

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
November 25, 2008

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, November 25, 2008, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Lewis K. McQuirns, Donald J. Gracia and Karen “Kandy” Heckman. Absent were Supervisors James K. Staufenberg and James J. Serratore.

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

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence for Paul E. Heckman and Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll.

The Chairman introduced the first item on the agenda, Presentation of Proclamation No. 2426 – Retirement of Senator Connie Williams. Mrs. Heckman read into record Resolution No. 2426. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2426. 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, swearing in of Police Officer Candidate, Joel D. Homan. Police Chief, John McGowan introduced Joel Homan. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater swore in Police Officer Candidate, Joel Homan. Police Chief, John McGowan explained how this position is being funded through a School Officer Grant.

The Board of Supervisors presented Senator Connie Williams with the Proclamation. Senator Williams gave a brief speech.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Police Department Accreditation Program. Police Chief, John McGowan reviewed this informational item

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that East Norriton Township Police Department has successfully received re-accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association's Accreditation program.

The Chairman announced that the Board of Supervisors met in a Special Board of Supervisors meeting on November 19th at the East Norriton Middle School and in Executive Session on November 19, 2008 and earlier this evening to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2008. 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, Finance Reports for October, 2008. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for October, 2008. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

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

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the first item under “Old Business”, 2009 Budget. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater provided a presentation on the 2009 budget.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Reserve at Penn Crossing Dedication. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reported there is no new update.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Township Bocce Court. This is an informational item; the Township has engaged Simone Collins to begin the preparation of the plans for the bocce court to be located adjacent to the Norris City Cemetery and the Public Works garage.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Sewer Lateral Inspection of Sub-areas 2 and 4. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that Township staff has begun the lateral televising, problems with the camera equipment have occurred and the equipment has been sent to the manufacturer for repair. Televising will resume when the camera equipment is repaired.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Hillcrest Shopping Center Deed of Dedication. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the deeds dedicating the maintenance of the storm water detention basin back to the property owner. Mr. Gracia made a motion to execute the deed. 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, Township Policy on Inspection and Copying of Township documents. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the documents to comply with the new Right-to-Know law. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize advertisement of the ordinance for consideration at the

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December regular meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned if the current ordinance is in affect. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reported that the current ordinance is in affect until the new ordinance is adopted and until January 1, 2009 when the Act is enforced.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: McDonalds is in the process of being constructed; DeKalb Apartments are progressing well; and Village of Caralea property - Township staff met with a developer/builder who is interested in purchasing the property.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Agreement of Sale - Barrington Property. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported there is no new update.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reported there is no new update from last month's meeting.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported that the right turn lane work at Germantown Pike and Swede Road is completed. Marielle Lane/New Hope Street additional striping work has been performed.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, U S Route 202 Widening. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported that PADOT has put the intersection of DeKalb and Route 202 on hold due to the weather because the asphalt

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product cannot be applied in cold weather. A Route 202 status meeting was attended and the project has been put off indefinitely.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore Associates reported: A. Preliminary design for Einstein Sanitary Sewer and B. Einstein Plan Study – Act 537 – the Einstein plans at the present time do not provide much detail with regards to sanitary sewer, staff is meeting with Einstein next week to discuss the parameters for the pump station design. The Act 537 working draft is being reviewed internally and will be circulated soon. C. Sewer Force Main Break and Repair – Saturday, November 15, 2008 – Mr. Rosenthal reviewed the repair work and the proposal to slip line the force main. Mr. Rosenthal stated that this work should be included with the bid specifications being prepared and consolidate the two slip lining projects into one bid. Mr. Gracia made a motion to consolidate the two projects into one bid. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Gheorghe Craciun of 3102 Whitehall Road questioned if the sewer work needed on Baker Drive was included. Mr. Craciun reported that there is a hole in the road on Route 202 near the hospital. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned where the liner is placed and asked if the liner impacts the pressure. Mr. Rosenthal stated the liner does not affect the pressure. Deb Knawby 3100 North Wales Road questioned if the heavy rain prior to the break could have been the cause of what happened when the pump station was shut down. D. Sewer Package Treatment Plant 1055 West Germantown Pike - Mr. Rosenthal reviewed that he and Township staff met with DEP on November 12, 2008 and reviewed the possible connection of this site to the public sewer system (seven EDU's). Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed a

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letter dated November 20, 2008 from DEP to the owner of the treatment plant at 1055 Germantown Pike. The general sense is to take them into the Township system at no cost to the Township and the property owner would have to pay all connections fees.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the first item under “New Business”, Norriton Fire Engine Company Capital Plan. Lou Mincarelli and Kevin McDevitt of the Norriton Fire Engine Company gave a presentation on the proposal of the acquisition of a new ladder truck. Mr. Gracia asked about the financial stability of E One. Kevin McDevitt replied to Mr. Gracia’s concern that the Fire Company is looking into getting a performance bond. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio stated that the problem with performance bonds is that you have to sue the bonding company and go through litigation to get paid. Lou Mincarelli stated that no down payment or any payment is due until the truck is delivered. It was also discussed whether the vehicle would be tilted to the Township. Lou Mincarelli advised the Board of Supervisors that an answer is needed in December so an order may be placed by December 31, 2008. Also, funding from the Township is not needed until 2010. Virginia Fitzpatrick of 6 Embassy Circle asked if E One is listed on the NY Stock Exchange. Lou Mincarelli will look into.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2427 – Proclamation of Start of Christmas Holiday Season. The Chairman read Resolution No. 2427 into record proclaiming Saturday, December 6, 2008 as the official start of the Christmas holiday season in East Norriton Township. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2427. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Earned Income Tax Collection – Berkheimer. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the collections and projections report provided by Berkheimer Associates.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, East Norriton Little League Sponsor Signs request. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed a request received from the East Norriton Little League to place signs at the baseball fields at the Paul Fly and Cole Manor facilities. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the sign fee waiver request. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Composting Operation Agreement. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported that this agreement is still being worked on.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, ENPW Joint Sewer Authority – Proposed 2009 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald provided a brief review of the budget that was adopted by the JSA.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Sign Ordinance – Political Signs. Further discussion is needed with all the supervisors present. Deb Knowby of 3100 North Wales Road questioned where is the right-of-way? Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road asked why only one sign per candidate per property is permitted; the Township should allow more than one candidate sign per property.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, naming of Township Complex Street. This item was removed from the agenda.

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Mr. Gracia made a motion to add Norristown School District vs. VCA Real Property assessment to the agenda. 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, Norristown School District vs. VCA Real Property assessment. The NASD feels that the assessment of property located at 2840 Swede Road owned by VCA Real Property Acquisition Corp., Inc. is too low. The Board of Assessment disagreed and voted that no change in assessment should be had. The School District has appealed. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio to enter her appearance on behalf of the Township. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, RFP – Auditing services. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the auditing services and the request for proposal process. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize advertising the intent of the Board of Supervisors to appoint the firm of Maillie Falconiero at the reorganization meeting. 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, Schedule Special Meeting Einstein Hospital Land Development Application. Mr. Gracia made a motion to schedule the special meeting for Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Norriton Middle School. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization.

A. Township Christmas Party – December 19th – Presidential Caterers and B. Police Training – Officer Caso. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize items A and B. 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, Expenditure Authorization.

A. Compost Screener Rental - \$5,600.00 – East Norriton Township's share and B. Storm Drainage Pipe Work - Second Street - \$4,750.00. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve items A and B. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned what a compost screener rental is. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones explained that purpose of a compost screener.

Mrs. Heckman reviewed the meeting schedule for November 24, 2008 through, January 6, 2009.

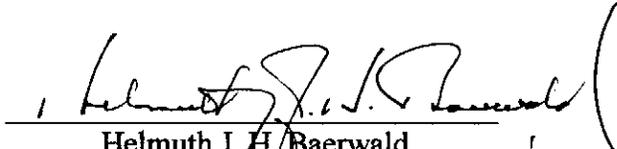
Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed: legislature adjourns for the session, the State General Assembly adjourned on October 8th and is not expected to reconvene this year. On November 30th, the legislative session ends, and any pending legislation dies and will have to be reintroduced in the next legislative session, which begins in January, 2009. Mr. Baerwald reviewed House Bill 2563 to require Townships to pay for State Police coverage, townships with a population of more than ten thousand to pay one hundred dollars per resident if they use state police rather than local police. House Bill 2563, if

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enacted into law, would bring additional mandated costs and no increase of police services.

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 questioned what is the proposed budget for 2009. Mr. Viglianese questioned if more grants exists for sewer repairs, and the status of the resolution on conduct for public meetings. Mr. Viglianese expressed that he hopes that the Board of Supervisors spends just as much time questioning Einstein as they did questioning the purchase of a fire truck tonight. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio explained how the planning process works in East Norriton Township. Township staff responded to Mr. Viglianese. Mr. Viglianese expressed that he has an issue with the leaves accumulating along his street.

Mrs. Heckman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.



Helmut J. H. Baerwald
Secretary

