

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
October 26, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Karen “Kandy” Heckman, Donald J. Gracia, Harris A. Dainoff, James J. Serratore, III and John A. Zurzola.

Following roll call, Mr. Gracia offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance. Mr. Gracia then asked and those in attendance responded with a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Alice Cain, mother in law to Supervisor James Serratore.

The Chairwoman called on Acting Police Chief, Lt. Karyl Kates to present a Police Unit Commendation to Det. Jean-Marie Morrison, Sgt. Timothy Brennan and Officers Matthew Cover and Timothy Warner, commending them for their professionalism in investigating and capturing the suspects in a major fraud and counterfeit ring.

Lt. Kates then presented Certificates of Recognition to the local Genuardi’s Manager Patty Hrabina and employees Dara Remyszewski and Christopher Wolper. These three citizens recognized the scheme and were able to alert police and detain the suspect until their arrival.

Township Manager Donald Delamater announced the upcoming retirement of Finance Director William Scurry. Mr. Delamater then introduced the applicant chosen to fill the position Mr. Eric M. Traub. After introductions, the Chairwoman called for a motion to appoint Mr. Eric M. Traub as Finance Director. Mr. Gracia made the motion

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and 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, Opening of Bids for the three police vehicles and asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Serratore made a motion to close the bids. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously. The bids for the police vehicles were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Marks Motors for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$2,670.00, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$3,315.00, and for the Ford Explorer for \$5,215.00; A & Silver Auto Sales for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$3,603.00, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$3,558.00 and for the Ford Explorer for \$4,678.00; Jane Delaney for the Ford Explorer for \$3,800.00; Police Car Store, LLC for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$4,109.00, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$4,109.00 and for the Ford Explorer for \$6,109.00; Grace Quality Used Cars for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$5,056.00, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$4,856.00 and for the Ford Explorer for \$4,256.00; Sulli Motors for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$2,686.00, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$2,556.00 and for the Ford Explorer for \$5,429.00; Yousef Dabbagh for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$2,200, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$2,200 and for the Ford Explorer for \$3,400; Chicago Motors, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 729 for \$4,080.00, for Crown Victoria ending serial number 730 for \$4,080.00 and for the Ford Explorer for \$6,891.00.

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Mr. Gracia made the motion to defer the decision until after the bids are reviewed by Lt. Kates and Mr. Brown. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met on October 19th 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 September 28, 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 September, 2010. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and Receipts and Warrants for September, 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 September 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 September 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 comments from the Board of Supervisors. None were made. The Chairwoman next asked if there were any Citizens to be heard, with no response.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Ordinance No. 530 – Sewer Use. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 530. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and Ordinance No. 530 was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2521 – Montgomery County Earned Income Tax Collector - Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the proposed resolution. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2521. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and Resolution No. 2521 was approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, The Safe Water Grant Agreement with DEP - Township Manager Donald Delamater again reviewed the Agreement. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the execution of the Agreement and 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, Development & Construction updates. Code Enforcement Director Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Village of Caralea: three buildings are still under construction. Einstein Medical: They have been planting landscape buffers and as part of the elimination of one of the ponds, they have expanded the wetlands area. FEMA: they have been updating the flood plain maps which had not been updated since 1976. They will be providing preliminary maps for review by the Township and residents. The maps should be adopted in 2012.

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Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Mr. Jones remarked on the recent storm situation the Township experienced and the identification of some additional problems. Mr. Tim Woodrow of Woodrow & Assocs provided an update on the progression of stormwater management at the Townships Bocce Courts. Hopefully earth moving activities will start in the next few weeks.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Mr. Jones noted that the Montgomery County Signals project is currently at a standstill awaiting the mast arms and signal poles. Mr. Jones announced that the intersection at Caralea Drive is soon to be opened and the signal is functional.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Mr. Rosenthal of Gilmore & Associates provided an update highlighting the Einstein project: all the pipe work on the diversion of Marion Ave to Barbara Drive is completed and the pump station has been removed. On the Einstein property, all of the collector lines have been installed and will be tested. Mr. Rosenthal also reported that work is continuing on the project for the rehabilitation of the Germantown Pump Station force main.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under “New Business”, ENPWJSA 2011 Operating and Capital Improvements Budgets. Township Manager Donald Delamater provided a review on the budgets for the year 2011. The impact on East Norriton Township’s treatment rates will be reduced by about \$40,000.00.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, the 2011 Budget Presentation for East Norriton Township. Again, Township Manager Donald Delamater provided details on the different items in the preliminary budget. After requesting further

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discussion, Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize advertisement of the preliminary budget. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item, Resolution No. 2518 - Authorizing Distribution of the General Municipal Pension System State Aid for 2010. Township Manager Donald Delamater again provided details on the recommended distribution of the \$265,257.07 pension aid. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2518. 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, The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. Township Solicitor Christen Pionzio was asked to review the agreement and at this point Mr. Dainoff recused himself from this item's vote as his law firm represented the School Board. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve the execution of the agreement. 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, Resolution No. 2520 – Volpe Funeral Homes LD Waiver request - Code Enforcement Director Bryan Bortnichak reviewed this request. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2520 and 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, Resolution 2522 – Wood residence Waiver of LD request – Bryan Bortnichak again reviewed this request. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2522. After requesting any

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

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Advertisement of the Fire Company Worker's Compensation Ordinance. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the Ordinance. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Fire Company Worker's Compensation Ordinance. 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; Authorize Advertisement of the Snow Plowing Ordinance Amendment. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the Ordinance. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Snow Plowing Ordinance Amendment. After requesting any comments and hearing a comment from Ms. Susan McLaughlin of 2926 N. Whitehall Rd. about her driveway macadam getting gouged by a Township's plow blade, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item; Easement Documents, Settlement Agreement & Deed of Dedication for Storm Water Facilities along Butcher's Lane - Township Solicitor Christen Pionzio reviewed the documents and agreement. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve the execution of the agreement subject to the solicitor's review and approval. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item; Vacancies on Boards and Commissions - Township Manager Donald Delamater read the list of positions that will be open on the

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boards and commissions and advised that interested parties send a resume and letter of interest to his attention. The Appointments will be made at the re-organization meeting on January 3, 2011.

There were no Expenditure or Attendance requests.

Mr. Zurzola read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from October 29th thru December 4th, 2010.

The Chairwoman asked Township Manager Donald Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation to which he stated some of the legislative items will probably go away after the election in November.

As “Other Business”, Chairwoman Heckman reminded the audience that the dates of the November and December meetings are not on the usual 4th Tuesday because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Township Solicitor Christen Pionzio stated that it has been requested that the Township enter into an application agreement for the Subdivision of Heatherwood. It is substantially completed and the Township holds a letter of credit from FoxChase Bank which guaranteed the work for the Erb Mascio Whitehall entity. Erb Mascio has requested to get out of that agreement and away from that obligation. FoxChase has approached the Township with a plan to hire someone else to finish the improvements or give the \$113,000.00 to the Township and have the Township hire out to do the improvements. The recommendation is that we enter into an agreement that FoxChase do the improvements at less cost to the Township than if the Township took the offer. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Chairwoman and Manager to execute the assignment agreement in a form and substance approved by the

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Township staff and consultants. After requesting any comments and there being none, Mr. Zurzola seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Lt. Kates reported that after review of the vehicle bids, Chicago Motors Inc. would receive the Ford Explorer for their bid of \$6,891.00 and Grace Quality Used Cars would receive the two Crown Victorias for their bids of \$5,056.00 and \$4,856.00. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to accept the bids as recommended by Lt. Kates. After requesting any comments and there being none, Mr. Serratore seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak.

Mr. Schottmiller of 547 Barbara Drive asked if there were any savings recognized by closing the Marion Avenue Pump Station. Mr. Jones remarked that he had not been tracking the expenses, but the goal is that we don't have the expense of upgrading the station at a cost of \$150 to \$200 thousand dollars.

Mr. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Rd. requested that the Supervisors attend the School Board meetings since our school taxes are going to increase 6%.

Ruth Miller of 229 Beachwood Road wanted to know if there is any progress on the discussion of a single trash hauler. Mr. Zurzola answered generally that the Township had never proposed going to a single trash hauler and has not gone any further on this topic of multiple trash haulers. Notwithstanding, Ruth Miller voiced her opposition to single trash hauler with the board. Mr. Dainoff asked the Solicitor if it was possible to regulate the days and hours of the refuse collections.

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Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.





Donald D. Delamater
Secretary