

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
March 23, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 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, 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award – Gus Mandracchia. The Chairwoman presented Gus Mandracchia with a Distinguished Citizen Certificate in recognition of his dedication to East Norriton Township by committing his time, energy and financial assistance as a committee member on the Veteran’s Memorial Fund Raising Committee and again as a member on the Centennial Committees.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Commendation to Officer Anthony Caso. Lieutenant Karyl Kates presented Officer Anthony Caso with a Merit Commendation in recognition of his outstanding services, decisive action and professionalism, aiding a citizen of East Norriton Township in crisis.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Open Bids to Purchase Police Uniforms. Mr. Gracia asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for the purchase of police uniforms. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

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The bids for the Purchase of Police Uniforms were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Red the Uniform Tailor, Inc. The Township Manager deferred the bid for review by staff and recommendation for award at the April regular meeting.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Open Bids to Purchase Police Department Vehicle Equipment. Mr. Gracia asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for the purchase of police department vehicle equipment. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The bids for the Purchase of Police Department Vehicle Equipment were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Safety 1st Products Inc. and Havis, Inc. The Township Manager deferred the bids for review by staff and recommendation for award at the April regular meeting.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Open Bids to Purchase Road Materials. Mr. Gracia asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for Road Materials. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The bids for the Purchase of Road Materials were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Highway Materials, Glasgow, Inc., JDM Materials Company, Rahns Construction Material, Independence Construction Materials – aggregate and Independence Construction Materials – asphalt. The Township Manager deferred the bids for review by staff and recommendation for award at the April regular meeting.

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The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Open Bids – Equipment Leasing with Operators. Mr. Gracia asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for Equipment Leasing with Operators. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road asked what project these bids are for. Staff responded that these are annual contracts.

The bids for Equipment Leasing with Operators were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc. (prevailing wage), P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc. (non-prevailing wage), Ram Construction Enterprises, Inc. (prevailing and non-prevailing wage), G. Antonini Construction, Inc. (prevailing and non-prevailing wage), Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc. (non-prevailing wage), Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc. (prevailing wage). The Township Manager deferred the bids for review by staff and recommendation for award at the April regular meeting.

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

The bids for Pavement Markings were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: GuideMark, Inc., Interstate Road Management and Alpha Space Control Co., Inc. The Township Manager deferred the bids for review by staff and recommendation for award at the April regular meeting.

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The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met on March 6, 2010 for the Goals and Objectives meeting and earlier this evening in Executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

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 February 23, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mike Howell of 2945 Stoney Creek Road asked if there are any pending lawsuits with the Township. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio addressed Mr. Howell's question.

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

The Chairwoman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for February, 2010 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 February 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any Citizens to be Heard; Sue McLaughlin of 2926 Whitehall Road referred to an email that was sent to Township Manager, Donald Delamater regarding the Wood's property and the condition of the property and who is responsible for the property. Township staff addressed Mrs. McLaughlin's concerns.

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Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road questioned the status of the Einstein/Quinn/Bennett legal matter Township staff addressed Mr. Viglianese's question. Wayne Klitsch of 2722 Dorp Lane asked about the debris along curbsides in the Township. Doug Jones reported that the Township provides a yard waste collection program that is a scheduled service. The collection takes place the third Thursday of each month.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under "Old Business", Resolution No. 2496 – Schedule Public Hearing for Medical Office Parking. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2496 setting a time and place for a public hearing to consider a text amendment to the East Norriton Township Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Serratore made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, May 25th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. 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, Resolution No. 2497 – Bond Issue Refinancing. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed and read Resolution No. 2497. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2497. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Municipal Wide Contract for Residential Waste and Recycling Services. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported that staff is still in the process of gathering information. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road expressed that she feels that a municipal wide contract is not a good idea.

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Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Small Projects Storm Water Management Regulations. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reported that a draft ordinance is being worked on pertaining to storm water runoff. Mr. Gracia made a motion to have Mr. Woodrow draft an ordinance to address storm water runoff for minor home improvements. 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, Developments and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: 317 West Germantown Pike first floor is occupied; Northtowne Shopping Center 35,000 square foot vacancy may soon be occupied by Bottom Dollar; Village of Caralea sample models are being constructed and in conjunction with the development Germantown Pike will be widened a full lane; and the Enclave at Williamstadt sample homes are being constructed.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reported that the Comprehensive Storm Water Survey has been distributed to the Public Works staff for review and to prioritize. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the recent significant rain event and the affect on construction sites; the Valenzia office building at the corner of Germantown Pike and North Wales Road since the storm, connections to the existing storm water system have been made; the Enclave at Williamstadt reported that silt fence was removed by subcontractors and later replaced; and Marion Avenue storm inlets were completely blocked. The plan is to have this issue addressed with the Einstein construction; and the intersection of Oak and Hemlock Drive will be addressed with the Route 202 project.

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Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that concerning the Montgomery County Signal Project a letter was received from the contractor that is doing the project stating that PADOT is going to include the painted poles in the project. Mr. Jones has not yet confirmed this with PADOT. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Stuart Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported that staff is meeting with a community in New Jersey who just completed a similar project to review how the project was performed for the Germantown Pike force main project. Mr. Rosenthal reported that the funding application through the H2O grant for this project is due June 1, 2010.

Mr. Gracia introduced the first item under “New Business”, Provident Flood Plain Analysis. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed this item. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the application to FEMA with a conditional letter of non provision. 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, Resolution No. 2495 – Support of Senate Bill 1228 – Analysis of Municipal Pension Plans. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read Resolution No. 2495 in support of Senate Bill 1228, providing for the public employee retirement commission to perform an analysis of Pennsylvania’s municipal pension plans and cost projections. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2495. 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, Personnel Policy Amendment. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed the two changes under Section 1406 – Car Policy of the Personnel Policy. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the personnel policy amendment. 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, Committee to Benefit the Children Permit Fee Waiver Request. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a request for waiver of the one hundred dollar permit fee from the Committee to Benefit the Children who are holding a fundraiser called Touch a Truck on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Facenda Whitaker Lanes. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to waive the one hundred dollar permit fee. 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, Lion's Club Flea Market Permit Fee Waiver Request. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed a request from the Norristown Lions Club dated March 10, 2010 for waiver of the fees pertaining to the one day flea market at Northtowne Plaza on June 5, 2010. Mr. Serratore made a motion to waive the one hundred dollar outdoor use permit and the thirty dollar sign fee. 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. Stony Creek Anglers Trout Tournament - \$100.00 (5/\$20 fish); B. Montgomery County Lands Trust - \$250.00; and C. East Norriton Little League Fundraiser – ½ page ad \$150.00 and Summer Camp Registration Donation. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to

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approve items A through C. 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, Attendance Authorization. A. Police Department – FBI Inter-County Detectives – Officers Michael Myers and Samantha Smith. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve item A. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia reviewed the meeting schedule for March 25, 2010 through May 3, 2010.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed: Contracting for State Police coverage, Legalization of table games at casinos, Optional county sales tax and Ban of the use of wireless equipment while driving.

The Chairwoman asked if there was any “Other Business”. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the revised ordinance concerning the Norriton Fire Company fire truck loan for consideration at the April regular meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road reported on the NASD school board meetings that he has attended and the possible tax increase of 9.75%. Mr. Viglianese asked for proper representation on the school board. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road asked if Germantown Pike will have to be dug

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up with the slip lining project. Sue McLaughlin of 2926 Whitehall Road expressed concerns with the large quantity of water/ice that forms at Whitehall and Township Line Roads.

Township Manager, Donald Delamater reminded everyone to complete their 2010 Census form when received and return promptly.

Mr. Gracia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald D. Delamater".

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary