

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
September 29, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Lewis McQuirns, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 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 Geraldine Brandt who served as an East Norriton Township auditor and Edward Ward Jr. who served on the Norristown Area School Board.

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 the first item on the agenda, Pandemic Planning Presentation. Police Sergeant/Fire Marshal, David Boyer gave a presentation on the general awareness for a Pandemic crisis. Information will be posted on the Township website with links for the CDC. Ed Duffy of 206 West Hartranft Blvd asked if this continuation of service procedure which was outlined extends to the first responders of the fire company and the ambulance providers. Sergeant Dave Boyer responded to Mr. Duffy.

The Chairman introduced the new Township Consulting Engineer, Tim Woodrow of Woodrow & Associates.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Awarding of Bid for 2009 Pavement Markings Contract. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to award the bid for the

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2009 Pavement Markings Contract as recommended by the Township's Public Works Director and Staff Engineer in a memo dated September 24, 2009 to Interstate Road Management Corp. in the amount of \$15,059.00. 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, Opening of Bids – Two Police Department Vehicles. The Chairman asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for the two Police Department Vehicles. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Staufenberg and approved unanimously.

The bids for the two Police Department Vehicles were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Mark's Motors for the 2002 Ford Explorer serial no. 3979 - \$1,675.00 and for the for the 2002 Ford Explorer serial no. 3980 - \$2,275.00; Sulli Motors for the 2002 Ford Explorer serial no. 3979 - \$1,680.00 and for the 2002 Ford Explorer serial no. 3980 - \$1,880.00. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to award the 2002 Ford Explorer serial no. 3980 to Mark's Motors for the amount of \$2,275.00 and the 2002 Ford Explorer serial no. 3979 to Sulli Motors in the amount of \$1,680.00. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2009. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

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The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Finance Reports for August, 2009. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for August, 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 August, 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 read a few letters received about the excellent service received from the Code Enforcement Department, the Public Works Department and the Police Department.

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. 2470 – Dedication of Autumn Ridge. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2470 accepting dedication of the sanitary sewer main, appurtenances and easements within the Autumn Ridge subdivision. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2470. 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, Resolution No. 2471 – Set Date for Public Hearing and authorize Political Sign Ordinance Amendment. Township Solicitor, Bernadette Kearney reviewed that the draft ordinance has been sent to ACLU

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attorney and are awaiting comments. Mr. Gracia made a motion to schedule the public hearing for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. 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, Centennial Time Capsule. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown provided an update that the event will take place Tuesday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reported: Village of Caralea has received full approval to construct the development; DeKalb Apartments final inspection is scheduled for September 30, 2009; and Gill Quarries received copies of letters that were sent to a number of residents from Urwiler & Walter, Inc. representing Gill Quarries, Inc. in their effort to change their reclamation agreement to allow a clean fill land fill. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned the meeting with David Erb and the possible use of the Altemose property for concrete recycling. Mr. Bortnichak reported that the Planning Commission has requested additional information from Mr. Erb.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Briar Lane Drainage Project – the job is completed and are working on resolving the ponding issue at Briar Lane and Hillcrest Avenue; B. Meadowbrook Drainage - two inlets have been installed to eliminate the water force; and C. Rahway Avenue Area - visited site with Engineer, Tim Woodrow and Mr. Jones stated that in response to Mr. Wesley Avery's concern, he and Mr.

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Woodrow both visited the site during recent rain events to verify stormwater flow conditions from the Deon Square property. Mr. Jones and Mr. Woodrow agreed that during moderate rainfall events, the stormwater from Deon Square does not impact Mr. Avery's property. However, during heavy rains it is suspected that the water does discharge immediately upstream of Mr. Avery. The Township will continue to monitor this situation as well as look for opportunities to improve conditions during heavy rains.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. County Traffic Signal Upgrade project has been postponed until November; B. School Flashing Signals project is being worked on. Mr. Jones also reported that the Williamstadt development sewer tie-in is tentatively scheduled to start work next week. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed that the Potshop Road stripping plan has been approved by PADOT.

Mr. Staufenberg introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported: A. DEP Act 537 Special Study – met with DEP to discuss remaining questions with the special study; B. Sewer Planning Module as it pertains to the Einstein Hospital project is anticipated to be released by DEP with approval of the Special Study; C. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Work is just about complete, two laterals are to be lined; and D. Draft Sanitary Sewer Construction Standards Ordinance was submitted for review by staff; A meeting has been scheduled to review the ordinance for September 30, 2009.

The Chairman responded to comments made on Kevin Dyson's website regarding sanitary sewer issues. Mr. Dyson responded that he will gladly correct any incorrect

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information. Steve Simonetti of 3011 Brambling Lane questioned if the Township still has major I & E problems. Township staff addressed Mr. Simonetti's questions.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under "New Business", Authorize Execution of PA American Fire Hydrants Agreements – Village of Caralea and Williamstadt Developments. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Application for Qualified Private Fire Hydrants from PA American for the Caralea and Williamstadt developments. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the agreements. 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, Affirm MMO for 2010. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation, the financial requirements for the Police Pension Plan is \$386,055.00 and for the Employees' Pension Plan is \$189,481.00. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to affirm the MMO's for the Police and Employees' Pension Plans for 2010. 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, Affirm changes to Norriton Fire Engine Company By-Laws. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the changes made to the Norriton Fire Engine Company By-Laws regarding "drivers". Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to affirm the changes to the Norriton Fire Engine Company's By-Laws. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Tower One. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a meeting Township staff had with representatives from Tower One regarding the services they provide. The Board of Supervisors asked for a brief presentation from Tower One prior to signing an agreement. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to have the Township Solicitor review the agreement with Tower One to enter the Township to look at options for cell towers locations. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road expressed that she is against placing any cell towers in the Township. John Zurzola of 2203 Old Arch Road questioned the appearance of the cell towers. Ed Duffy of 206 West Hartranft Blvd made a comment about a presentation that he attended and said “the competition for wireless bandwidth is the 21st century gold rush” watch out the price you may be getting may be chicken feed for the price that it is worth. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road asked why not have the presentation done first. Township Staff responded to everyone’s questions and comments.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Advertisement of Resolution for Incurrence of Debt. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that the Norriton Fire Engine Company is purchasing their new apparatuses and getting two loans, one is a general loan through a leasing company and the other is a loan through the state (PEMA and DCED). Since the Township is going to title this vehicle, the Township has to treat the loan as if the Township is incurring debt and follow those regulations. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to authorize advertisement of the resolution for consideration at the October regular meeting and the enter into the application with the Norriton Fire Engine Company. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr.

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Serratore and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned the funding of the vehicle. Township Staff addressed the question.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Permission to Advertise for St. Titus Church County Fair and Cow Plop. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed a letter dated August 31, 2009 received from St. Titus Roman Catholic School requesting waiver of the permit fee. Mr. Serratore made a motion to waive the permit fee. 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, Waiver of requirements for As-built Survey, Paula Minnick, 2605 DeKalb Pike. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the waiver requirement to perform and submit as-built survey for the property at 2605 DeKalb Pike. Mr. Staufenberg made a motion to approve the waiver request for 2605 DeKalb Pike. 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, Library Funding Update. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a meeting held at the library regarding funding.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. A. Police Vehicle - \$25,848.00; and B. NAHS – Hall of Champions – full page ad - \$100.00. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve items A and B. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Heckman and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned if the Township looked into the Clunker Program.

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Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization. A. Assistant Fire Marshal – Vehicle Fire Investigation Seminar; B. 13th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Dinner – 10/22/2009; C. Police - Officers Carfrey and Caso – Basic Criminal Investigation; D. Police – Sergeant Brennan – Fundamentals of Supervision; E. West Norriton Township Golf Outing and Dinner – 10/17/2009; and F. GVF Transportation Annual Conference - 11/2/2009. Mr. Staufenberg 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 October 8, 2009 through October 29, 2009.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed correspondence from Representative Matthew Bradford regarding Right of First Refusal and the Act 32 meeting to be held October 28, 2009.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Other Business. Add Resolution No. 2472 Authorizing the Distribution of the General Municipal Pension System State Aid. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2472. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Mrs. Heckman made a motion to authorize Police Chief, John McGowan to attend the Montgomery County Child Advocacy and Project Mission Kids dinner. 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 8:48 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary

