

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
January 7, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, John Zurzola at 8:02 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 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.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in memory of James Cassel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The Chairman introduced the first item on the agenda, 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed two submissions that were received nominating James K. Staufenberg. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve James K. Staufenberg as the Distinguished Citizen for 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gracia. 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. Chairman Zurzola wished Stella Krysko of Towne Manor East a Happy 100th Birthday.

The Chairman then asked if there were any citizens to be heard, Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane asked the Board of Supervisors to recap some

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accomplishments of 2012 and to outline the things most interested in pursuing for 2013. Chairman Zurzola commented that 2012 was a great year of harmony with the Boards interaction with everyone who came before the Board, the Township ushered in the opening of Einstein Hospital, established a new Township Fee Schedule with some fees lowered and others were raised to bring the Township into the 21st century and a new park was opened. As far as plans for the future: Continue to root out problems in the storm water and sanitary sewer systems and strive at all times to make this a more honest and Township friendly government. Supervisor, Dainoff reviewed that Township has established and fulfilled a Human Relations Commission and passed a balanced budget without a tax increase and the Township now accepts credit cards. Supervisor Gracia commented that the Township staff always makes a first class effort.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Ordinance No. 546 – Prohibiting Brake Retarders on Certain Roadways. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Ordinance No. 546 providing for the installation of signs giving notice of prohibiting the use of brake retarders on certain roadways. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 546. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments, the motion was approved unanimously. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane questioned if there were any other concerns with brake retarders other than noise. Township Manager, Donald Delamater commented that he was aware of the noise pollution. There were some discussions on the roadways where the brake retarders will be prohibited.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Norristown Farm Park Controlled Deer Hunt. This is an informational item that the Norristown Farm Park will conduct a one day controlled antlerless deer hunt on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Firearms Control Initiative. Township Solicitor, Alyson McDonald reported that there was nothing new since the last conversation. After some discussions by the Board of Supervisors this item was tabled to next month’s meeting for further discussion.

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Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments & Construction Updates. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the Enclave at Williamstadt should be wrapping up construction of the last building shortly and the proposed Patient First on Germantown Pike work is progressing.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issue/Projects. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed that he and Township Engineer, Chris Fazio met with a group of residents from Roland Drive and Stoney Creek Road. Mr. Jones reported that Township staff is following up on the issues and trying to provide any assistance to the residents to address their concerns.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Penn DOT's Markley Street Improvement Project – work is to begin in the new future. Mr. Jones reviewed that the project will be divided into two sections with first section being the northern section which includes Elm Street to Johnson Highway that will begin in the spring of 2013 and is expected to take up to three and a half years and the second section being Elm Street to Main Street with construction expected to begin sometime in 2015. Mr. Jones reported that when the construction begins Markley Street will be converted to a southbound only roadway and that the detour for northbound traffic will be DeKalb Street. Mr. Jones also reported that Penn DOT will be holding an Open House Public Meeting on the US 202 Section 500 Markley Street Improvement Project Thursday, January 24th, 2013 at the Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy Cafeteria (formerly the Eisenhower Middle School) at 1601 Markley Street, Norristown PA.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reported: A. Einstein Project – working through punchlist items; and B. Germantown Pike Parallel Force Main – start up testing completed, all facilities are functioning as designed.

Mrs. Howell introduced the first item under “New Business”, School Resource Officer Funding Request Letter. Chairman Zurzola reviewed a draft letter to be sent to

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our legislators regarding the need to fund the school resource officers. Mr. Dainoff made a motion authorizing Chairman Zurzola to send a letter to our legislators. Mr. Alfarano seconded the motion. After requesting any comments, the motion was approved unanimously. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane made a few comments.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, 2012 Final Budget Adjustments. Finance Director, Eric Traub reviewed the final adjustments to the 2012 budget. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve the final 2012 budget adjustments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Bid Advertisement for Micro-surfacing and Equipment with Operators Bids. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed this item. Mrs. Howell made a motion to authorize the bid advertisement for opening at a future meeting. Mr. Alfarano seconded the motion. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize Purchase of Road Materials through the Costars Program. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed this item. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the purchase of road materials in 2013 through the Costars Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorize to Solicit for Proposals for Pavement Markings. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed this item. Mrs. Howell made a motion to authorize the solicitation for proposals for pavement markings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Norristown Farm Park – Demo Permit Fee Waiver. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed a request received from the Norristown Farm Park for a demolition permit for two unoccupied structures. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve the waiver request for the

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demolition permit for the Norristown Farm Park. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, School Flashing Signs Removal. Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed due to the consolidation of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the school flashing signals on North Wales Road and on Johnson Hwy are no longer being used. Mr. Jones has spoken with Penn DOT and will request permission to remove the two flashing warning devices. Mr. Gracia made a motion to authorize the removal of the two school flashing signs. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gracia introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2602 – Adopt Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Amendment. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read and reviewed Resolution No. 2602 adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Amendment. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2602. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization. A. Blackboard Connect - \$11,358.80 and B. Norriton Fire Engine Company Deferred Benefit Plan Contribution - \$19,000.00. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve items A. and B. 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, Attendance Authorization. A. Annual PSATS Convention (April 21st – 24th) – Supervisors and Township Manager; B. MCATO Spring Convention (February 22nd) – Supervisors and Township Manager; C. Police Training – 2013 Street Survival – Officers Henricks and Rota; D. Police Training – Hostage Negotiator – Officer Soto; and E. PA Uniform Construction Code Training – Bryan Bortnichak. Mr. Gracia made a motion to approve items A. through E. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being

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none, the motion was approved unanimously.

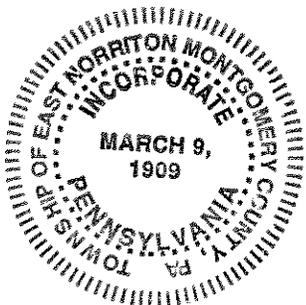
Mr. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Holiday Home Decorating Results. Assistant Township Manager/Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Brown reviewed a list of winners of the 2012 Holiday Home Decorating contest.

Mr. Gracia read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from January 8, 2013 thru February 26, 2013. Chairman Zurzola added that Dunkin Donuts in Hillcrest Plaza will be having their grand opening celebration Saturday, January 12, 2013 from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m.

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

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman asked if there were any residents who wished to speak. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane questioned what Blackboard Connect was. Finance Director, Eric Traub explained it was a program to alert residents via voice, text, email or social media. Mr. Christovich asked if the East Norriton Township Police Department have keycards for all of the schools. Police Chief, Kary Kates responded that the Police Department has access to all the schools at all times. Mr. Christovich made additional comments.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald D. Delamater", written over a horizontal line.

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary