

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
January 3, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Kandy Heckman at 8:03 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011, 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.

The Chairwoman asked for a moment of Silence in memory of Solicitor Christen Pionzio’s father after which the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

Chairwoman Heckman announced that the first item on the agenda, the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award had been decided and would be announced and presented at February’s meeting.

The Chairwoman announced that the Board of Supervisors met earlier this evening in Executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel and also earlier this evening at the 2011 Re-organization meeting.

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 December 16, 2010. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

The Chairwoman asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors, to which there was no reply.

The Chairwoman then asked if there were any Citizens to be heard, to which there was no reply.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Ordinance No. 534 – Police Pension Plan. Mr. Serratore called on the Township Secretary, Mr. Delamater to read and review Ordinance No. 534. Mr. Serratore then made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 534. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and Ordinance No. 534 was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff then called on Mr. Bortnichak to review Ordinance No. 533 – Zoning Code Amendments. Mr. Bortnichak explained that this proposed Ordinance was the subject of a Public Hearing held earlier this evening. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 533. Upon requesting any comments, Mr. Dave Silk of 2503 Swede Rd. stated his concern was with the height of solar panels being allowed and felt it to be a detriment to the neighbor’s property values. Mr. Nick Viglianese of 3105 N. Whitehall Rd. stated his concern was that if the Ordinance was passed tonight any structures built meantime would be grandfathered in before a change could be made to the Ordinance. Solicitor Pionzio stated that there were many parts of the Ordinance which made it imperative to pass this ordinance tonight. Mr. Ronald Faggioli of 2501 Swede Rd. stated that solar and wind generation is very important for our environment. Mrs. Brenda Silk, of 2501 Swede Rd. stated she felt she had been bamboozled with all these pieces of the Ordinance lumped together and with nobody reading it and it has to be decided instantaneously. Solicitor Pionzio replied that there was a process the Township followed to amend the Township’s codes so that the Township is not subject to challenges because something is lacking in the code. Ronald Faggioli of 2501 Swede Rd. stated this is a neighbor vs. neighbor issue. Mr. Nick Viglianese of 3105 N. Whitehall Rd. asked if the Zoning Boards interpretation was considered when this Ordinance was made

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up. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and Ordinance No. 533 – Zoning Code Amendments was approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next informational item on the agenda, Farm Park Deer Hunt stating the controlled hunt would take place on January 19th.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Bocce Court waiver and called on Mr. Bortnichak to review this matter. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the waiver of the permit fees and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and the Bocce Court waiver was approved unanimously.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Development & Construction updates. Code Enforcement Director Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Einstein Project noting that they are starting to tent the structures in order to heat and cure the cement in the winter weather.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Tim Woodrow of Woodrow & Assocs stated he had nothing new to review on storm drainage. Mr. Jones stated that the DEP has extended the permit requirements for the MS4 permit so the Township's current permit will expire on June 11, 2012.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Doug Jones reviewed the ongoing traffic issues and noted the Markley Street contract is to be let December of 2011 and construction to start in the Spring of 2012.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Mr. Rosenthal of Gilmore and Associates provided an update highlighting the Einstein development. Mr. Rosenthal stated that the last component of the Marion Ave Sewer

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diversion is completed. The Force Main Rehabilitation for the Germantown Pump Station is ready for bidding.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under “New Business”, Authorize Bid Advertisement for Road Materials, Line Painting, Crack Sealing, Micro-surfacing and Equipment with Operators Bids. Mr. Zurzola called on the Township Manager, Mr. Delamater to review this matter. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to authorize the advertisement and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item Resolution No. 2528 - Hillcrest Basin Upgrade. Mr. Gracia called on Mr. Delamater to provide a review of Resolution 2528. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2528. After requesting any comments Ms. Deb Knawby of 3100 N. Wales Rd. asked if the property the office building will be built on is the grassy area behind the parking lot on Hillcrest Ave. She received an affirmative reply. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item Resolution No. 2530 - Affirming the requirement of payments by members into Non-uniformed & Police Pension funds. Mr. Zurzola again called on Mr. Delamater to provide a review of Resolution 2530. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2530. 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, 2010 Final Budget Adjustments. Mr. Gracia called on Mr. Delamater who provided a review of the 2010 Final Budget Adjustments. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the adjustments. After

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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, Authorize Bid Advertisement for the Germantown Pike Force Main Slip Lining Project. Mr. Zurzola called on Mr. Jones who provided a review of the project. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize the Bid Advertisement and after requesting any comments, Ms. Deb Knawby of 3100 N. Wales Rd. asked if the different road work projects could be coordinated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Solicitor to attend Zoning Hearing Board regarding Billboards. Solicitor Christen Pionzio provided a review of the issue and why the Solicitor's office needed authorization to attend the hearings in February. Mr. Dainoff then made a motion to authorize the Solicitor's attendance at the Zoning Hearing Board and 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, The Regional Recreation Trail. Mr. Zurzola called on Mr. Delamater to review this matter after which Mr. Zurzola made a motion to authorize the appropriate action and 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, Expenditure Authorization:
A. NAACP half page Ad for \$75.00. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve the expenditure and 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, Attendance Authorization: A. Annual PSATS Convention – April 17th thru 20th. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve

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the attendance request and after requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia called on Mr. Brown who read the list of winners of the 2010 Holiday Home Decorating contest.

Mr. Zurzola read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from January 11, 2011 thru February 25, 2011.

Chairwoman Heckman asked Township Manager Don Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation to which he stated there was nothing new to review.

Chairwoman Heckman asked if there was any Other Business to which Manager Donald Delamater reported he had been a guest on Radio 1180 WFYL and would again be a guest on Wednesday January 5th.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak. Mr. Nick Viglianese of 3105 N. Whitehall Rd. invited the Board of Supervisors to attend the Norristown Area School Board meetings. Mrs. Diana Viglianese of 3105 N. Whitehall Rd. stated the Township's Streets Department did a great job plowing this past snowfall.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.



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

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary