

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting  
November 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, John Zurzola at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 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 announced that the Board of Supervisors met earlier this evening in Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

The Chairman introduced the first item on the agenda, Montgomery County Waste System Authority Presentation. Timothy Hartman, Executive Director for the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County gave a presentation outlining that Montgomery County continues to review whether to continue to engage the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County and if the Authority will continue to exist. Mr. Hartman reviewed that the Authority is asking each member municipality to provide a non-binding affirmative written response which indicates the municipality's intentions as to whether the member is inclined to remain part of the Authority. The Chairman recommended that this item be put on the December agenda.

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 22, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of the Financial Reports for October 2013. Mr. Gracia made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

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The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Committee Reports for October 2013. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to accept the Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any citizens to be heard, Rob Schottmiller of 547 Barbara Drive asked if there has been an outcome to the issue with Ana's Corner Store that was brought up at last month's meeting. Mr. Dainoff reported that there will be. Norman Venezia of 201 Johnson Hwy commented that approximately ten days before the election he received phone calls and a survey being conducted asking to press the appropriate number for whom you were casting your vote for. Mr. Venezia expressed concern because there was no callback number. Chairman Zurzola stated that he would like to steer away from any kind of political conversation, judgment, decision making and anything to do with politics as it has no place on the Board. The Board of Supervisors are here for the governmental aspect. Mr. Venezia asked if anyone contacted the Board about such a survey. Township Manager, Donald Delamater explained that the survey was not initiated by the Township therefore, the Township has no control. Karl Wagner of 1 Penn Crossing Drive expressed concern with the intersection at Penn Crossing Dive and Old Arch Road and the several accidents that have occurred there. Chairman Zurzola expressed the same concerns as Mr. Wagner and directed the Township Manager to contact the Traffic Engineer for a study to be performed.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the first item under "Old Business", 2014 Budget Presentation. Finance Director, Eric Traub reviewed the second submission of the draft 2014 budget. Mr. Alfarano questioned a line item on the budget under General Fund, Real Estate Taxes. Mr. Traub explained that Einstein Hospital is a tax exempt property effective January 1, 2013 the hospital opened in October 2012 and had to pay taxes from October through December 2012. That is a onetime non-recurring revenue source in that category. Chairman Zurzola commended Township staff for coming to this budget.

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Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Vacancies on Boards and Commissions. Mr. Dainoff announced that on December 31, 2013 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 6, 2014. Any resident interested in serving on a particular board or commission should submit a cover letter and resume to the Township Manager. This is an informational item.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments & Construction Updates. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed a subdivision on Connor Avenue and 2000 Old Arch Road is proposing a one-story ten thousand square foot office/warehouse space. The plans for this project have been received and the permits are under review.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issues/Projects. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director, Doug Jones reported Independence Road has several sump pump discharges that create icing conditions in the winter months, two sump pumps have been connected to the stormwater system; and work continues with the storm water culverts on Sardaro Lane and Hillcrest Avenue.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Penn DOT's Markley Street Improvement Project is progressing; Mr. Jones also reported that PAWC have replaced water mains on Independence Road and Hillcrest Avenue, paving work is going to occur over the next few days, there will be delays and traffic restrictions on Hillcrest Avenue; B. Germantown Pike Railroad Crossing Quiet Zone Request – Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported that he continues to check the website for an update if this area qualifies as a quiet zone.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed: A. Stony Creek Sewer Main Repair Project – the bulk of the work is complete and approximately eight thousand linear feet of sanitary sewer main have been cleaned. A list of point repairs that need to be addressed will be compiled; and

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B. Bunting Road Project – work was performed where there was a missing link of sewer main that is being connected and should address concerns of surcharge conditions along Potshop Road.

Mrs. Howell introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2619 – Proclamation – Start of the Holiday Season. Mrs. Howell read Resolution No. 2619 into record proclaiming Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the start of the 2013 holiday season. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2619. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2620 – Evergreen Terrace Development Dedication. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed Resolution No. 2620 accepting dedication of right-of-way along Evergreen Road, right-of-way along Hillcrest Avenue, a sanitary sewer easement and sanitary sewer facilities from Blecker Acquisitions, LP for the Evergreen Terrace Development. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2620. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Tax Penalty and Interest Abatement Request. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a request for abatement of penalty and interest from a local business, Dr. Marc Baker, on their 2012/2013 Business Privilege Tax. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to deny the request for abatement which has been the past practice of this Board.. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, DeSage House Property Sign Permit Fee Waiver Request. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed a sign application permit fee waiver request from the Heritage Conservancy for the DeSage House property at 716 West Germantown Pike. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to

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waive the \$150.00 sign application permit fee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, 2014 Auditing Services. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the draft Requests for Proposals for Auditing Services which will begin with the audit of the calendar year 2014. Mrs. Howell made a motion to authorize the issuance of the Requests for Proposals for Auditing Services for awarding in the mid-2014. The motion was seconded Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Facility Action Plan, Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed the proposed Facility Emergency Action Plan. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to adopt the plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Fire Company Vehicle Purchase. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that the Norriton Fire Engine Company has recommended to the Township to proceed with the purchase of a 2014 Emergency One Typhoon X Chassis Pumper with Independent Front Suspension for the cost of \$513,992.00. Emergency One is a co-stars participant. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new fire truck and authorize the Township Manager to execute the appropriate purchase and loan documents on behalf of the Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from November 25, 2013 thru January 1, 2014.

The Chairman asked if there was any legislation to report on. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reported the Transportation funding reform bill was defeated earlier in

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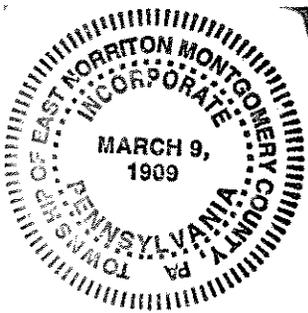
the day by the House and there is legislation being proposed (SB 733) which would provide local governments with the option to electronically publish legal notices in place of newspaper advertisements.

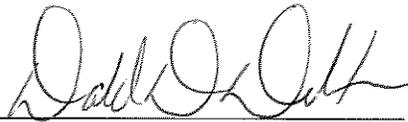
The Chairman asked if there was any Other Business to be discussed, there was none.

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.

Chairman Zurzola wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.



  
Donald D. Delamater  
Secretary