

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
May 26, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Lewis McQuirns, at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, 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 announced that the Board of Supervisors met earlier this evening in a Public Hearing RE: Zoning Ordinance and in Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel and in a Public Meeting on May 12, 2009 on Einstein at the East Norriton Middle School.

The Chairman announced that Sergeant David Boyer is the proud recipient of his Masters Degree in Public Safety from St. Joseph’s University.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Commendation presentation to Detective Jean Morrison. Police Chief, John McGowan presented Detective Jean Morrison with a Merit Commendation for her thorough investigation leading to the arrests of subjects for the alleged identity thefts of eleven victims, which occurred during October, 2008.

The Chairman announced that the next item on the agenda, Sister Cities Week Conference will be deferred to next month’s meeting.

Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2009 and the Special Meeting of May 12, 2009. After requesting any comments

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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, 2009. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for April, 2009. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

The Chairman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for April, 2009 be deferred and also commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room. Police Chief, John McGowan provided an update on the recent armed robberies in East Norriton Township and the speed enforcement detail on Swede Road. Chairman, Lewis McQuirns read comments about East Norriton Township being at a crossroads.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions of the committee reports. Rob Schottmiller of 547 Barbara Drive responded to the erroneous comments made in the newspaper. Connie Bennett of 2910 Whitehall Road read a statement responding to the Township letter that was mailed to the residents. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road expressed that his records request was not fulfilled. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio stated that Mr. Viglianese has remedies if he feels that the request was not fulfilled. Mr. Viglianese claimed why the information sent out was also included in campaign literature. Ted Fonash, President Norriton Fire Engine Company of 895 Parkwood Road and Ralph Nealman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Norriton Fire Engine Company of 795 Sandra Lane thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support and the purchase of the new aerial truck and deeding of the property back to the Fire Company.

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Property Deed Transfer. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the property deed transfer to the Norriton Fire Company. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the execution of the deed by the appropriate township officials. 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, Ordinance No. 517 – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Age Targeted District and Ordinance No. 518 - Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment – Age Targeted District. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Ordinance No. 517 and Ordinance No. 518 which were the subject of the public hearing held earlier this evening. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 517 and Ordinance 518. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2456 – Albert Einstein Healthcare Network – Final Land Development. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the proposed Resolution No. 2456 and any outstanding issues which may not have been resolved. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2456. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously. Brian Jones of 2932 Sunset Avenue read his comments that he made to the Planning Commission about storm water impacts.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Calming Ordinance. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed that the ordinance is being revised based on the solicitor’s comments. This item was deferred until next month’s meeting.

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Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Work. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones provided an update on the Inflow and Infiltration work. Mr. Jones reviewed the proposed sewer smoke testing equipment on the agenda for an expenditure consideration. Mrs. Jones also reviewed letters that were sent out about vents located in driveways and taking on storm water. Connie Bennett of 2910 North Whitehall Road questioned if these letters went to properties in a specific area or throughout the township. Mr. Jones reported that the letters were sent to residents throughout the township.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Bocce Courts Update. Parks and Recreation Director, Larry Brown provided an update on the phasing of the project.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reported that 317 West Germantown Pike property has been demolished to make way for the front office building that will be constructed there. Mr. Bortnichak also reported that the Heatherwood development has been issued two Use and Occupancy permits and two new building permits.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Bob Blue reported on the storm drainage study and added additional locations to the report. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the new locations. Connie Bennett 2910 Whitehall Road asked if the storm drainage study has been issued. Bob Blue stated that the study has been issued in draft form to the Board of Supervisors. John Darrohn of 605 Briar Lane questioned the status of the Briar Lane

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storm drainage project. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that letters will be going out to the property owners that the work should begin in June.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the proposals from Traffic Planning and Design for the school crossing signal device at Penn Christen Academy and on North Wales Road. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to proceed with applying for the permits for the school crossing signal devices. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported that a preconstruction meeting was held today with Tri-State Grouting and work began immediately. Mr. Rosenthal reported that DEP is reviewing the Einstein Planning Module and Special Study documents concurrently.

Mr. Gracia introduced the first item under “New Business”, Police Pension Plan Amendment Ordinance. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the proposed ordinance. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the advertising of the proposed ordinance for possible consideration at the June regular meeting. 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, Resolution No. 2457 and 2458 – Police and Non Uniformed Pension Plans Actuarial Valuations of Assets. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2457 and 2458. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution Nos. 2457 and 2458. After

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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, Compliance Audit Report of 2006/2007 Police and Non Uniformed Pension Plans. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item. Copies of these reports are available for public inspection during regular business hours of the township.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, East Norriton Township Annual Financial Report. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item. Copies of this report are available for public inspection during regular business hours of the township.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Norristown State Hospital Properties. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed this informational item that came to the Board's attention through a recent article that was in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Mr. Staufenberg urged the residents to support the preservation of the Farm Park and encouraged ENRO to get involved. Connie Bennett of 2910 Whitehall Road stated that ENRO is working with the West End Residents group from Norristown on this topic. Ed Duffy of 206 West Hartranft Blvd stated that the State Hospital is still operating.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2459 – Accepting Right of Way Whitehall Road. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2459 accepting dedication of the area between the legal and ultimate right of way lines on Whitehall Road. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve

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Resolution No. 2459. 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, Resolution No. 2460 – Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (Storm Water). Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2460 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with other Montgomery County municipalities for legal services for storm water regulatory support. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2460. 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, Contractor Registration Ordinance. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reported that the ordinance is being drafted for consideration and advertising authorization for the June regular meeting.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Whitpain Township Sewer Connection Agreement. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed this agreement pertaining to 111 West Township Line Road. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the Whitpain Township sewer connection agreement. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, 2008 Township Annual Report. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed the 2008 Township Annual Report and this report is available for public inspection during regular business hours of the township.

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Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Centennial Time Capsule. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed this informational item.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Invitation to Bürgermeisterin Gabriel Schöttler. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize a formal invitation to be sent to Bürgermeisterin, Gabriel Schöttler of our sister city, Treptow Köpenick for the time capsule dedication, which will be the last township Centennial celebration. 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, PUC vs. Pennsylvania American Water. Township Manager, Helmuth Baerwald reviewed a letter dated May 11, 2009 from the Office of Consumer Advocate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Anyone needing additional information or wanting to request a public input hearing should contact Heather Yoder at 717-783-5048 or toll free at 1-800-684-6560.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Support letter for County PENNVEST Funding. Assistant Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this support letter request. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to authorize a letter in support of the PENNVEST funding for the Montgomery County Mowing-to-Meadows Project. 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, East Norriton Township Centennial Parade. Park and Recreation Director, Mr. Brown announced that the township's centennial parade will be on Saturday, May 30, 2009 beginning at the

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Norriton Fire House on Swede Road heading north then traveling west on Germantown Pike to Stanbridge Street and then south on Stanbridge Street to the Township building.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization.

A. PSATS Convention expenses Supervisors and Township Manager – James Staufenberg - \$226.72, Kandy Heckman - \$621.35 and Helmuth Baerwald - \$495.12; B. Heur Storm Drainage Work - \$1,450.00; C. School Flashing Signals TP & D – quote - \$2,500.00 and \$2,100.00; and D. Authorize Sewer Smoke Testing Equipment - quote - \$1,503.64. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize items A through D. 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, Attendance Authorization.

There were none.

Mr. Gracia reviewed the meeting schedule for May 30, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

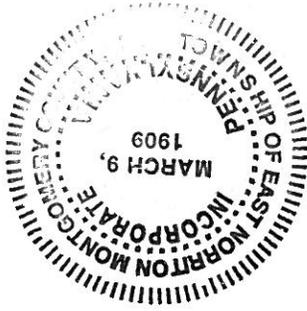
Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. There was nothing new to report.

Police Chief, John McGowan reviewed the disturbance that took place earlier in the meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, there were none.

Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald D. Delamater', written over a horizontal line.

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary