

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
March 28, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Dennis DeSanto at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Dennis DeSanto, Angelina Salamone, Marc Alfarano, Tina Howell, and Kevin McDevitt.

After roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Chairman DeSanto announced that the Board of Supervisors met after the February 28, 2017 meeting and earlier this evening in Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

Chairman DeSanto announced the first item on the agenda, Certificate of Recognition – Eagle Scout Edward Wiernicki. The Board of Supervisors presented Edward Wiernicki with a Certificate of Recognition upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop #622.

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Swearing in of Sergeant John Gibson. Honorable Todd Eisenberg, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas swore in Police Officer John Gibson as Sergeant. Chief of Police, Kary Kates gave a brief summary of Sergeant John Gibson's employment history.

Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Nicollette DeBiasio. Honorable Todd Eisenberg swore in Nicollette DeBiasio as the Township's newest probationary police officer. Chief of Police Kary Kates briefly reviewed Nicollette's background.

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDevitt and approved unanimously.

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Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Finance Reports for February 2017. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to approve the Finance Reports. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Department Reports for February, 2017. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve the Department Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Tina Howell made a statement in response to a comment made at last month's meeting regarding a possible violation of the Sunshine Law. Chairman DeSanto asked Solicitor Kilkenny to have his firm look into any potential Sunshine Law violations on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

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

Mr. Alfarano introduced the first item under "Old Business", Ordinance No. 572 – Amending the Police Pension Plan. Finance Director, David Crist reviewed Ordinance No. 572 which was duly advertised. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 572. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone and approved unanimously.

Mr. McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, Ordinance No. 573 – Amending the Employees' Pension Plan. Finance Director, David Crist reviewed Ordinance No. 573 which was duly advertised. Mr. McDevitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 572. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone and approved unanimously.

Mr. Alfarano introduced the next item on the agenda, Public Works Projects/Updates. Public Works Director, Doug Jones reviewed building renovations

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being performed on the Park & Recreation building and the snow storm of March 14th.

Mr. McDevitt introduced the first item under “New Business”, East Norriton Little League Permit Fee Waiver Request. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Tiffany Loomis, reviewed a letter from East Norriton Little League dated March 8, 2017 requesting a waiver of any fees related to the posting of corporate sponsor signs at the Paul Fly and Cole Manor baseball fields and facilities. Mrs. Howell made a motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Salamone introduced the next item on the agenda, Einstein Medical Center Montgomery – Extension of Existing Land Development Waiver. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Tiffany Loomis, reviewed the history of Einstein and the modular buildings. Einstein is now requesting an extension based on the timing of a joint venture between Einstein and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and that the waiver be extended until May 31, 2020; subject to applicable terms of Resolution No. 2605. Mr. Alfarano made a motion to approve the land development extension waiver request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Salamone. The motion was approved 4 - 1, with Mrs. Howell opposing.

Mr. McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, RFP for Comprehensive Plan. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Tiffany Loomis, reviewed the Request for Proposals for a one-time contract to perform certain professional consulting services for East Norriton Township involving revising the Comprehensive Plan and Township Ordinance. Mr. McDevitt made a motion to approve the issuance of the RFP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

Mr. McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, Appointment of Special Counsel – Dilworth Paxson, LLP. Township Manager, Robert Hart reviewed the engagement letter from Dilworth Paxson, LLP to serve as counsel to East Norriton Township, in connection with the possible sale of the Township’s sanitary sewer system.

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Mr. Alfarano made a motion to approve the appointment of Dilworth Paxson LLP as special counsel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Salamone introduced the next item on the agenda, Appointment of Special Consultant – PFM. Township Manager, Robert Hart reviewed the Agreement for Financial Advisor Services. Mrs. Salamone made a motion to approve the appointment of PFM as special consultant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfarano and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from April 12, 2017 thru April 22, 2017.

Chairman DeSanto called on Township Manager, Robert Hart for Mangers Update. Mr. Hart announced that the newsletter has been updated and should be mailed out in the next few weeks. Mr. Hart reported that renovations to the East Norriton Township Park and Recreation building are moving along. Mr. Hart also reported on the significant challenges of the snow storm of March 14th for the Public Works Department. Mr. Hart commended all the hard work of the Public Works Department.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there was any Other Business. Chairman DeSanto reviewed that the Township previously asked for Distinguished Citizen Award nominations and none have been received. Chairman DeSanto made a motion to nominate Phyllis and Lewis McQuirns for the 2016 Distinguished Citizens Award. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDevitt. The motion was approved 4 - 1, with Mrs. Howell opposing. Chairman DeSanto announced that the Board of Supervisors is embarking on a walk through the Township and will report back once they begin.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there were any residents who wished to speak, Mike Howell, of 2945 Stoney Creek Road, questioned the projected savings on reducing the interest rate from 7% to 4 1/2% on the accrued contributions of the employees. Township Manager, Robert Hart explained that the change only applies to an employee with less

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than 10 years of employment that leaves the Township. John Kolb of 3344 East Hayes Road questioned if the consultant appointed early in the evening would perform a valuation of the Township sewer system. Township Manager, Robert Hart replied that the consultant would not be performing that type of valuation. Mr. Kolb also questioned the status of the LED Street Light Program. Public Works Director, Doug Jones reported that unfortunately the program ran into some obstacles. Township Staff and the Board of Supervisors felt it was not appropriate to continue to participate. Mr. Jones is hopeful that there may be options with other providers.

Mrs. Salamone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Howell and approved unanimously.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Hart", written over a horizontal line.

Robert R. Hart
Secretary

