

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
November 15, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairwoman, Kandy Heckman at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown swore in Michael Robison as the Township’s newest Fire Police Officer.

Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown introduced Steve Linehan of Blackboard Connect for Government. Mr. Linehan provided a presentation on Blackboard Connect for Government that provides important community updates to residents via voice, text and email messaging.

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 October 25, 2011. 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, Approval of the Financial Reports for October, 2011. Mr. Serratore made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. 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, Committee Reports for October, 2011. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to accept the Committee Reports. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

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The Chairwoman asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors, to which there were none.

The Chairwoman then asked if there were any Citizens to be heard; Rob Schottmiller of 547 Barbara Drive questioned who will be able to view the resident information on the Blackboard Connect for Government. Mr. Linehan reported that the information is kept private and would only be viewed by Township employees. Mr. Schottmiller thanked Chief Kates for opening up Facebook and keeping the residents informed of what is going on in the Township.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under “Old Business”, 2012 Budget Presentation. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the second submission of the draft 2012 budget. After some discussions about a possible tax increase to cover the billboard litigation costs, the Board asked Mr. Delamater to prepare a final balanced budget without a tax increase for consideration at the December regular meeting.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Vacancies on Boards and Commissions. Mr. Dainoff reviewed this informational item; On December 31, 2011 there will be a number of vacancies on the various boards and commissions anyone interested in filling these vacancies should contact the Township Manager. These positions are typically appointed at the Reorganization meeting of January 3, 2012.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Ordinance No. 540 – Amending the Police Pension Plan. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read and reviewed Ordinance No. 540. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 540. 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, Ordinance No. 541 – Amending the Employees’ Pension Plan. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Ordinance No. 541. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 541. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Development and Construction Updates. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed photos on the smartboard of the progress Einstein is making.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Public Works Director/Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed that at the intersection of Hannah Avenue and Kory Lane the storm water inlets and piping installation has been completed; Meadowbrook Road the storm pipe has been replaced and some sidewalk needs to be replaced; and Potshop Road the sidewalk needs to be replaced.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Public Works Director/Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed the ongoing traffic issues and noted: 1. Montgomery County Signals Upgrade Project – work is completed with the exception of the fiber connection back to PennDOT needs to be connected; 2. PennDOT's Markley Street Improvement Project – letting is tentatively scheduled for October 2012; 3. Whitehall Road Bridge Rehabilitation is more likely to occur in the fall of 2012 or early 2013. And 4. Township Line Road Paving is most likely to begin in the spring of 2012. Mr. Jones noted that at last month's meeting Jerry Baker of Traffic Planning & Design provided a traffic study of Old Arch Road and per his recommendations; current speed limit signs were brought up to standards and in regards to the curve at the Reserve at Penn Crossing, the Township is in the process of acquiring the equipment to evaluate and post an accurate advisory speed limit for that location.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Mr. Rosenthal of Gilmore and Associates reviewed photos of the surge tank at the Einstein project. Mr. Gilmore reported that along Germantown Pike between Sandra Lane and Whitehall Road the force main work is being installed for the diversion of the Sandra Lane pump station. As part of the Einstein project the Sandra Lane pump station is being redirected from the Germantown pump station to the new Einstein pump station. Public Works Director/Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed 3120 Nottingham Road sanitary sewer issue - at last month's meeting Mr. Ignas had suggested that Township try and

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simulate the backup issues in the area. Mr. Jones reported that he visited the surrounding properties in the area and spoke with the property owners and no one in the immediate vicinity is experiencing any issues. Mr. Jones is currently working out details with the Ignas family with a way for the Township to isolate and fill up their lateral to try and replicate the conditions they experienced during Hurricane Irene.

Mr. Gracia introduced the first item under “New Business”, 2012 Auditing Services. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed this item. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize advertisement for the appointment of the firm Maillie, Falconiero and Company at the January 3, 2012 Reorganization meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2569 – Proclamation – Start of the Holiday Season. Mr. Zurzola read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 as the official start of the Holiday Season in East Norriton Township. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2569. 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, ENLL Sign Waiver Request. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director reviewed a request from the Norristown Area School District for annual temporary sign permit fees for East Norriton Little League for this coming year and in the future. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the waiver of the temporary sign permit fees as requested. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Act 44 Pension Professional Selection Process. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the procedures to select the most qualified provider of professional pension services. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve this process as recommended by the Retirement Benefits Advisory

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Board. 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, Expenditure Authorization: A. TDS Maintenance Agreement - \$575.50/qtr. and B. DROP Pension payment – Ed White - \$1,759.74/mo. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve expenditure A and B. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization: A. Township Holiday Party – December 16, 2011. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve attendance authorization A. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

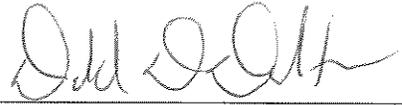
Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from November 16, 2011 thru December 14, 2011.

Chairwoman Heckman asked Township Manager Don Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation. Mr. Delamater reviewed Act 84 of 2011, effective January 1, 2012 that will increase the minimum dollar amount that requires Townships to advertise and seek bids for purchases and contracts from \$10,000.00 to \$18,500.00.

Chairwoman Heckman asked if there was any Other Business, there was none.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak. Rob Schottmiller of 547 Barbara Drive asked for confirmation that the person caught in Plymouth Township was the same person involved with the burglaries in East Norriton Township. Police Chief, Kary Kates happily reported that the suspect will be tied to East Norriton Township burglaries and several surrounding townships burglaries.

Mr. Zurzola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary