

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
November 16, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 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.

The Chairwoman introduced the first item on the agenda, the appointment and swearing in of Chief of Police Karyl Kates. After introductions Township Manager Donald Delamater read a review of Ms. Kates Biography. Mr. Serratore made a motion to appoint Karyl Kates as Chief of Police/Public Safety Director and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously. Judge Ester Casillo then proceeded to swear in Karyl Kates as Chief of Police/Public Safety Director. Chief Kates thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve as the Chief of Police/Public Safety Director for East Norriton Township after which congratulations were extended and photos taken.

The Chairwoman next presented a Certificate of Recognition to Lisa Gregory for her time served on the Township’s Historical Advisory Commission.

Mr. Zurzola presented a Certificate of Recognition to Plymouth Ambulance Paramedic Anthony Grohaus and Mr. Serratore presented a Certificate of Recognition to EMT Anthony Franz for their treatment of resident Joseph Girondo.

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The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met on October 26th 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 October 26, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

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

Mrs. Heckman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for October, 2010 be deferred and also commented that the Committee Reports were available on the table in the back of the meeting room. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve the Committee Reports for October, 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. Mr. Dainoff stated that he and several of the other Supervisors had attended School Resource Officer Karl Fisher's presentation at the middle school on internet safety. It was a federally funded program which at the end of the 4 year grant period is not being continued due to budget constraints. Mr. Dainoff requested that everyone show support to try and get the funding extended for the program to continue. The Chairwoman next called upon Sergeant Timothy Brennan to review the status of the trash collection

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time requirements. Sergeant Brennan reported that the trash trucks are allowed to start collection at 7 AM. He had a memo put out to all squads and many warnings were issued as well as some citations to repeat offenders. The Chairwoman asked if there were any Citizens to be heard at which time Diana Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road reported she had received a warning notice that her leaves needed to be in a paper bag in order to be picked up. When Mr. Jones affirmed the policy, she stated the website states “Plastic Trash bags” to be used. Mr. Jones will have the web site corrected. Mrs. Ruth Miller of 224 Beechwood Road spoke next about a group of soccer players using the fields at ENMS every Sunday. She claimed that this past Sunday the group played their music at extremely loud volume over a PA system and she complained to the school board. The School Board stated they would look into it. Mrs. Heckman had also received a call from a resident on Greenhill Rd. and the Stony Creek residents are also being disturbed. Susan McLaughlin of 2926 N. Whitehall Road said that Whitpain Township has not let the league park on Township Line Rd. on the Whitpain side.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Ordinance No. 531 - Fire Company Worker’s Compensation - Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the proposed ordinance. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance 531. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and Ordinance No. 531 was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Ordinance No. 532 - Snow Plowing Ordinance Amendment - Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the proposed ordinance. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Ordinance 532. After

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requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and Ordinance No. 532 was approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, 2011 Budget Presentation. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the second submission of the draft 2011 budget with the final comment that he is fully confident the budget will be balanced by the December 14th meeting without any tax increase.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Vacancies on Boards and Commissions. He read off the list of vacancies on the various boards and commissions and anyone interested should contact the Township Manager. These positions are typically appointed at the Re-Organization meeting of January 3, 2011.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Local Services Tax Collection Agreement - Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed this proposed agreement. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize execution of the agreement and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously to execute the Agreement.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Development & Construction updates. Code Enforcement Director Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Einstein Development noting that the area on Barbara Drive has been repaved and restored. He also stated that additional trees are being planted around the perimeter. The concrete contractor continues putting in the footings and a crane has been brought in to start setting the steel beams.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Parks Projects updates. Assistant Township Manager Larry Brown provided an update on the Township's Bocce

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Courts. Ground has finally been broken to put in two Bocce courts, 60 parking spaces, a building which will have restrooms and storage as well as an overhang for picnic tables. The Dragon and Dinosaur from Woods Golf Course will have an area dedicated for them near the Township Park Pavilion and the DeSage Park main trail is ready to be paved.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Tim Woodrow of Woodrow & Associates reviewed the status of the Federal Clean Water Act and the regulations and actions needed. The Act has not come out yet and has been extended about 9 months because the EPA and DEP are in disagreement over certain portions of the regulations. Public Works Director Doug Jones touched on the debate with PennDOT over whose responsibility it is to maintain storm water facilities on State roads.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Public Works Director Doug Jones reviewed the ongoing traffic issues and noted that the Montco Signal Project is moving along and the poles are expected to be delivered in January, at which time the ADA ramps will be installed. The PennDOT Markley Street Improvement project's letting date has been postponed until December of 2011. PennDOT intends to pave Township Line Road in 2011 from Butler Pike to Route 363. Mr. Zurzola stated that a resident informed him that on Johnson Highway the speed limit is 35 MPH one way and 25 MPH the other way. Mr. Jones offered to speak to PennDOT regarding this issue.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Mr. Brian Brochon of Gilmore and Associates provided an update highlighting the Germantown Force Main Relining and meeting with Einstein and County Roads and

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Bridges to coordinate the work being done with the offsite improvements on Germantown Pike. Mr. Jones added that he has contacted all the affected property owners about a temporary force main that will be above ground on the Farm Park side along Germantown Pike. Mr. Jones then updated the board on the Portable Flow Meters installed on Sandra Lane which will eventually be placed in the Rahway Ave. area.

Mr. Gracia introduced the first item under “New Business”, 2011 Auditing Services. Township Manager Donald Delamater provided a review on this matter. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize advertisement for the appointment of the firm Maillie Falconiero and Company at the January 3, 2011 Reorganization meeting. 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. 2523 - Setting date & Time for Public Hearing to amend Zoning Ordinance - Mr. Bortnichak reviewed this matter and Mr. Zurzola made a motion to set January 3rd at 7:30 PM, as the time and place for the public hearing. 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, Resolution No. 2524 - Proclamation of the Start of the Christmas Holiday Season - Mr. Gracia then read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Saturday, December 4th, 2010 as the official start of the Christmas holiday season in East Norriton Township. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2524. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorization to Submit an ARLE Grant Application - Mr. Jones reviewed this matter. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to authorize the Township to submit the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) grant application. Upon requesting any comments, Ruth Miller of 224 Beechwood Road asked if the public have any input as far as the video cameras. Mr. Jones replied that they are strictly for vehicle detection, and are used to replace the original loop triggers. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorizations; A. Street Lights for the Police Parking Lot for \$4,754.00 and B. Cost to paint eight (8) luminaires for \$1,708.80. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the expenditures and 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 Authorizations; A. Township Christmas Party – December 17th, 2010 and B. Police Training – Sergeant Timothy Brennan. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve the attendance requests and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from November 17th thru December 31, 2010.

Chairwoman Heckman asked Township Manager Don Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation to which he stated that a new law was passed today pertaining to state employees and teachers with a different pension level for new hires.

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Mrs. Heckman asked if there was any Other Business. Mr. Gracia made an announcement regarding the Distinguished Citizen Award and Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the process and stated the award would be considered for the February meeting. There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak. Deborah Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road requested information on the sign posts placed along the border of the Farm Park. Several audience members stated they were being placed for notification of an upcoming Deer Hunt in the Park.

Mr. Serratore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary

