

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
November 13, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, John Zurzola at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were John A. Zurzola, Harris A. Dainoff, Donald J. Gracia, Marc A. Alfarano and Tina Howell.

Following roll call, Mr. Gracia offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all in attendance.

The Chairman introduced the first item on the agenda, Lieutenant Brandon Pasquale and Sergeant Michael Myers – Motion to Appoint to Permanent Status. Mr. Gracia made a motion to appoint Lieutenant Pasquale and Sergeant Myers to permanent status after successfully completing their probationary periods. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Hurricane Sandy Message. Chairman Zurzola reported on the collection efforts of the Norriton Fire Engine Company headed by Captain, Derek Thomas for those affected by Hurricane Sandy. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed draft letters addressed to Fire Chief James Staufenberg, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator Frank Ludwig, Police Chief Karyl Kates and Public Works Director Douglas Jones commending and thanking everyone and their departments for their critical service provided during Hurricane Sandy.

The Chairman announced that the Board of Supervisors met earlier this evening in Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2012. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

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The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of the Financial Reports for October, 2012. Mrs. Howell 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 Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Committee Reports for October, 2012. Mrs. Howell made a motion to accept the Committee Reports. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Howell congratulated Supervisor Marc Alfarano and his wife, Laura on the birth of their son, Antonio.

The Chairman then asked if there were any citizens to be heard, Linda Wilkinson of 3205 Caln Circle expressed concerns with the street light on their street not working properly. Mr. Jones advised Mrs. Wilkinson that he would address the situation.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the first item under “Old Business”, 2013 Budget Presentation. Finance Director, Eric Traub reviewed the second submission of the draft 2013 budget. Chairman Zurzola congratulated the Department Directors for reprioritizing. Mr. Traub reviewed a few of the fees that are proposed to be adjusted to conform with current costs.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Ordinance Appointing Alternative Tax Collector. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a draft ordinance appointing the Tax Claim Bureau of Montgomery County as alternative collector of delinquent real estate taxes. Chairman, Zurzola recused himself from the vote. Mrs. Howell made a motion to authorize advertisement of the proposed ordinance for consideration at the December meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved.

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Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Vacancies on Boards and Commissions. Mr. Alfarano reviewed this informational item; as of December 31, 2012 there will be numerous vacancies on the various boards and commissions for East Norriton Township. The Board of Supervisors will consider filling these vacancies at the Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2013. Any resident interested in serving on a particular board or commission should submit a cover letter and resume to the Township Manager.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Letter from Chief Staufenberg re: Fire Service Issues. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this matter which was a topic of discussion at last month's meeting. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to authorize Mr. Delamater to send a letter to our legislators in support of the legislation referenced in Mr. Staufenberg's letter dated October 7, 2012. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff and approved unanimously.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments & Construction Updates. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Northwood Executive Campus is proposing to construct a 7000 square foot medical/retail building and an 8000 square foot urgent medical care facility on the property. Plans are currently being reviewed by the Township Engineer and Planner; building permits have been issued for one building and ground breaking is expected after January 2013.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issue/Projects. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed that all the projects for 2012 have been completed. Mr. Jones reviewed an emergency project on Bristol Street that was performed and the property owner reported that during Hurricane Sandy everything functioned well.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Penn DOT's Markley Street Improvement Project – PADOT anticipates open bids next month with construction to start in the spring; B.

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CMAQ Grant – the Township recently received notice that ENT was awarded \$118,000.00 for the *Germantown Pike Fiber Optic Signal Interconnection* project. Mr. Jones also reported that PADOT will close Johnson Hwy between Old Arch Road and Rahway Avenue to perform a storm sewer replacement project from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for approximately a week.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Einstein Project – continuing to resolve outstanding issues; and B. Germantown Pike Parallel Force Main – all facilities are installed except for the valve that controls the operation of the parallel force main, waiting for delivery to be installed.

Mrs. Howell introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2595 – Proclamation – Start of the Holiday Season. Mrs. Howell read the proclamation into the record. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2595. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Letter from Stoney Creek Road Residents. The Township received a letter from Cheryl Lynn Horsey of 2907 Stoney Creek Road on behalf of the residents of Stoney Creek Road outlining some concerns the residents have with the maintenance of the Stoney Creek. Ms. Horsey referenced the petition that was presented to the Board of Supervisors and noted that Mr. Sebastian Bufo of 2949 Stoney Creek Road just recently signed the petition. Dave Speelhoffer of 301 Roland Drive commended the Township employees, Police and Norriton Fire Engine Company for their service during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Speelhoffer expressed concerns with the culvert that runs under Roland Drive and the need for periodical inspection and cleaning out of the culvert. Mary McCormick of 2907 Stoney Creek Road reviewed the difference in the problems and the areas. Ms. McCormick pointed out the area towards Germantown Pike and that the banks along the creek are eroding. Mike Howell of 2945 Stoney Creek Road reviewed that previously the Public Works Department had installed large concrete blocks with the intent to move the flow of the creek. Mr. Howell claims

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the concrete blocks have rearranged and asked if the Township could make another try that may help out. Ms. Horsey stated the residents are before the Board of Supervisors because they would like to have some resolution or an exploration of what can be done from 301 Roland Drive up through Germantown Pike. Chairman Zurzola questioned the ownership of the creek. Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny stated that the Commonwealth of PA owns the creek. Chairman Zurzola asked who is responsible for maintaining the items that have been pointed out in Ms. Horsey letter dated October 23, 2012. Mr. Kilkenny reviewed before any alterations are done to the creek or creek bed the work has to be cleared by the DEP. Supervisor, Harris Dainoff expressed that he felt the overgrowth issue should be an easy issue to address. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones responded that the culvert can be inspected and the overgrowth along the banks and stream is actually a good thing and is something that DEP promotes, the overgrowth stabilizes the soil so the erosive effects of the stream are reduced. Mr. Jones stated the Code Enforcement Department has notified the property owners on the opposite side of the stream regarding materials that have been dumped and he is hoping the property owner will comply and if not than DEP will be notified of the issues. Mr. Dainoff asked if the blocks mentioned by Mr. Howell were doing more harm than good. Mr. Jones stated that he will look at the blocks that were installed and explained that they were installed to prevent the stream from encroaching any farther onto the Township sanitary sewer line. Township Engineer, Chris Fazio reviewed that DEP allows the Township minor maintenance and the permit process required. Mr. Fazio suggested that he along with Township staff could meet with the residents. Ms. McCormick of 2907 Stoney Creek Road expressed concerns that a neighbor has witnessed the bobbling of the top of the manhole. Mr. Jones stated he believes it is a sanitary sewer manhole. Mr. Howell stated that a resident was wondering if the detention basin at the East Norriton Middle School was functioning properly. Mr. Jones stated he has not heard of any problems with that particular private basin and will keep an eye on it. Lou Damiani of 3247 East Hayes Road stated that the Commonwealth does not own the stream and that it is very easy to get permits from DEP. Ms. McCormick noted that the residents are looking for help from the Township, if possible and/or guidance from the Township on how the residents can address the issues. The agreed upon next step is for the Township Engineer and Mr. Jones to meet with the residents, to walk the creek and look at the concerns of the

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residents.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Brake Retarder Restrictions. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that with the quarry and the reclamation plan in place to bring in clean fill the Township expects additional truck traffic in the area. To help the residents in the area and to prevent the large trucks from using their jake brakes to use to slow down as opposed their regular brakes; jake brakes have a very loud sound. The Township asked PADOT to look at the surrounding area of the quarry for possible restriction of the jake brakes. Mr. Dainoff suggested that a map of the proposed areas for these signs be included at next month's meeting. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to authorize a draft ordinance be prepared for next month's meeting to implement the brake retarder restriction. After requesting any comments, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously. Lou Damiani of 3247 East Hayes Road expressed jake brakes are safety devices and are needed.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, 2013 Auditing Services. Township Manager Donald Delamater reviewed this item. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize advertisement for the appointment of the firm Maillie, Falconiero and Company at the January 7, 2013 Reorganization meeting. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Liquid Fuels Tax Audit. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed this informational item. The audit is available at the Township building for public review during regular business hours.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. There were none.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization. There were none.

Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from November 14, 2012 thru December 13, 2012.

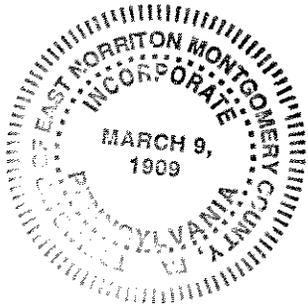
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The Chairman asked Township Manager, Donald Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation. Mr. Delamater stated there was nothing new to report on.

The Chairman asked if there was any Other Business to be discussed. Supervisor, Harris Dainoff reviewed a request for Termination and Re-Establishment of Deed of Easement (Public Utility Easement) – Einstein Project. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that this easement is for the sanitary sewer along Germantown Pike across the front of the Einstein property. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the easement. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak. There were none.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia and approved unanimously.



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Donald D. Delamater
Secretary

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