

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
May 27, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, John Zurzola at 7:11 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were John A. Zurzola, Harris A. Dainoff, Marc A. Alfarano, Tina Howell and Angelina Salamone.

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

Chairman Zurzola introduced the first item on the agenda, 2014 Creative Expression Contest Presentation. Don Benn, Chairman of the East Norriton Township Human Relations Commission introduced Joseph Rodriguez, Vice Principal of East Norriton Middle School who reviewed a power point presentation of the students who participated in the contest and their visit to the Capitol Building. Chairman Zurzola read the names of the students who placed in the contest and were presented with Certificates of Recognition.

Chairman Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Pennsylvania American Water Recent Boil Water Advisory Notice. Steve Tambini, Vice President of Operations for PAWC provided a summary of the events that led up to and during the PAWC boil advisory period. Mr. Tambini stated that at no time was bad water sent out, the water always met the drinking water standards. Chairman Zurzola questioned if the boil advisory was a requirement because of the loss of pressure or because something was found in the water. Mr. Tambini stated it was a precautionary boil advisory because of the positive pressure loss. Paul Zielinski, Water Quality Director reviewed the different stages of advisories: precautionary boil, mandatory boil and do not consume. Vice Chairman Dainoff questioned if there were different notifications for the different advisories. Mr. Tambini reviewed the notification process: auto dialer, the website is constantly updated, press release, the call center, critical customers are notified and social media. Chairman Zurzola questioned if PAWC was in contact with DEP. Mr. Tambini stated they were in contact on and off with DEP. Supervisor Salamone questioned if the

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water was tested prior to the 20th. Mr. Tambini reviewed the water quality testing that is performed regularly. Supervisor Alfarano questioned the residuals from the water if it is taken off site and landfilled or recycled. Mr. Tambini stated it is land applied for beneficial use. Supervisor Howell questioned if this has occurred before during other bad storms. Mr. Tambini stated it has not occurred. Mr. Tamabini stated that one of the processing tanks was down for service and that was a contributing factor to this event. Mr. Tambini stated that PAWC is looking into making sure this doesn't occur again and reviewing the plant design and possibly changing the thresholds and how high the tanks can get prior to taking the tanks out of service. Mr. Zurzola questioned if a piece of equipment breaking down is a reportable event. Mr. Tambin stated it was not.

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

Chairman Zurzola 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 April 22, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Zurzola introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of the Financial Reports for April 2014. Mrs. Howell made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman introduced the next item on the agenda, Committee Reports for April 2014. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to accept the Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Chairman Zurzola then asked if there were any citizens to be heard, Carol Afrassiabian of 114 Barley Sheaf Drive expressed concerns with a recent Zoning Hearing Board decision to allow ABC Contractors to demolish an old barn on their property. Chairman Zurzola asked if the barn was ever designated as a historical building. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak stated ABC Contractors applied for a demolition permit for the barn and while reviewing the permit Mr. Bortnichak noted the Barley Sheaf Inn is listed on the Historical Registry and that the barn is listed as being a contributing structure on the property. Mr. Bortnichak reviewed that the Zoning Hearing Board made their decision at the May 13 meeting and the written decision will be signed on June 10. An appeal may be filed within thirty days of the Zoning Hearing Board's written decision that will be available on or after June 11. It was noted that ABC Contractors has no obligation to restore the building, they feel the building in its current state is a liability. Vice Chairman, Harris Dainoff asked Ms. Afrassiabian if she has reached out to ABC Contractors, and she stated she has not. Mr. Dainoff stated the efforts should be directed to ABC Contractors and if they are inundated with requests perhaps they will change their direction. The legal and municipal procedures that are in place have been followed.

David Siegle of 419 West Township Line Road expressed concerns with sanitary sewer overflows that have occurred from the two manholes on his property. Chairman Zurzola stated that he was made of the situation approximately two weeks ago and that the Board of Supervisors will rely on the advice from Township staff and consultants with formulating a solution to this problem. Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny reviewed that later in the meeting the supervisors will consider appointing a Special Environmental Counsel to assist with this matter.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the first item under "Old Business", Ordinance No. 553 – Group Homes. Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny summarized and reviewed Ordinance

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553 amending the code of East Norriton Township to add the definition of “Group Home” as a use permitted by special exception in all residential zoning districts and the institutional district and provide additional regulations. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 553. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2638 – Appointing a Zoning Hearing Board Member. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2638 and Vice Chairman, Harris Dainoff read the resolution appointing John Adam DiPietro to the Zoning Hearing Board for the balance of a three year term expiring on December 31, 2015. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2638. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Award Contract – Pavement Markings. Public Works Director/Staff Engineer, Doug Jones reviewed his memo dated May 22, 2014 recommending the 2014 Pavement Marking contract be awarded to Alpha Space Control Co., Inc. in the amount of \$16,377.00. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to approve Mr. Jones’ recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Human Relations Commission Vacancy. Due to a recent resignation, the Township has a vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. The Township will solicit for applications from residents for the vacancy.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Developments & Construction Updates. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the following developments that were previously approved that have pad sites prepared

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without any buildings yet constructed: Bentwood Executive Campus – three sites proposed; Northwood Executive Campus – four sites proposed; Hillcrest Office Building – three story office building proposed; and Potshop Lane at Germantown Pike – two buildings proposed.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Storm Drainage Issue/Projects. Staff Engineer, Douglas Jones reported the Township is replacing a collapsed storm water inlet at the intersection of Hancock Avenue and Coles Blvd; also they are installing a stormwater inlet on Old Arch Road across from the Township Park to eliminate a ponding issue. Mr. Jones also reported the Township is looking at a trenchless alternative for Potshop Road. Township Engineer, Owen Hyne reported that the MS4 progress report for year one has been submitted to DEP.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Traffic Issues. Staff Engineer, Douglas Jones reported: A. Penn DOT's Markley Street Improvement Project – work is continuing to move northward towards Johnson Hwy and Swede Road; and PAWC is installing a new watermain on Briar Lane and Old Stanbridge Street.

Mr. Dainoff introduced the next item on the agenda, Sanitary Sewer Issues. Staff Engineer, Douglas Jones reported: A. Stony Creek Sewer Main Repair Project – trying to resolve remaining issue with contractor to wrap up this project.

Mrs. Howell introduced the first item under "New Business", Draft Ordinance – SALDO Stormwater Amendment. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Bryan Bortnichak reviewed the draft ordinance. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to review the proposed ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

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Mrs. Salamone introduced the next item on the agenda, Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal. Township Manager, Donald Delamater provided an update on the agreement renewal.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2639 – Authorizing the Disposal of Equipment. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read and reviewed Resolution No. 2639. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2639. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Salamone introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2640 – Authorizing TCDI Grant Application to DVRPC for Old Arch Road Traffic Calming Study. Township Manager, Donald Delamater read and reviewed Resolution No. 2640 authorizing participation in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's transportation and community development initiative (TCDI) grant program. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2640. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, PA American New Fire Hydrant Applications. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed the application from PAWC for the installation of a fire hydrants at Briar Lane between Dorp Lane and Hillcrest Avenue and Schultz Road east of Lewis Lane. Mrs. Howell made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the new fire hydrant applications. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Salamone introduced the next item on the agenda, Electricity Procurements Proposal. Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed a proposal from T & M to provide electric procurement services. Mr. Dainoff made a motion to approve T & M to

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serve as the Township's consultant/agent for electricity procurement. 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, Police Manual Additions/Revisions. Chief of Police, Kary Kates reviewed the proposed additions/revisions to the Police Department's Manual as outlined in her memo dated May 22, 2014. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve the additions/revisions. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Salamone introduced the next item on the agenda, State of the Township Report. Assistant Township Manager/Parks & Recreation Director, Larry Brown reviewed the 2013 State of the Township Report.

Mrs. Howell introduced the next item on the agenda, Expenditure Authorization.
A. Central MONTCO Technical Senior Recognition Program – ½ page ad - \$80.00. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve item A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dainoff. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Howell read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from May 31, 2014 thru June 25, 2014.

Chairman Zurzola asked Township Manager, Donald Delamater to review any recent or pending legislation. Mr. Delamater reviewed that a HB 1513 was signed into law by Governor Corbett enacting that the Business Privilege Tax may now only be applied to businesses that maintain a permanent location or who have established a location from which they will work for fifteen or more consecutive days. Vice Chairman, Harris Dainoff asked Finance Director, Eric Traub for an updated on the Tax Collector. Mr. Traub reported that the school tax bills mailed out this July will have a change in tax collector.

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Berkheimer will now only collect school taxes in Norristown, Michael Murray the tax collector in West Norriton Township will be collecting school taxes in both West Norriton and East Norriton. When all the information is gathered the Township will provide information for the residents on the website. Mr. Traub will ask Mr. Lahner to attend the June regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Chairman Zurzola asked if there was any other business to come before the Board, Chairman Zurzola asked for a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the June 10, 2104 Zoning Hearing Board meeting and any continuances thereafter for the purpose of opposing a request for a cell phone tower on a limited basis at Gill Quarries. Mr. Dainoff made a motion. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to appoint the firm of Manko Gold Katcher Fox LLP to serve as the Township's Special Legal Environmental Consultant and they have agreed to reduce their hourly rate by twenty percent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell. After requesting any comments and there being none, the motion was approved unanimously.

Township Manager, Donald Delamater reviewed that Montgomery County will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, May 31st at Norristown Area High School and the following Saturday, June 7th there will be an Electronic Collection also at the high school.

Chairman Zurzola asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, there were none.

Mr. Dainoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald D. Delamater".

Donald D. Delamater
Secretary