

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting (Zoom)
February 23, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman DiPiero at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Roll call was taken: Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale, Director of Engineering Services, James Sullivan, Director of Finance, David Crist, Assistant Township Manager, Jeff Winterbottom, Robert Hart, Township Manager, Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor, Supervisor, Dennis DeSanto, Supervisor, Kevin McDevitt, Supervisor, Jamila Winder, Vice Chairman, Joseph Gavanus, Chairwoman, Ashley DiPiero were present for the Zoom regular meeting.

Chairwoman DiPiero asked for a moment of silence for all those that were affected by Saturday's tragic event at Our Town Alley.

Chairwoman DiPiero announced that the Board of Supervisors met earlier via Zoom this evening in Executive Session; where they discussed matters of litigation and personnel.

Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 22, 2020 and January 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Supervisor DeSanto and approved unanimously.

Chairwoman DiPiero announced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2830 – Recognizing February as Black History Month. Chairwoman DiPiero read into record Resolution No. 2830.

Chairwoman DiPiero asked if there were any citizens to be heard, Mr. Crist reported that Nick Marinelli of 3104 Greenhill Lane emailed that he objects to hiring to the hiring of a new police officer. Township Manager, Robert Hart stated he believes that Mr. Marinelli may be misunderstanding an item that will be addressed later in the meeting, *Authorization to Hire a New Police Officer*. In the past several months the Township had hired a police officer who has recently had a mutual separation of Township employment. Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale and Deputy Chief, Phil Pulaski have conducted a search, interviewed candidates and have found someone who brings a unique skillset to the Township. Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale reviewed that currently the Police Department is running a man short and that the recommended candidate brings nine years' experience and comes from a busy jurisdiction. Mr. Hart suggested to Chief Pasquale that the Township invite Mr. Marinelli in for a discussion.

Chairwoman DiPiero asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors; The Board members each expressed their thoughts of the tragic event that occurred on Saturday, February 20th.

Chairwoman DiPiero introduced the first item on the agenda under, "New Business". 2021 MS4 Consulting Services Proposal – Remington & Vernick Engineers. Kelly Goff, Township Engineer reviewed the proposal for professional services associated with the Township's Municipal Separate Sewer System

(MS4) requirements. Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to approve the 2021 MS4 Consulting Services Proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers dated January 5, 2021. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Winder and approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Gavanus introduced the next item on the agenda, Proposal for Planning Services – Zoning Ordinance Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Amendments – David C. Babbitt & Associates, LLC. James Sullivan, Director of Engineering Services reviewed the proposal for ordinance amendments for East Norriton Township not to exceed thirty thousand twelve dollars and that the work should take approximately twelve to eighteen months. Supervisor DeSanto asked if this is part of the Comprehensive Plan that was recently completed. Mr. Sullivan stated that this is basically the next step in the process. Vice Chairman Gavanus made a motion to approve the proposal for planning services. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Supervisor DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2828 – Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the 2021 Round of the MONTCO 2040 Implementation Grant Program. Kelly Goff, Township Engineer reviewed that if the grant is awarded the 2040 grant funds would be used for the Stanbridge Street Park facility improvements including the playground equipment. The grant has a twenty percent match of the total grant amount and it is recommended that the Township request two hundred thousand dollars. Supervisor DeSanto asked what the 2040 represents. Mrs. Goff explained that Montgomery County has their own Comprehensive Plan goals that they would like to accomplish by 2040, and this grant will fund projects geared towards their goals. Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2828. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Winder and approved unanimously.

Supervisor McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2829 – 129 Township Line Road Minor Subdivision. James Sullivan, Director of Engineering Services reviewed Resolution No. 2829 granting preliminary/final land development approval to JR Quigley, Inc. for the minor subdivision of two lots located at 129 West Township Line Road. Stephen Quigley of JR Quigley, Inc. reviewed the proposed plan subdivision. Supervisor McDevitt questioned how the driveway on this property would be shared. Mr. Quigley stated there will be two separate driveways. Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2829 including the waivers. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gavanus and approved unanimously.

Supervisor Winder introduced the next item on the agenda, Assessment Appeal – Craig E. Eney and Mark I. Eney C/O LNR Partners, LLC v. Board of Assessment Appeals. Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor

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reviewed the assessment appeal for the property located at 23 West Germantown Pike. Supervisor DeSanto made a motion to approve the settlement stipulation for Assessment Appeal – Craig E. Eney and Mark I. Eney C/O LNR Partners, LLC v. Board of Assessment Appeals. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gavanus and approved unanimously.

Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny reviewed the next item on the agenda, Assessment Appeal – NASD v. Board of Assessment Appeals for the property identified as parcel #33-00-01927-00-2. Supervisor DeSanto made a motion to approve the settlement stipulation for Assessment Appeal – NASD v. Board of Assessment Appeals. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Gavanus introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorization to Purchase an Inclusive Playground System for the Stanbridge Street Campus. Township Manager, Robert Hart reviewed the proposed plans for the Stanbridge Street Campus playground. Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to authorize the purchase of inclusive playground equipment for the Stanbridge Street Campus not to exceed \$236,620.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Winder and approved unanimously.

Supervisor DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Authorization to Hire a New Police Officer. Township Manager, Robert Hart stated this item was briefly touched on earlier in the meeting regarding an officer who recently left East Norriton. Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale reviewed that the Township performed a candidate search and are very confident about the recommended candidate who brings nine years of prior law enforcement experience. Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to authorize the hiring of a new police officer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Supervisor McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, Monthly Expenditures – January \$279,782.53 and February \$454,725.31. Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to approve the January and February expenditures. The motion was seconded by Supervisor DeSanto and approved unanimously.

Chairwoman DiPiero asked if there was any, “Other Business”, there was none.

Chairwoman DiPiero commented on the new Township message board on Germantown Pike and how wonderful the messages that have been on there for Black History Month.

Chairwoman DiPiero called on Township Manager, Robert Hart for the Manager’s Update. Mr. Hart commended all the emergency service crews that participated in the unprecedented event at Our Towns Alley. Please stay tuned in the coming weeks we will have an announcement concerning the coming together of the community.

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Supervisor DeSanto announced that he and Supervisor McDevitt attended a 100th birthday drive-by celebration this past Saturday for Anna Venezia. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors he wished Mrs. Venezia a happy 100th birthday.

Chairwoman DiPiero asked Mr. Crist if there were any citizens to be heard. Mr. Crist reported John Kolb of 3344 East Hayes Road questioned if the Stanbridge Park upgrade will include lighting. And if there is a plan to repair and reopen Ballard-Wolf Park? Township Manager, Robert Hart stated that the first question was addressed earlier. And that there is a plan to make Ballard-Wolf Park more of a park.

Chairwoman DiPiero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gavanus and approved unanimously.



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

Robert R. Hart, Esq.
Secretary