study and improvements to Germantown Pike were discussed. There is resistance from our local legislators to provide any additional right of way along the Norristown Farm Park side of Germantown Pike for the road improvements. The Planning Commission has scheduled meetings on September 24th and October 1st during which Einstein's Preliminary Land Development application will be reviewed and discussed. The meetings are scheduled to be held at the East Norriton Middle School beginning at 7:00 p.m. on each night.

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Township Sewer Engineer and staff will be going to Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the sewer capacity for this project. Gill Quarry – Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak on August 1st visited the Highway Materials Inc. clean fill landfill site to review the operation of the landfill. Mr. Gill wants to expand the existing use of the quarry. In anticipation of a possible landfill application Mr. Bortnichak made this visit. EDU Allocations – the Township has received a sanitary sewer connection application and the appropriate taping and inspections fess from Joseph Bucci Sr. of 557 Marion Avenue. Mr. Bucci intends to subdivide this property. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to allocate one EDU to Mr. Bucci. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Uniform Construction Code – earlier this year the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry audited the Township’s inspection process. The auditor recommended that the Township’s Certificate of Occupancy be updated to include additional information and language advising the recipient that they “may not add, remove or alter any feature or element within or on the exterior of the building that has the potential to adversely affect the accessibility to and the usability of the elements and features of the building without contacting the Building Code Official”. The Township will begin using the new Certificate of Occupancy within the next two weeks after it has been integrated into our GIS.

Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane alerted the Township to the poor maintenance of the Gill Quarry property and other housekeeping issues. Mr. Christovich asked the Board of Supervisors to protect the residents with truck traffic if the quarry becomes a construction landfill. Connie Bennett of 2910 Whitehall Road asked for help

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in obtaining all of the review letters from consultants and agencies for the Einstein project preliminary plans.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Bob Blue reported: A. Briar Lane and Hillcrest Avenue – Township forces will be performing the work once the Township gets permit from the Montgomery County Conservation District; B. Storm Water System design plans for Lawnton Road, Lafayette and Springview Roads – no new update; C. Walgreen's storm drainage work – Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney reported that the developer is waiting for the as-builts to determine the exact location of the easement. Mr. Blue reported the project is coming to a construction end; and D. Storm water issues throughout the Township – proceeding. David Frederick of 3100 Butchers Lane expressed concerns that his issues are not being addressed. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane alerted the Township concerning the vegetation growing at the Handy Harmon property within the fenced area and around the tanks on the property. Mr. Christovich also questioned if the land at Handy and Harmon is contaminated.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported: A. Traffic study for traffic improvements on Township Line Road – no new update; B. Germantown Pike Corridor – staff meeting with County and Einstein to address traffic study; C. Traffic Signal – Swede Road and Township Line Road – trying to get a left turn signal at this intersection; and D. Right turn lane on Swede Road at Germantown Pike – work is proceeding.

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Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, US Route 202 Widening. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported PADOT will be repairing the intersection at Route 202 and Germantown Pike.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported: A. Germantown Pike Pumping Station Wet Well Expansion Study Proposal – two out of the three pumps have been renovated creating an increase in capacity with the two pumps on line to handle the high flow. Therefore, the wet well study expansion is on hold. Mr. Rosenthal reviewed the manhole rim survey which was performed. Mr. Rosenthal will recommend placing additional bolt-down manhole covers. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald alerted that the manhole 770A needs to be repaired due to odor issues. B. Comparison of Flow Data – Norris City and Saw Mill Run Pumping Stations – having slip lining demo in this area; and C. Preliminary design for Einstein Sanitary Sewer – a meeting is scheduled for September 2nd at the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the permitting and options for the Einstein project. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned the relying on the Einstein project to resolve the sewer issues.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item on the agenda under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2418. Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney reviewed Resolution No. 2418 accepting and recommending the formal adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update of 2008. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2418. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2410. Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney reported that the current resolution is still being reviewed and the resolution does not apply to the Planning Commission meetings.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Uniform Construction Code (Reassessment Audit). This item was reviewed earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, School Resource Officer. Police Chief, John McGowan reviewed the Township's grant request with the United States Department of Education. The grant will cover all costs of employment during the four year period from January 2009 thru December 2012. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the grant and the position. 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, DVRPC – Draft Fiscal Year 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed this informational item on the 2009 TIP.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Proposed Bocce Court. The Township has been asked for a number of years to consider the construction of a bocce court on the grounds of the municipal complex. Mr. Gracia made a motion to develop a plan and determine the costs for this project. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Request for Proposals – Auditing Services. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the request for proposals for auditing services. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion

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to approve the request for proposals. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Waiver Permit Fees. The Township has received a letter from St. Titus School requesting permission to advertise their country fair on a number of parishioner's yards from September 19th through September 28th. Also, the Township is requesting a waiver of the electrical and plumbing permit fees for the Centennial Friendship Garden as well as any permit fee for the Christmas Parade to be held on December 6th, 2008. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the waiver requests. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Township Fiscal Position. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater provided a brief report on the Township's current fiscal position and provided a status report on the real estate tax receipts and other tax revenues.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Tax Appeal Stipulation – G & W Development Associates. Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney reviewed the Stipulation to Settle. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to execute the Stipulation on behalf of the Township. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Centennial Program Schedule and Fundraising. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed the schedule of Centennial celebrations. Mr. Baerwald thanked all the residents and businesses for their donations and recognized all the people who volunteered their time.

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Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization. A. 2nd Annual Sal Gambone Memorial Golf Outing – September 22, 2008; B. 7th Annual East/West Norriton Fire Company Golf Outing – October 5, 2008; and C. Dash for Education: Norristown Area Education Foundation – October 12, 2008. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve items A through C. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman made a motion to add the Township website development for \$36,360.00 to the agenda under expenditure authorizations. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. A. Traffic Signal Design – TP&D, Inc. – Swede Road and Germantown Pike - \$5,200.00; B. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (Briar Lane) - \$4,500.00 - \$6,200.00; C. Code Inspections – Fire Alarm Inspection Proposal; D. Breast Cancer 3-day - \$100.00 (IDA); E. MONTCO S.A.A.C. 43rd - \$250.00 (IDA); and F. Website - \$36,360.00. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve items A through F. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia reviewed the meeting schedule for August 25th through October 2, 2008.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported: Deed Registration legislation. Mr. Baerwald asked the Board of Supervisors to address the proposed deed registration law. Mr.

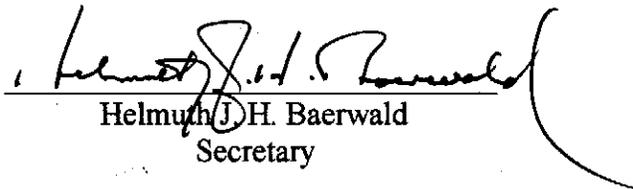
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Staufenberg made a motion to support opposition on HB1634 and to write a letter to Representative Moyer. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road asked if there were any wetlands on the Wood's property. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane discussed all the tax-exempt properties in Norristown and the impact of Norristown Area School District.

Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.




Helmut J.H. Baerwald
Secretary