

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
August 23, 2011

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The Chairwoman introduced the next item on the agenda, Committee Reports for July, 2011. Mr. Serratore made a motion to accept the Committee Reports. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

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

The Chairwoman then asked if there were any Citizens to be heard; Rose Dillon of 101 Dorp Circle thanked the Board of Supervisors and Chief of Police for their support with her concerns that she expressed at last month's meeting. Maria Signorino of 2408 Stanbridge Street expressed concern with the amount of traffic speeding on Stanbridge Street. Chief of Police, Kary Kates responded that the police patrol the area vigorously and that she will look into the matter.

Mr. Serratore introduced the first item under "Old Business", Resolution No. 2554 – Authorizing Water Shut Off/Delinquent Sanitary Sewer Accounts. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed and read Resolution No. 2554. The board members had discussions about the details of Resolution No. 2554. Mr. Dainoff expressed he would like to see more discussions on the payment plan procedures. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2554 and to define in the resolution the water shut off procedures. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road commented that he felt this resolution seems to be patterned toward existing people who don't want to pay their accounts. The Board of Supervisors explained this resolution can be changed at anytime.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Water Shut Off Agreement with Pennsylvania American Water Company. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this proposed agreement. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the Chairwoman and Secretary to execute the Water Shut Off Agreement. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2555 – Earned Income Tax Levy. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2555. Mr. Serratore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2555 – Earned Income Tax Levy. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Audits. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item. The audits are available for public inspection at the Township building during regular business hours.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Development & Construction Update. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed: Mercy Suburban Hospital two story Out Patient Cancer Center addition will have their ground breaking ceremony on Thursday, September 8th; 480 East Germantown Pike Gwynedd Mercy College has taken over the third floor and now occupies the entire building. The applicant Montgomery Del Val Associates is seeking to expand the parking lot with an additional seventy parking spaces. And in the rear of the Einstein campus the two story medical office building foundation and footers have been poured. The building is one hundred percent leased before its' construction.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director, Doug Jones reported that the preparations of the roadwork for the projects at Hannah Avenue and Kory Lane and the Meadowbrook Road project are being finished and work should start in September 2011. Mr. Jones reported that the Public Works Department became aware of a storm water issue yesterday at 2210 Swede Road and is currently in the process of investigating the issue and is meeting with the property owners and Township staff on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Mr. Dainoff asked about how everything fared with all the rain that has been received in the past ten days. Mr. Jones reported that the eastern part of the Township was affected by Friday's storm and the western part was affected more with Sunday's storm. Mr. Jones stated that the Germantown Pump Station had a little issue that is

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currently being worked on and other than high water alarms no overflows were reported. Rose Dillon of 101 Dorp Circle expressed concerns about the area of where Dorp Lane becomes Dogwood Lane on Briar Lane the rainwater collects there. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director, Doug Jones will look into.

Mr. Serratore introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director, Doug Jones reviewed: 1. Montgomery County Signals Upgrade Project – job is nearing the end of the thirty day test period; 2. PennDOT's Markley Street Improvement Project - is scheduled is for December, 2011; 3. Whitehall Road Bridge Rehabilitation - is proposed to begin either the Winter of 2011 or the Spring of 2012; and 4. Township Line Road Paving – PADOT project, awaiting an update and work is to be done during the evening hours. The Township is trying to manage traffic through the intersection at Whitehall Road and Germantown Pike with the utility construction.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Mr. Rosenthal of Gilmore and Associates, Inc. provided an update regarding the Germantown Force Main project – lining has been installed, the pump station and force main are going through a start up and punch list at the present time. The contractor is proceeding with patching the access pits that were installed. Mr. Rosenthal also reported that with the Einstein project the sanitary sewer work pipeline has been installed. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road asked about if Einstein has hooked up to water yet. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director Bryan Bortnichak reported that the water main was being installed today. And the water will be supplied from both directions from Whitehall Road and North Wales Road and should be completed in October. Susan McLaughlin 2926 North Whitehall Road asked if the slip lining crew are working at night. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director, Doug Jones confirmed that the crews are working in the evening hours.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2553 – Authorizing the Disposition of Unusable Equipment. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read and reviewed Resolution No. 2555. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to

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approve Resolution No. 2553. 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. 2556 – Authorizing the opposition of MC Outdoor’s Validity Challenge and defense of the permit appeals for billboards. Mr. Gracia read Resolution No. 2556 and Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed that this resolution authorizes the Township Manager, Township Consultants and staff to defend the Township in both pending matters in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road asked about 1018 West Germantown Pike. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that 1018 West Germantown Pike pertains to the building permit that was submitted and is part of the appeal. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed that the three other addresses pertain to the validity challenge and after the curative amendment was announced a permit application was filed for 1018 West Germantown Pike. Deb Knawby reviewed the three addresses where MC Outdoors would like to place billboards. Mr. Zurzola stated that the comments that Mrs. Knawby made are comments that can and should be made at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting that will be held on September 13, 2011 at the East Norriton Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2556. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Appointment of Special Legal Consultant – James J. Byrne Jr., Appointment of Special Planning Consultant – Thomas Comitta Associates, Inc., and Appointment of Special Traffic Engineering Consultant – Fiocco Engineering. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed the consultants. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve appointing the Special Consultants. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2557 –Right-of-Way Dedication, 553 Whitehall Road, Resolution No. 2558 – Right-of-Way Dedication, 547 Whitehall Road, Resolution No. 2559 – Right-of-Way Dedication, 545 Whitehall Road and Resolution No. 2560 – Right-of-Way Dedication, 656 W.

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Germantown Pike. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio reviewed that pieces of right of way were needed along Whitehall Road in order create the widening and expand the corner at Whitehall Road and Germantown Pike. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution Nos. 2557, 2558, 2559 and 2560. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Zurzola and approved unanimously. Deb Knawby of 3100 North Wales Road asked if there was a monetary payment. Township Solicitor, Christen Pionzio explained how the payments were calculated and that the funds came from the funds that Einstein posted to acquire offsite right-of-ways.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Execution of Application for Public Fire Hydrant. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the placement of a fire hydrant on Germantown Pike. Mr. Serratore made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Application for Public Fire Hydrant. 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, Letter Mailed to Residents re: Fire Sprinkler Systems. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item; the Fire Marshal had sent out a letter to various residential complexes that have fire sprinkler systems. It has come to the Township's attention that property owners have turned off the water to their sprinkler systems. The letter explains that this cannot be done and that there is a liability issue.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization: A. Spiniello Companies Force Main Rehabilitation Project Payment Request #2 - \$389,866.75. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve item A. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization: A. Police Training –Phase I and II Practical Hands on Crime Scene Techniques – Officer Caso; B. Police Training – High Impact Supervision – Officers Caso and Cover; and C. Police Training – Police Supervisor In-Service Training program – Sgt. Myers. Mr.

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Gracia made a motion to approve items A thru C. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from September 5, 2011 thru October 10, 2011.

Chairwoman Heckman asked Township Manager, Donald Delamater to review any pending or enacted legislation. There was none.

Chairwoman Heckman asked if there was any Other Business. Chairwoman Heckman read Ken Schellenberger's email dated August 23, 2011 requesting a blanket waiver from future sign fess for signs posted on the Norristown Farms Park property for events sponsored by the Norristown Farm Park or the County Department of Parks and Heritage Services. Mr. Zurzola made a motion to approve the waiver request. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Serratore and was approved unanimously.

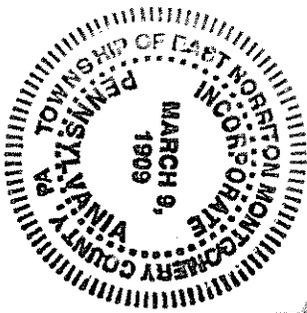
There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, Sue McLaughlin of 2926 North Whitehall Road asked about the drainage pipe along Whitehall Road and the area sinking near her mailbox. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director Doug Jones stated that he would look into. Marc Alfarano of 115 Marielle Road asked Tim Woodrow of Woodrow & Associates about the Swede Road property and if the storm water is from the property or municipal storm water. Mr. Woodrow reported that he is visiting the property tomorrow and that is a large drainage area that comes from many sources. Mr. Alfarano asked about a temporary fix for the problem and the upcoming water that is expected. Mr. Woodrow stated again that he was visiting the property tomorrow and hoped to come up with at least a temporary solution to get through this weekend. Teres Mallory from Lansdowne, Delaware County of the LaRouche Political Action Committee spoke about legislation HR 1489 on banking and finances. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane questioned where his properties water pressure comes from and the fire hydrants that will be on the Einstein property. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan

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Bortnichak responded that there will be fire hydrants on the Einstein property and has asked for maps of the location of water mains from the water company and as a matter of national security they can not release any of that information. Nick Viglianese of 3105 Whitehall Road asked if there is active water on the Einstein premises. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak responded that the building is entirely noncombustible other than the rubber roof. Dry stand pipes are installed in the building and the fire department has developed three individual water supply plans to draw water from different sources around the property. The original plan was to have the water main installed and completed by October which now looks to be having the western leg completed in the next thirty days and the remaining work by October. Mr. Viglianese also questioned the traffic and the placement of police officers in the traffic area.

Police Chief, Kary Kates recommended that the Police Vehicle bids be awarded as follows to Asia Motors Inc. for vin#3978 - \$2,395.00, vin#5065 - \$6,195.00, vin#4459 - \$7,195.00, vin#4460 - \$6,795.00. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the bids be awarded to Asia Motors Inc. per Chief Kates recommendation. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Zurzola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.



Donald D. Delamater
Secretary