

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
June 26, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, John Zurzola at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were John A. Zurzola, Harris A. Dainoff, Donald J. Gracia, Tina Howell and Marc Alfarano.

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

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 May 22, 2012. 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, Approval of the Financial Reports for May, 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. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors, Mrs. Howell reported that she attended the Norristown Area School District Board Meeting on Thursday and the School Board passed a \$130 million budget with a 2.06% tax increase that comes out to approximately an \$80.00 increase.

The Chairman then asked if there were any citizens to be heard, there were none.

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Mr. Alfarano introduced the first item under “Old Business”, – Human Relations Commission. Mr. Dainoff reviewed this item and asked the Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny to review a letter received from Rob Schottmiller of 547 Barbara Drive with a few questions regarding the Human Relations Commission ordinance. Mr. Kilkenny stated that he is very confident that this ordinance is legal. Mr. Kilkenny reviewed that the Township would appoint a commission that would serve as mediation, if a party is not happy with a result it could be appealed with the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas at their own cost. Mr. Kilkenny addressed the question, if a party refused to come before the commission; it is only a voluntary commission. If the situation would progress to the courts the Township would not be involved. Mr. Zurzola stated that he is satisfied that senior citizens would get full protection from the ordinance. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments & Construction Updates. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Einstein is anticipating a September 29th opening with a community event scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd. Mr. Bortnichak stated on Saturday, June 30th a number of tests of the emergency systems within the hospital will be performed. Mr. Bortnichak reviewed that Mercy Suburban Cancer Center has been issued a U & O and a dedication of the property is being held on June 27th. And the Village of Caralea project has paving of the streets remaining and the developer should be submitting a request for dedication during the July or August monthly meeting. Mr. Bortnichak reviewed that Wendy’s is moving forward with a late July opening.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issue/Projects. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported that there are two minor sump pump discharge projects to be completed in early July.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Penn DOT’s Markley Street Improvement Project -

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letting is scheduled for fall of 2012; B. Whitehall Road Bridge Rehabilitation Whitehall Roadwork - reviewed photos of the progress of the work and reported that the road is scheduled to open on July 14th; and C. Germantown Pike Widening Project - Mr. Jones reviewed photos and reported that the traffic signal in front of the hospital will be installed on June 29th; and D. Grant Applications – Mr. Jones reviewed a grant was applied for through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission that would interconnect the traffic signal at Trooper Road and Germantown Pike, the Township is expected to be notified of the award of the grant in August, 2012. Mr. Jones reported that the Township Line Road paving project should begin after the 4th of July.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Einstein Project – the pump station work is nearing completion; B. Germantown Pike Parallel Force Main – the contracts are to be signed and they are in the process of scheduling a preconstruction meeting; C. Nottingham Road – a temporary flow meter was installed just downstream from the Ignas property and staff has been monitoring flows. There are some concerns based on the flow results and they are currently working on identifying the areas of concern. Mr. Jones stated they are working on performing some smoke testing to see if there are defects within the mains and also looking into televising the mains and laterals during rain events to see if some of problems can be isolated within that area. Mr. Jones stated he has met with Mr. Dyson who is working with Mr. and Mrs. Ignas regarding their problem and that they are still working through the issues.

Mr. Gracia introduced the first item under “New Business”, Defrayed Stormwater Facility Maintenance Costs. Township Engineer, Chris Fazio of Remington, Vernick & Beach Engineers reviewed that PADOT has recently enacted a new policy where any stormwater piping inlets that are installed by developers in the PADOT right of way are no longer the responsibility of PADOT to maintain and now the responsibility of the Township. Mr. Fazio stated that he has drafted an ordinance that would take a fee from the developer to be put into a separate account for future maintenance. Mr. Dainoff asked that the ordinance be given to the Township Solicitor for review and discussion at next month’s meeting.

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Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Draft Resolution No. 2587 – Zoning Fees and U & O Fees. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the draft of Resolution No. 2587 amending the fee schedule by increasing the fees established for various zoning applications and for residential resale use and occupancy permits. Mr. Bortnichak stated that he looked at surrounding municipalities and compared fees. Mr. Bortnichak noted that the Use and Occupancy permit fee has not been increased since 2002. After some discussions this item was tabled for consideration at a later meeting.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Grinder Pump Ordinance. Township Sewer Engineer, Ken Heydt of Carroll Engineering Corporation reviewed a potential project by a group of home owners in the Rahway area that are proposing to form a legal entity to develop eight properties with grinder pumps. The Township currently does not have a grinder pump ordinance. Because the group is proposing to form a legal entity and have more than three dwelling units they will have to get a land planning module approval from both the Township and DEP. DEP will ask the Township for a grinder pump ordinance to determine the operation and maintenance requirements of the grinder pumps. Mr. Heydt reviewed since the Township currently lacks a grinder pump ordinance DEP will put the entire responsibility on the Township to operate and maintain the grinder pumps. Mr. Heydt reviewed the process of a grinder pump. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to authorize Mr. Heydt and Mr. Kilkenny to draft and review an ordinance for future consideration. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization: A. Remington, Vernick & Beach Engineers – Barrington - \$16,260.00; B. Greater Norristown PAL's Annual Int'l Food & Wine Extravaganza - \$500.00; and C. T & M Associates – ARLE-TE Grant Application Prep & Submission - \$1,960.00. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve items A. thru C. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

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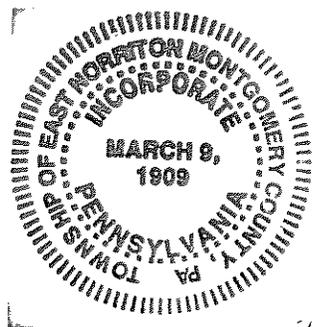
Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Attendance Authorization: A. Training Seminar – “When Disaster Strikes” – Bryan Bortnichak and Joe Perkins; B. Police Training – DVIT/Excelling as a Manager or Supervisor – Sergeants Matthew Brannen, Michael Myers, and Craig Walters; and C. Water Environment Federation Stormwater Symposium – Doug Jones. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve items A. thru C. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from June 27, 2012 thru August 28, 2012.

The Chairman asked Township Manager, Donald Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation. Township Manager, Mr. Delamater reviewed HB 2199 Fines for ignoring barricades during emergencies; HB 2189 Fine for impersonating a public servant; and Reform legislation amending Act 111 – Police and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act.

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 8:00 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald D. Delamater". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary