

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 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 asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Fire Chief George Myers’ father, Lucille Bucks, past auditor and member of the Township Historical Commission, and Delores Seward, mother-in-law to Supervisor Don Gracia.

The Chairwoman introduced the first item on the agenda, the presentation of a check of the proceeds from the 2010 Holiday parade and festivities. Kim Tornetta of the Hillcrest Plaza Merchants and Larry Brown, Director of the Township Parks and Rec. Dept. presented the McGowan family with a check for \$6,000.00 to start the John J. McGowan Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met 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 November 16, 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 November, 2010. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the Finance Reports and

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Receipts and Warrants for November, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Heckman requested that the reading of the Committee Reports for November, 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 November, 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, with no response. The Chairwoman then asked if there were any Citizens to be heard, with no response.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, The 2011 Final Budget Presentation. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed the third and final submission of the 2011 budget.

Mr. Dainoff then called on the Township Secretary, Mr. Delamater to read Resolution No. 2525 to adopt the Annual Budget for 2011 as presented. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2525. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and the 2011 Budget for East Norriton Township was approved unanimously. Mr. Dainoff commended Mr. Delamater and the finance department for their work to maintain services with less revenue coming in.

Mr. Serratore then called on the Township Secretary, Mr. Delamater to read Resolution No. 2526 to approve the Tax Levy for 2011. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2526. After requesting any comments and there being none, the

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motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and the 2011 Tax Levy for East Norriton Township was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Vacancies on Boards and Commissions and read the list of available positions.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Development & Construction updates. Code Enforcement Director Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Einstein Project noting that work is continuing installing electrical duct banks and parking lots on the North side of the property. He stated that the Township has recently received plans for the Provident Property. The developers are proposing four buildings each four stories tall, housing a total of 187 units. Mr. Bortnichak then reviewed the Wendy's project at Germantown & 202. The plans were sent out for final review by the Townships consultants.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Parks Projects updates. Assistant Township Manager Larry Brown provided an update on the Bocce Courts: The stormwater work and rough grading has been completed. The DeSage Park plantings have been completed. The signs have been ordered for designating the park areas. It is hoped the park will be completed in the spring.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Tim Woodrow of Woodrow & Assocs reviewed a Policy Statement issued by PennDOT, that any NEW storm piping within state roads will be the obligation of the Municipality to maintain. Mr. Jones stated that the Township is monitoring icing issues throughout the Township. He noted that a repair was made on Johnson Highway by PennDOT and the problem has been corrected.

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Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Doug Jones reviewed the ongoing traffic issues and noted that the Township had submitted the ARLE Grant Application on November 30, 2010.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Mr. Rosenthal of Gilmore and Associates provided an update highlighting the Einstein development. The sewer lines are in the ground and undergoing testing. Bid documents are being prepared for the internal semi-trenchless rehabilitation of the Force Main that runs from the Germantown pump station and discharges to a gravity sewer near the Einstein property. Mr. Jones reported there was a Force Main leak recently on Germantown Pike near Wawa that was combined with a Water Company problem which has since been repaired.

Mr. Zurzola requested any update on the citizen's complaint regarding the soccer organization apparently causing issues at the East Norriton Middle School. Mr. Delamater reported that they did have a permit to be there and any noise issues need to be reported to the Township as it is happening so it may be addressed by the Township's noise ordinance. Mr. Zurzola then made a statement on behalf of the Board that the Township responds to all residents' complaints solely on the basis of the problem, not because of a perceived problem with race or ethnicity. Mr. Dainoff echoed Mr. Zurzola's statement.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under "New Business", Resolution No. 2527 - Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant Support. Mr. Doug Jones provided a review and read Resolution 2527. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2527. 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, Authorize Advertisement of Ordinance - Police Pension Plan. Mr. Delamater reviewed this Ordinance which will be considered at the January 3, 2011 Regular meeting and Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the advertisement. 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 - Germantown Pike Widening Project, Land Swap Proposal – Township Solicitor Karen Albright of HRMM&L was asked to review this proposal. Mr. Dainoff asked if the Township's property could be subdivided to swap same size acreage. Mr. Gracia noted it would be beneficial to the Fire Company if the corner property could be obtained since the Fire Company has asked that the structures on that property be razed because of sight distance problems. After Chairwoman Heckman requested any comments, Ed Duffy of 206 Hartranft Ave. noted that the stream rises as much as ten feet and Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Rd. supported acquiring the corner property and asked why not ask for more land and increase the width for a soft shoulder if that is what is holding up the process? Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the continuing appropriate action with the proposed land swap and reporting back to the Board of Supervisors before final action is taken. There being no more comments the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization:  
A. Hough Associates - \$8,000.00 for 2010 Recycling grant application. B. Replacement of a Driveway Apron at 521 Faith Dr. for \$440.00 and C. Ram Construction – Emergency repair to Germantown Pump Station Force Main for \$6,450.00. Mr. Dainoff made a

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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. MCATO Spring Convention – February 25, 2011, B. Police Training – Forensic Interviewing – Officer Christy Soto, and C. Police Training – Officers Caso, Soto and Fischer. 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. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from December 15th thru February 17, 2011.

Chairwoman Heckman asked Township Manager Don Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation to which he stated the lawmakers failed to delay the sprinkler mandate for all new homes to have a sprinkler system in all new homes which will go into effect January 1, 2011.

Chairman Heckman announced the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award nominations must be received by December 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Chairman Heckman asked if there was any Other Business. Township Manager Don Delamater stated that three properties that had received assessment reductions are now under further appeal: Summerfield Suites and Handy & Harmon Tube Company as well as DeKalb Apartments. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to enter on the Township's behalf and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak with no response, at which time she congratulated Supervisor Dainoff on becoming the daddy of a baby girl.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater  
Secretary

