

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
July 28, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Lewis McQuirns, at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 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 for Eleanor Yaworski, Elected Auditor and Historical Commission Member, Ken Souder, Sr. Firefighter/Fire Police, Geraldine Oliver, spouse of the late Police Chief, James Oliver and Elizabeth Helverson, mother of Joan McDevitt.

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

The Chairman at this time moved up “New Business”, Resolution No. 2465 – Amended Conditional Final Approval - Village of Caralea. Chris Canavan a representative for WB Homes on behalf of the Village of Caralea provided an update with no waiver requests. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2465. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

The Chairman at this time also moved up Resolution No. 2464 – Conditional Final Approval - Enclave at Williamstadt. Jim McGarrity a representative for Williamstadt provided an update on the development. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to

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approve Resolution No. 2464. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairman read a certificate congratulating Clemen's Meat Market on their 63rd Anniversary.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Swearing In of New Fire Police Officer, Paul Michner. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown swore in Paul Michner as the newest Fire Police for the Norriton Fire Engine Company.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Open Bids – Portable Trailer Mounted Generator. The Chairman asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Bids were opened and read by Township Manager, Donald Delamater as follows: Norris Sales - \$35,831.00; Penn Jersey Machinery - \$32,800.00; H. A. DeHart & Son - \$38,712.00; and Goodwin Power Generators - \$32,950.00. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to defer awarding the bid to next month's meeting after township staff can review the bids. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2009. 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 June, 2009. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and

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Warrants for June, 2009. 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 June, 2009 be deferred and also commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room.

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.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Resolution No. 2462 – Traffic Calming. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed this proposed resolution that would be a mechanism in considering traffic calming requests from residents. The proposed resolution would establish a Traffic Calming Advisory Committee, establish the criteria by which traffic calming requests would be considered, approved or denied. Mr. Staufenberg requested that the approved resolution be put on the website with the necessary paperwork. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2462. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Michael Price of 2918 North Whitehall Road questioned what a traffic calming complaint consist of? Staff Engineer, Doug Jones responded to Mr. Price’s question. Susan McLaughlin of 2926 North Whitehall Road stated that the flashing speed sign on Whitehall Road is not slowing the traffic; help is needed on Whitehall Road. Deb Knobby of 3100 North Wales Road questioned the counter in the roadway on Potshop Road and Whitehall Road. Township Manager, Donald Delamater explained that the counters were placed there by DVRPC for traffic counts throughout the

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Philadelphia suburbs. Ms. Knobby asked if residents can place signs such as “Slow down children at play” on their property at their own expense. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the sign requirements. John Zurzola of 2203 Old Arch Road asked if this also applies to State or County Roads? Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed that this will only apply to Township owned roadways.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Slip Lining Project Change Order. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the proposed change order for the repair of two lateral connections. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the change order. 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, DEP Act 537 Special Study – Status. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported that a meeting is to be scheduled with DEP after review of the response letter that was sent to DEP by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. Kevin Dyson of 2996 Brambling Road asked if the letters sent to and from DEP were available for public inspection.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Contractor Registration Ordinance. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak provided a status report on the Contractor Registration Ordinance. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to authorize the advertisement and consideration at the August regular meeting. . 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, Bocce Courts -- Update. Assistant Township Manager/Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Brown reported that the

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township is waiting for a proposal from Simone & Collins for the preparation of construction documents and the filing of the applicable permits.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Development & Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: the Williamstadt development clearing the site; Gill Quarries is perusing DEP approval to change their reclamation agreement to allow a clean fill site. Kevin Dyson of 2996 Brambling Lane requested more detail on the project. Mr. Bortnichak reviewed that Mr. Gill is required to reclaim the quarry by DEP by blasting or filling with clean fill. Mr. Gracia asked Mr. Bortnichak to explain what exactly clean fill is. Mr. Bortnichak reviewed what clean fill is. Mr. Bortnichak explained how the Township has little control in this project. Mr. Dyson asked if the Township could get regular updates from DEP and Gill Quarries. Michael Price of 2918 North Whitehall Road asked if the Township has a preference of clean fill or water for the property. Mr. Price also asked what the future plans for the property once filled are. Mr. Bortnichak also reviewed the McDonalds on Route 202 - the resident in the rear of the property is requesting a fence along the property, Mr. Bortnichak has been in contact with the McDonalds office. Mrs. Heckman asked about the Wendy's property, Mr. Bortnichak reported there is no update. Mr. Staufenberg asked about the status of DeKalb Apartments, Mr. Bortnichak reported that he is meeting with them next week to cover outstanding issues.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Bob Blue reported that the Briar Lane project is under construction by the Public Works Department.

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Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that the DeKalb Apartments are required to do work along DeKalb Pike as part of a PADOT Highway Occupancy Permit with traffic signal improvements, drainage improvements, curbing, sidewalks and ADA ramps schedule to start next week. Mr. Jones reported that the Montgomery County Traffic Signal equipment upgrade project should begin late this year or early next year. Mr. Staufenberg reported that residents in the Penn Square Village area questioned the timing of the lights with the coordination of the lights on Germantown Pike. Michael Price of 2918 North Whitehall Road questioned if the Handy and Harmon property has been sold. Mr. Bortnichak reported that there has been no activity from developers requesting meeting with township staff. Mr. Price asked what the procedure is for Einstein to announce groundbreaking. Mr. Bortnichak reported that Einstein is required to mail notice to residents in a specific area. Mr. Price asked where Einstein is in process. Mr. Bortnichak reported that Einstein has asked for a list of residents for certain areas.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported that with regards to the Einstein project and the Planning Module is being reviewed by DEP concurrently with the Special Study. Mr. Rosenthal expects to have the draft Sanitary Sewer Construction Standards Ordinance to the township for review in the next few weeks. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the cured in place work going on with a smart board presentation.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2463 – State Funding for School Districts. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2463 supporting the NASD and Norristown Borough campaign

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regarding state funding for school districts. Mr. Delamater read Resolution No. 2463 into record. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2463. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Deb Knobby of 3100 North Wales Road commended the Township for getting involved with the NASD needs.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Village of Caralea – Professional Services Agreements. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Professional Services Agreement for the Village of Caralea and United Storage. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize the Chairman and the Secretary to execute the agreements with the Village of Caralea and United Storage. 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, Waiver of Stormwater Management Regulations. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones requested to defer this item. Mr. Serratore made a motion to defer this item. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Waiver of Annual Holiday Parade Permit Fees. Assistant Township Manager/Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Brown reviewed the parade scheduled for Saturday, December 5th, 2009 will run from East Norriton Middle School to the Hillcrest Shopping Center and that the Hillcrest Shopping Center is requesting waiver of any fees. Mr. Serratore made a motion to waive any fees pertaining to the Holiday Parade. After requesting any comments and there

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being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Mr. Staufenberg requested to have staff review the parade permit fees.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Econolite Controllers Agreement. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the agreement with Signal Control Products, Inc. Mr. Staufenberg asked to include an out-clause in the agreement. Police Chief, John McGowan asked how this would affect the bidding process. Mr. Gracia asked if this would open a legal issue with developers on pricing. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio asked to review the agreement. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to defer this item to the August regular meeting. 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, Elected Auditor Vacancy. Mr. Gracia made a motion to appoint Ben Hynes as an Elected Auditor for the remainder of 2009 with the passing of Eleanor Yaworski since the position will be filled in the November election. 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, Centennial Time Capsule. Assistant Township Manager/Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Brown provided an update on this final Township Centennial event; Tuesday, October 27th, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. with schools from East Norriton and our sister city, Treptow-Köpenick, Germany participating with item to be placed in the time capsule.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Public Library Designee. The Montgomery County/Norristown Public Library has requested that each municipality in its coverage area designate one representative to attend an informational meeting on

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Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Gracia made a motion to appoint Township Manager, Donald Delamater to represent East Norriton Township at the meeting. 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, Expenditure Authorization. A. Public Works Vehicle and Plow - \$36,894.82; B. Traffic Signal Loop Repairs - \$2,800.00; and C. for GPS Tracker Units – Montgomery County Amateur Radio Communications (MARC) - \$250.00. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve items A through C. 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. A. Police Training – Officer Smith. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve item A. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore reviewed the meeting schedule for August 11, 2009 through September 7, 2009.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater asked for authorization to send letters to the Township's three State Legislators regarding the proposed resolutions recommended by MCATO and supported by PSATS. Mr. Staufenberg questioned the number of years on the pension plan funding. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to send letters to the State Legislators. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

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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 8:37 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald D. Delamater".

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary