

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
January 4, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Karen “Kandy” Heckman, Donald J. Gracia, Harris A. Dainoff, James J. Serratore, and John A. Zurzola.

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

The Chairwoman asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Theodore Speaker III.

The Chairwoman introduced the first item on the agenda, 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award. Mr. Serratore made a motion to nominate Gus Mandracchia for the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2489 – Kevin T. McDevitt – Dedicated Public Official. The Board of Supervisors presented Kevin T. McDevitt a Proclamation for his loyalty, dedication and conscientious devotion to the residents of East Norriton Township as Tax Collector.

The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session earlier this evening to discuss matters of litigation and personnel and also earlier this evening at the 2010 Reorganization meeting.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of

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December 15, 2009. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Fire Fighter Solicitation Warning. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item. Residents in our area are receiving phone calls requesting donations for the Fire Company. This company called Firefighters Charitable Foundation claims that they will provide funding for the local volunteer firefighters. This organization has nothing to do or support the efforts of the Norriton Fire Engine Company.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any citizens to be heard, there were none.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Montgomery County Bar Association to Police Chief, John McGowan as being selected for the Louis D. Stefan Award that will be awarded on Friday, January 8th, 2010 for his efforts to open a child advocacy center in Montgomery County which culminated in the October 2009 opening of Mission Kids.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Fire Company Apparatus Purchase. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the issue with the Leasing Company only releasing the funds if the apparatus is titled to the Fire Company. This has been completed and now the Manager is requesting authorization to take the necessary steps with refinancing or some other means in order to have the apparatus title to the Township. Mr. Dainoff made a motion authorizing the Township Manager to proceed with the refinancing of the Fire Company loan so that the apparatus will be titled to the Township. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Bocce Courts Budget Clarification. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that the funds being used for the bocce court and parking lot are restricted funds solely for the purpose of parks development. These funds cannot be used for the Township operational needs. Diana Cassel of 3225 Kennedy Road questioned who determines where the development fees go. Township Manager, Donald Delamater explained it is established in a Township ordinance and a state law.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Village of Caralea - sample units are being constructed and Jefferson Crossing - the last twelve building permits have been issued.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed: A. Comprehensive Storm Water Upgrade project- information is still being gathered. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow stated that the cold weather offers an opportunity to easily indentify sump pump discharges that cause icing on our Township roadways.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed: A. County Traffic Signal Upgrade project – a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2010 regarding this project.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Brian Brochon of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reviewed: A. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Work has been completed and in the process of getting the close out documents from the contractor; Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed: B. Germantown Pike Force Main Break

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that occurred on December 28, 2009 in front of 815 Germantown Pike. Deb Knobby of 3100 North Wales Road questioned the previous break also after multiple days of rain and what can be done. Doug Jones stated the ultimate goal is to rehab the entire force main for the Germantown Pump Station.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under “New Business”, Authorize Road Material, Line Painting and Equipment with Operators Bids. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to authorize the bid advertisement for opening at a future 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, Waiver of installation of piping at the Barley Vale building. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow that reviewed the developer had received a partial waiver approximately five years ago to install portions of the storm system using a hi-density polyethylene pipe, it is unclear why the balance of the job used reinforced concrete pipe. The developer is asking for complete waiver for the onsite pipe material to change from concrete to the hi-density polyethylene. Mr. Woodrow recommended the Board of Supervisors allow the use of the hi-density polyethylene pipe for the balance of this project. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the waiver request as recommended by the Township Engineer. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Penn Christian Academy Waiver Request. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed an email received from Penn Christian Academy requesting waiver of the permit fee and

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professional review fees. Mr. Bortnichak reviewed that Penn Christian Academy is proposing to do minor grading work in the infield area of the baseball field to the rear of the school. The grading permit fee is \$50.00 and the engineer review fees could be between \$500.00 to \$2,500.00. Mr. Gracia made a motion to waive the grading permit fee of \$50.00 and cap the waiver of professional fees at \$500.00. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore. After additional discussions Mr. Dainoff made a motion to waive the grading permit fee of \$50.00 and to allow Penn Christian Academy to speak with Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow regarding a reduction or complete waiver of professional fees. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Application for Permit for Traffic Signal – Einstein and Germantown Pike. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the permit application for the signal at the entrance to Einstein on Germantown Pike. Mr. Bortnichak also requested the Board of Supervisors approval to have township staff sign a letter that will be addressed to PADOT advising that the township is aware of the modifications that will be made to the traffic signals at Germantown Pike and Sunset Avenue, Germantown Pike and Whitehall Road, Germantown Pike and Burnside Avenue and Germantown Pike and North Wales Road all related to the improvements that Einstein will be performing. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the Township Manager execute and submit the permit application and letter to PADOT. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Kevin McDevitt from the Norriton Fire Engine Company asked if the traffic signals will have emergency preemption. Keith Limper from the

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Norriton Fire Engine Company asked where the Einstein Road will be located and Kevin Dyson of 2996 Brambling Road asked if the traffic signals will be timed. Mr. Bortnichak addressed all the questions.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Compost Site Lease Agreement. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the new compost lease agreement between East Norriton Township, West Norriton Township and the Borough of Norristown with the Norristown Farm Park. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the agreement. 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, 5K Run with West Norriton Township and Norristown Borough. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed the 5K Run that will take place Saturday, July 3, 2010. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize Township staff to proceed with this joint venture. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. A. NAACP ad – ½ page - \$75.00; B. Final payment to Tri-State Grouting - \$10,682.05; and C. Annual apparatus payment to Norriton Fire Engine Company - \$111,648.94. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve items A through C. 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, Attendance Authorization. A. Crime Prevention Practitioners Training – SRO Karl Fischer; B. FBI LEEDA Executive Training Conference – Chief John McGowan; and C. Annual PSATS Convention (April 18th – 21st) – Supervisors and Manager. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve items A through C. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Holiday Home Decorating Results. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed the 2009 award winners.

Mr. Gracia reviewed the meeting schedule for January 12, 2010 through February 26, 2010.

Mrs. Heckman introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the Residential Sprinkler requirement – starting January 2010 all newly constructed townhouses will contain a residential fire sprinkler system and starting January 2011 all newly constructed one and two family homes will also have a fire sprinkler service installed. Mr. Gracia reviewed Act 537 – PA Sewage Facilities Act.

Mrs. Heckman asked if there was any Other Business. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2490 affirming the requirement of payment by members into the non-uniformed employees' pension fund and the police pension fund. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2490. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore 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. Serratore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary

