

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Dennis DeSanto Jr. at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Dennis DeSanto Jr, Kevin McDevitt, Ashley DiPiero., Amanda Cappelletti and Joseph Gavanus.

After roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Brownie Troop 7045 and recited by all in attendance.

Chairman DeSanto announced the first item on the agenda, *Unite for Her* Check Presentation. Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale introduced Marketing and Social Media Manager, Corianne Schrim from *Unite for Her* and Senior Vice President, Ruchin Patel from the Police and Fire Federal Credit Union. Chief Pasquale thanked everyone involved for making it possible, including Al Amann, owner of SUNSATIOnAll for the pink police car that allowed the East Norriton Township Police Department to be a visible presence in the community.

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

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Approval of Meeting Minutes. Chairman DeSanto made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2018. The motion was seconded by Supervisor DiPiero and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Township Reports for October, 2018. Chairman DeSanto made a motion to approve the Township Reports. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there were any citizens to be heard, at this time Chairman DeSanto opened the meeting to discuss St. Titus. Township Manager, Robert

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Hart stated that when the Township was informed the Laurel House had decided to look elsewhere for a place to relocate, Township staff made numerous attempts to contact St. Titus representatives. Township staff met with Mr. Eugene Brazil, attorney for St. Titus regarding the Township's desire to work together to rezone the parcel. At the time Mr. Brazil was not interested in discussing rezoning. Several calls were made to the Archdiocese and St. Titus Church, unfortunately the Township's invitations to meet were rebuffed or ignored. In July, 2018 Montgomery Recovery Centers asked the Township for a Use Permit. A Use Permit confirms what the zoning code allows in the referenced property. Although, St. Titus has the legal right to sell their property to any entity it chooses and any potential buyer has the legal right to use the property in any allowable manner, the Township and neighboring residents realize that this secluded neighborhood of single-family homes is not the most appropriate place for this or many other uses. The Township is now aware of an agreement between St. Titus and Montgomery Recovery Centers. The Township assumes they are currently in a due diligence period because no transfer of the property has occurred. The Township acknowledges the Recovery Centers legal rights to use this property in any allowable manner but remains open to meeting with Church representatives to develop a better use of this property. The following residents stated their concerns: Denise Hoisington of 3015 Keenwood Road stated that she had attended the Comprehensive Plan meetings and this subject was never brought up. Ms. Hoisington questioned how close a recovery center is allowed be to a school? Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Tiffany Loomis stated that to date the Township only has a Use Permit stating they are going to have an in-patient medical treatment center and would look into Ms. Hoisington's concerns. When the building plans and permits are filed the Township will see the physical use and how its classified. Chairman DeSanto urged residents to reach out to the Archdioceses of Philadelphia regarding this. Bob Wagner of 3011 Keenwood Road questioned when a large facility in the Township liquidates a portion of their property why doesn't the Township have a requirement in their ordinance stating that what comes in be similar to what is around it? Jessica Bowman, Township Solicitor advised that there is pending litigation with this property and nothing can be done at this time regarding changing the zoning classification of the

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property. Dawn Falco of 2909 Scenic Road questioned the time limit of the active appeal. John Barrett of 2932 North Wales Road reviewed his meeting with Father Len of St. Titus. Mr. Barrett read an article about the affect on the home values in the area. Shannon Broco of 423 Norriton Drive questioned why hasn't the Township offered to buy this property? Chairman DeSanto replied this property is not listed for sale. Kathryn Price of 507 Barbara Drive asked the residents to back off Father Len and focus on the Archdioceses of Philadelphia, they have full control with any transactions. Carol Foley of 2931 Keenwood Road expressed her concerns with the placement of a facility in the neighborhood. Rich Hess of 3007 Keenwood Road stated the residents need to get together and come up with a plan together. John Reynolds of 417 Pinecrest Road commented on the Township's leverage with this plan. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Tiffany Loomis stated that a subdivision plan has not been officially recorded. It has received preliminary /final contingent approval. There are numerous outstanding matters that have to be met for the plan to be recorded and for the parcel to be subdivided into parcel A and parcel B. Dawn Cinaglia of 3111 North Wales Road asked about the Township's role in the sale of the property. John McCarthy 3116 Eisenhower Drive expressed concerns the impact this would have on the Township and requested to up the police patrol in the area. Mr. McCarthy inquired if there was an agreement of sale for this property? Township Manager, Robert Hart stated that the Township has not been informed of an agreement. Janet Wagner of 2924 Keenwood Road inquired if there are transcripts from the Laurel House public hearings? Annamarie Garvey of 807 West Germantown Pike made a comment that property values will go down with a methadone clinic in the area. Township Manager, Robert Hart stated that in an upcoming meeting he will provide updates on this item during his Mangers Update portion of the meetings.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there were any comments from the Board of Supervisors, Chairman DeSanto stated that if there is something the Board of Supervisors could do to champion this cause and make it happen, they would. The Board of Supervisors are only able to do what they can within the limits of the law.

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Supervisor DiPiero introduced the first item under “Old Business”, 2019 Budget Presentation. Finance Director, David Crist reviewed the second submission of the draft 2019 budget.

Supervisor Cappelletti introduced the first item under “New Business”, Resolution No. 2762 – Proclamation – Start of the Holiday Season. Supervisors Cappelletti read into record Resolution No. 2762 proclaiming Saturday, December 1, 2018 as the official start of the holiday season in East Norriton Township. Supervisor Cappelletti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2762. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, 2019 Fiscal Year Auditing Services – Authorize Advertisement. Finance Director, David Crist reviewed this item. Vice Chairman McDevitt made a motion to authorize advertisement for the appointment of the firm Barbacane, Thornton and Company, LLP at the January 2, 2019 Reorganization meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor DiPiero and approved unanimously.

Supervisor Gavanus introduced the next item on the agenda, Bid Award – 2003 Case Backhoe. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed a memo dated November 19, 2018 recommending the sale of the 2003 Case 580 Super M Series 4 x 4 Backhoe be awarded to Walter Mangual in the amount of \$35,200.00. Supervisor DiPiero made a motion to approve Mr. Brown’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavanus and approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, Bid Award – 2003 Ford F-550 Dump Truck. Assistant Township Manager, Larry Brown reviewed a memo dated November 19, 2018 recommending the sale of the 2003 Ford F-550 Dump Truck with Plow and Spreader be awarded to Brent Peace in the amount of \$24, 100.00.

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Vice Chairman McDevitt made a motion to approve Mr. Brown's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavanus and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from November 22, 2018 thru December 11, 2018.

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, "Other Business", there was none.

Chairman DeSanto called on Township Manager, Robert Hart for the Managers Update. Mr. Hart reported that the Township is closed Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> but the Public Works staff will be out collecting leaves. Mr. Hart also announced that the Tree Lighting scheduled for Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> may be canceled due to weather. Look for an announcement on social media and a CodeRED call.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there were any residents who wished to speak; John Barrett of 2932 North Wales Road expressed concern with traffic on North Wales Road during the parade. Mr. Barrett also expressed concerns with the condition of DeKalb Pike in front of Wendy's.

Chairman DeSanto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Cappelletti and approved unanimously.



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

Robert R. Hart, Esq.  
Secretary

