

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
July 27, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Karen “Kandy” Heckman, at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 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 Board of Supervisors presented a Certificate of Commendation to the East Norriton Township Police Department for their exemplary work performed before, during and after the funeral for East Norriton Township Police Chief, John J. McGowan. Chairwoman Heckman read the Certificate into record.

The Board of Supervisors presented a Certificate of Commendation to the Norriton Fire Engine Department for their exemplary work performed during the funeral for East Norriton Township Police Chief, John J. McGowan. Supervisor Dainoff read the Certificate into record.

The Board of Supervisors presented a Certificate of Commendation to Plymouth Community Ambulance for their exemplary work performed during the funeral for East Norriton Township Police Chief, John J. McGowan. Supervisor Serratore read the Certificate into record.

Township Manager, Donald Delamater read into record a letter received from the McGowan family.

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James Serratore announced that the PAL festival on September 9th, 2010 will be honoring the late East Norriton Police Chief, John McGowan and the late Montgomery County Sheriff, John Durante.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Commendation – Officer John Gibson. Acting Police Chief, Karyl Kates presented Officer John Gibson with a Merit Commendation in recognition of his keen observation skills and professional investigation which led to the arrest of a registered nurse for illegal possession of narcotics and theft from two local hospitals.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Awarding of Bid – 2010 DeSage Park. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to award the bid for the 2010 DeSage Park Improvements to All Seasons Landscaping Company, Inc. in the amount of \$95,668.00 as per the Township Engineers recommendation letter dated July 6, 2010. 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, Open of Bids – Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance. Mr. Gracia asked if there were any additional bids. Mr. Gracia made a motion to close the bids for the traffic signal and street light maintenance. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

The bids for the traffic signal and street light maintenance were opened and read by the Township Manager as follows: Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. traffic signals - \$7,938.00, street lights - \$6,476.00 for a total bid of \$14,414.00; Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. traffic signals - \$7,800.00, street lights - \$12,880.00 for a total bid of \$20,680.00;

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Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Resolution No. 2508 – Authorize participation with other municipalities for Storm Water Regulatory Support. This item was tabled to a later date.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Refinancing of Township Bonds. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that the bonds closed on July 12, 2010 with a present value savings of \$106,110.00 which came out to 3.27% savings.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Gill Quarries Subdivision Application. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the subdivision application that was submitted for lot #1 approximately 6 acres and lot #2 approximately 20 acres, this item will be on the August agenda for the Board’s consideration.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: Einstein - grading has begun and the buffers are being created, transplanting of trees is occurring and a significant buffer should be evident by early September/October.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Township Engineer, Tim Woodrow reviewed: A. Comprehensive Storm Water Survey – Public Works staff was asked to compile a list of problem areas and many more issues have been found than were on the original list. This list will be submitted for review soon. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed a minor storm drainage project that was just completed on Hazelton Street. A six inch under drain was installed beneath the road surface to alleviate any icy conditions that may occur.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed: A. Montgomery County Signals Upgrade Project work

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and Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. traffic signals - \$7,700.00, Street lights - \$5,392.00 for a total bid of \$13,092.00. Mr. Serratore made a motion to defer the bids for review by Township staff and to be awarded at next month's meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

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. Zurzola made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Gracia read a response letter that will be sent to the Times Herald in reference to Mr. Bob Schmidt's letter in the paper on July 20, 2010.

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

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began on July 27, 2010; B. Route 202 Widening Project – Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported on a meeting that he attended and reviewed the work that is to take place in Section 600, East Norriton Township has an estimated schedule date of 2017; and C. DeKalb Street Two-Way Study – Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a meeting that he attended. Mr. Delamater also reviewed U.S. 202 – Section 500 that affects Norristown, Section 520 (Elm Street to Johnson Hwy) is scheduled to begin work in 2011 and Section 510 (Main Street to Elm Street) is scheduled to begin work in 2014.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Brian Brochon of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. reported that the preparation of the bid documents for the Germantown Pike Pump Station force main project is proceeding and the H2O grant application has been submitted. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that smoke testing is being performed to locate inflow and infiltration issues in the Schultz Road drainage area.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2509 – Opposition to Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2509 in opposition to forced mergers and consolidations of local government in Pennsylvania. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2509. 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 No. 2510 – Waiver of Land Development for the Mendis property. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2510 granting a waiver of the requirement for a

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land development application for 4 West Township Line Road for improvements consisting of a parking lot and associated storm water and lighting facilities. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2510. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously. Michael Price of 2918 Whitehall Road questioned where this property was located.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2511 – PEMA Emergency Snow Event. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the reimbursement process by PEMA for the February 2010 snow event. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2511. 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 Personnel Policy Amendment. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed the proposed hours of operation change for the East Norriton Township administrative offices and the East Norriton Police administration from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m. to new hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. effective September 1, 2010. 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. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Act 46 Legislation. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed this informational item; Act 46 of 2010 that extends permits and approvals for land development applications until 2013.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Pennsylvania American Water Projects. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed these informational items: A. Montgomery Avenue Public Water Reconnection – retiring an existing water main with a

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newer water main and location; and B. Swede Road Water Main Replacement – Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed that Pennsylvania American Water plans to replace an aging water main on Swede Road between Norris City Avenue and Johnson Highway. This work is scheduled to begin next week with excepted traffic delays in the area.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorization to advertise Ordinance Amending Township Code – Adopting 2009 Fire Code. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed this proposed ordinance amending the Township Code to adopt the 2009 International Fire Code. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to authorize advertisement for consideration at the August regular meeting. 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, Authorization to advertise Ordinance Amending Township Code – Adopting 2009 Property Maintenance Code. Code Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed this proposed ordinance amending the Township Code to adopt the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize advertisement for consideration at the August regular meeting. 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. There were none.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization. A. Seized Computer and Evidence Recovery Specialist Training – Det. Jean Morrison; B. FBI 40 Hour Basic Hostage Negotiations – Officer Christie Soto; C. Municipal Police

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Firearms Instructor – Officer Lawrence Thomson; D. PEMA Basic Training – Acting Police Chief, Karyl Kates; and E. Interview and Interrogation Training – Officer Joseph Carfrey. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize items A through E. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola reviewed the meeting schedule for July 30, 2010 through September 11, 2010.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Legislation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that PSATS urges Supervisors to adopt Resolution opposing legislation to eliminate Townships. The State budget for 2010-2011 passed with the Governor asking the General Assembly to return August 23, 2010 to reconvene for a special session to address the transportation funding issue.

The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Other Business. Township Manager, Donald Delamater announced that Community Day is Saturday, September 11, 2010 and that a special ceremony is being planned at 8:15 p.m. with the East Norriton Township Police Department and the Norriton Fire Engine Company in recognition of the events on September 11th, 2001.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road asked what was going on in the park on North Wales Road the day before. Acting Police Chief, Karyl Kates reported that there was some vandalism that occurred and is being investigated. Ms. Knawby asked what is may be going in the Pantry One property. Code

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Enforcement Director, Bryan Bortnichak stated that no one has approached the Township yet.

Mr. Gracia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary

