

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
May 25, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 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 introduced the first item on the agenda, Police Unit Commendation. Police Chief, John McGowan presented Detective Sergeant Terrence Kennedy of the Lower Providence Police Department with a Merit Commendation and Detective Bill Esmonde, Sergeant Craig Walters, Officer Matthew Pickford, Sergeant David Boyer, Officer David McDermott and Officer Samantha Smith of the East Norriton Township Police Department with a Unit Commendation for the successful capture of a suspect and the recovery of evidence that was a direct result of a well-coordinated effort and response by several individuals each playing an integral part in the closure of a crime.

The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met earlier this evening in Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel and in a Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 526 – Amending Zoning Code – Designation of Boundaries and off street parking.

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

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April 27, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Finance Reports for April, 2010. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for April 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for April, 2010 be deferred and also commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the Committee Reports for April, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any Citizens to be Heard, there were none.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Ordinance No. 524 – Incurrence of Debt for Fire Truck Loan. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Ordinance No. 524 amending Ordinance No. 521 which authorized increasing the indebtedness to East Norriton Township by the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$150,000.00; such amendment shall authorize the creation of a sinking fund, appointment of a bank as sinking fund depository and authorization of Township officials to contract for the services of the sinking fund depository. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 524. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Chairwoman and Secretary to sign the debt statement to be included with Ordinance No. 524 when submitted to DCED. After

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requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Ordinance No. 526 – Amending Zoning Code – Designation of Boundaries and Off Street Parking. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Ordinance No. 526 which was the subject earlier this evening in a public hearing. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 526. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Municipal Wide Contract for Residential Waste and Recycling Services. There were no further discussions on this topic at this time.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Bond Waiver for Safety First Bid. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the bond waiver request for Safety First. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve the waiver of bonds. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road asked about concern of liability. Police Chief, John McGowan reviewed that the bond is a performance based bond and the bond guarantees that the equipment is installed properly and works. However, the Township does not pay the bills for 60 – 90 days after the work is performed.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, 2010 Road Paving Schedule. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the proposed surface treatment option and the recommended streets for this years program; Congress Road, Arch Road (Germantown Pike to Township Line Road) and Hillcrest Avenue and North Wales

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Road. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the proposed road paving schedule. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: Gill Quarries has submitted a subdivision application; and the road widening at the Village of Caralea is underway.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed: A. Comprehensive Storm Water Survey should be ready for review at next month's meeting. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that a repair has been made at the corner of Burnside Avenue and Generals Drive to better direct water into the inlet and the basin at Tanglewood Lane has been repaired.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that the Montgomery County Traffic Signal Upgrade project is moving forward; the left turn loop has been adjusted at Whitehall Road and Germantown Pike and the Township has received notice of bridge work that will be performed in the next three years planned by PADOT at the stone arch bridge on Whitehall Road.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported that they are continuing to follow up on acceptance testing and punch lists at the Village of Caralea and Jefferson Crossing subdivisions. Mr. Rosenthal also reported that the grant application to the

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Commonwealth Finance Authority for the force main rehabilitation associated with the Germantown Pump station is due by July 1, 2010 and information is being compiled. Mr. Rosenthal also reported that the Township staff has been working with DEP on a Consent Order Agreement which will be ready for the Board to consider in June.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2503 – Execute and Submit H2O PA Grant Application. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reviewed Resolution No. 2503 that is a requirement of the Commonwealth Finance Authority to obtain an H2O PA Grant of \$826,467.00 as part of a total project of \$1,239,000.00. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2503. 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, Resolution No. 2506 – Authorizing Disposition of Certain Township Owned Equipment. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2506 authorizing the disposal of Township owned equipment. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2506. 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, Resolution No. 2507 – Sanbar Properties, LLC 2012 DeKalb Pike – LD Waiver request. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2507 granting a waiver of the requirement for a land development application for Sanbar Properties, LLC for a property located at 2012 DeKalb Pike. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No.

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2507. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorization to advertise Ordinance amending Township Code – Fire Insurance. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the proposed ordinance amending the code by revising Chapter 120, Article I: Fire Insurance, in its entirety. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize advertisement for consideration at the June regular meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next two items on the agenda, Authorization to advertise Ordinance amending Township Code – Adopting 2009 Fire Code. And Authorization to advertise Ordinance amending Township Code – Adopting 2009 Property Maintenance Code. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak asked that these items be tabled until next month's meeting.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorization to advertise for Bids for Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed this bid for a sixteen month contract. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the advertisement for bids for Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance. 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, 317 Germantown Pike Office Park – Turning Restrictions. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed this item and Police Chief, John McGowan's memo dated May 17, 2010 recommending

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the turning restrictions for the Scenic Park Office Campus on to Germantown Pike to be posted as NO LEFT TURNS 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize the recommendation made by Police Chief, John McGowan. 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, Authorization to execute the CLOMR FEMA Report for the Provident Development. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed the CLOMAR application to FEMA on behalf of the developers of the Provident site revising the calculations defining the flood plain impacts of the site. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the CLMOR FEMA report for the Provident development project. 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, Authorize Letter to Einstein regarding Five Lane Widening Option. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the five lane solution. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to send the appropriate notification letter to Einstein. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned what the five lane solution does to the Farm Park. Ms. Pionzio reviewed that a Bill has been introduced by Senator Leach's office and introduced by Senator Rafferty and is pending in Harrisburg.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Budget Revisions dated May 1, 2010. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the budget revisions dated May 1, 2010. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve the budget revisions. 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, East Norriton Township Mission Statement. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read the Township's proposed Mission Statement. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the mission statement. 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, Approval of Updated Township Policy: 1410 Electronic Communication Policy. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed the personnel policy amendment regarding 1410 Electronic Communication Policy. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the personnel policy amendment. 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, Township Shredding Event. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed that the Township would like to have a shredding event on October 2, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the event for October 2, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, State of the Township Report. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown presented the Board of Supervisors with the official 2009 State of the Township Report. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the printing of the reports at a cost of \$1,990.00. After requesting any

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comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. A. Security Cameras for Park and Recreation Buildings - \$1,990.00 (reimbursed with a grant); B. Preventive Maintenance Inspection – Quarterly Pump Stations - \$1,675.00/visit; C. Norristown Area Education Foundation - \$175.00; D. PSATS Convention Expenses - \$647.12; E. 3 Police Vehicles – 1 Ford Explorer, 2 Crown Victoria Interceptors - \$68,495.00; F. State of the Township Report - \$1,990.00; G. PAL Full Page Ad – International Food & Wine Festival - \$200.00; and H. Copier/Scanner Code Enforcement Department - \$254.46/month lease. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve items A through H. 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, Attendance Authorization. A. PAL Breakfast & Kickoff Meeting – 6/29/2010 – B.O.S., Manager and Police Chief; and B. APWA Conference in Boston, MA – 8/15 – 8/18/2010 – Public Works Director. Mr. Zurzola 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. Gracia reviewed the meeting schedule for May 30, 2010 through June 27, 2010.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that he has written a letter to Senator Rafferty in

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support of the Lafayette Street extension. Mr. Delamater also reviewed the speed-enforcement bill on radar.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Other Business. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the Times Herald program www.seeclickfix.com where residents can identify problem roadway areas. Mr. Delamater asked that residents also call the Township and report any issues.

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

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary

