

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting  
October 27, 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, October 27, 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 asked for a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Heckman mother-in-law to Kandy Heckman.

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

The Chairman introduced George Stojanovich, President of the Board of Commissioners for West Norriton Township who presented the Board of Supervisors with a plaque commemorating the Township’s Centennial.

The Chairman introduced Bürgermeisterin Gabriele Schöttler from our sister city Treptow-Köepenick who presented the Board of Supervisors with a gift. Bürgermeisterin Schöttler gave a power point presentation about Trepow-Köepenick’s 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The students from Treptow-Köepenick also presented the Board of Supervisors with a picture that they created.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Proclamation - Resolution No. 2473 – Derek Bell. The Board of Supervisors presented Derek A. Bell with a proclamation recognizing his faithful dedication as a member for three years to the East Norriton Township Planning Commission.

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The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Proclamation - Resolution No. 2474 – Helen Hurdle. Mr. Staufenberg read into record the proclamation that will be given to Helen R. Hurdle – Honored Resident.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Proclamation - Resolution No. 2475 – Retirement of Lieutenant Kurt Taboga. Mr. Staufenberg read into record the proclamation that will be given to Kurt Taboga recognizing his twenty-eight year career with the East Norriton Township Police Department. The Chairman read a letter written by Kurt Taboga to the Board of Supervisors.

The Chairman called on Police Chief, John McGowan who presented Officer Samantha Smith with a Certificate of Merit for a professional and thorough investigation on September 19, 2009 that led to an arrest.

Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 29, 2009. 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 September, 2009. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for September, 2009. 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 September, 2009 be deferred and also commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the Committee Reports for September, 2009. After requesting any comments

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and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously

The Chairman asked if there were any questions on the committee reports, Steve Simonetti of 3011 Brambling Lane questioned if there was a copy of the preliminary sign ordinance. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio stated the ordinance is being worked on with the ACLU, and a copy of the preliminary version is not yet available.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Presentation by Tower One Partners. Larry Romanowski of Tower One Partners gave a presentation and answered questions presented by the Board of Supervisors and staff.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Ordinance No. 521 – for Incurrence of Debt. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 521 pertaining to the Note in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) through PEMA Volunteer Loan Assistance Program for the purchase of a fire truck for the Norriton Fire Engine Company. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 521. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to execute the debt statement and related documents. 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, Leaf Compost Site Operator Agreement. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the Agreement for Services for the Leaf Compost Site with Mario’s Tree Services, LLC. Mr. Serratore made a motion to affirm the execution of the agreement by the Township Manager. After

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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, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: Village of Caralea - an above ground storm water basin has been installed, rock has been hit during the installation of the sewer main. A blasting permit has been issued. Williamstadt - an underground storm water facility was installed; and Einstein - revised land development plans have been received and the plans have been distributed to the Township consultants for review.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed: A. Briar Lane Drainage Project – work performed by Public Works Department; B. Meadowbrook Drainage – work performed by Public Works Department; C. Stanbridge Street Drainage Project – working on to find a solution; D. Rahway Avenue Area - working on to find a solution; and E. Comprehensive Storm Water Survey – reviewed.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. No updates.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported: A. DEP Act 537 Special Study and B. Sewer Planning Module as it pertains to the Einstein Hospital project – spoke with DEP and a draft approval letter is being worked on with conditions with the approval and the Einstein planning module should be issued concurrently; C. Birchwood Drive/Carol Lane work completed, waiting for DVD to confirm the completion; and D. Draft Sanitary

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Sewer Construction Standards Ordinance – has been revised in accordance with staff comments will be ready for adoption at the November regular meeting.

Mrs. Heckman introduced “New Business”, Resolution No. 2479 – Waiver Request for 2000 Arch Road. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed Resolution No. 2479 granting waiver of the requirements for a land development application for 2000 Arch Road. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2479. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2480 – Waiver Request for Cole Manor Elementary School. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed Resolution No. 2480 granting a waiver of the requirement for a land development application for the Norristown Area School District for the property located at 2350 Springview Road (Cole Manor Elementary School) for renovations to the existing bus driveway. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2480. 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, ENPWJSA Proposed 2010 Operating and Capital Improvements Budgets. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the adopted 2010 ENPWJSA operating budget with East Norriton Township’s budget allocation of \$1,046,216 which is a reduction of a little over \$92,000.00.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, 2010 Budget Presentation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a memo from Assistant Township Manger, Larry Brown outlining the preliminary 2010 budget with a shortfall

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of \$1,418,904 in the General Fund. The preliminary 2010 budget is currently prepared with a projected Real Estate Tax rate of 2.382 mills which is an increase of .07 mills in the fire protection fund. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize advertisement of the preliminary 2010 budget. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Steve Simonetti of 3011 Brambling Lane questioned when the fiscal year was. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road asked how the Township is doing in the stock market. The Board of Supervisors and staff addressed the questions.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2476 – Authorize to Dispose of Cabinets and Furniture. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2476 for the disposal of, through sale or other means, the disposal of miscellaneous office furniture. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2476. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2477 – Schedule Public Hearing to amend Sign Ordinance. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. 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, Resolution No. 2478 – Authorize to Dispose of Public Records. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2478 authorizing the disposition of certain public records, meeting videos for July – December 1999, June – December 2000, all of 2001, 2002,

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2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and January – September 2008. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2478. 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, Planning Commission Vacancy Appointment. Due to the resignation of Derek Bell, there is now a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to appoint Judith Sliker Belkowski to the Planning Commission. 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, County Highway Occupancy Permit Application. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the County Highway Occupancy Permit Application. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the execution of the County Highway Occupancy Permit Application subject to the condition that Einstein signs the indemnification document that was prepared by Ms. Pionzio's office. 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, Authorize Execution of the Vegetation Management Permit. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed proposed revised Vegetation Management Permit with PADOT for the Southeast corner of Route 202 and Germantown Pike. The revised application will include low rise trees and shrubs. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize execution of the Vegetation Management Permit. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Waiver Request for Cub Scout Pack 389. Mrs. Heckman read a letter dated October 16, 2009 from Cub Scout Pack 389 requesting waiver of fees for their annual Christmas tree sale at Paul V. Fly Elementary School on December 4, 5 and 6, 2009. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the waiver request. 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, PECO Rate Change. Mr. Staufenberg reviewed a meeting that he attended regarding the rate changes. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that the municipalities of Montgomery County are looking into going together to bid for electricity.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Waiver Request for Lions Club International. Mrs. Heckman read a letter dated October 25, 2009 from the Lions Club International requesting waiver of fees for their annual White Cane solicitation on October 30, 2009 for approximately three hours at the Northtowne Plaza. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the waiver request. 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, Expenditure Authorization. A. Storm Water Permit Expenses - \$1,004.61; B. Sewer Map Update - \$3,800.00; C. Shirley Jording DROP Pension - \$537.54 monthly pension; D. Kurt Taboga Retro-DROP Pension – being calculated by Actuary; and E. Sanitary Sewer System Root Control - \$9,679.04. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve items A through E. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item Attendance Authorization. A. Lieutenant Kurt Taboga's Retirement Party – October 29, 2009; and B. Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizens 2009 – November 5, 2009. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve items A and B. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Staufenberg reviewed the meeting schedule for October 28, 2009 through November 27, 2009.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the Farm Park Advisory Board meeting he attended and read a quote from Ken Lewis a representative from DCNR. "No decision on State park closures have been made however, if there are closures the Norristown Farm Park is on the list. This doesn't mean the park closes, only that the \$350,000.00 contribution from the state would be eliminated." At the Farm Park meeting, a representative from the County stated that the County is planning for a worse case scenario, that the funds will not be received, and they intend to keep the park open and operating in 2010.

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 9:20 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

  
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Donald D. Delamater  
Secretary

