

East Norriton Township – Regular Meeting
August 28, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township was called to order by the Chairman, Dennis DeSanto at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at the Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Dennis DeSanto, Kevin McDevitt, Ashley DiPiero, Amanda Cappelletti and Joseph Gavanus.

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

Chairman DeSanto announced the first item on the agenda, the swearing in of Officer Cristie Soto as Investigator/Detective. Chief Pasquale reviewed Officer Soto's background. The Honorable Marc Alfarano swore in newly appointed Investigator/Detective Cristie Soto.

Chairman DeSanto announced the next item on the agenda, the swearing in of Officer Thomas Douglas as Sergeant. Chief Pasquale reviewed Officer Douglas' background. The Honorable Marc Alfarano swore in newly appointed Sergeant Thomas Douglas.

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. Vice Chairman McDevitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2018. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavanus and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, Finance Reports for July, 2018. Chairman DeSanto made a motion to approve the Finance Reports. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavanus and approved unanimously.

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

Chairman DeSanto then asked if there were any citizens to be heard, Mr. and Mrs. Phelan of 350 Hancock Avenue expressed concerns with the condition of 400 Hancock Avenue. Township Manager, Robert Hart stated that township staff would be out tomorrow to look at the property and would be in contact with them. Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney of 2955 Stoney Creek Road questioned the detour route for the closure of Township Line Road for bridge work. Public Works Director, Doug Jones reviewed the PennDOT detour. Township Manager, Robert Hart and Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale stated the the roads in the area will have an increased presence from the police department. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane expressed concern about a comment made that discussions occurred during executive session about the Township Line Road bridge closing. Township Manger, Robert Hart responded that the topic was discussed for informational purpose so that the board members could be prepared for the meeting.

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

Supervisor DiPiero introduced the first item under “Old Business”, Comprehensive Plan Update. Code Enforcement/Zoning Director, Tiffany Loomis gave a brief update on the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Gavanus introduced the next item on the agenda, Stipulation and Order of Settlement. Township Manager, Robert Hart briefly reviewed this item that was discussed at a previous meeting. Supervisor DiPiero made a motion to approve the stipulation and order of settlement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavanus and approved unanimously.

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Supervisor Cappelletti introduced the first item under “New Business”, Permanent Status – Sergeant John Gibson. Chief of Police, Brandon Pasquale reviewed that Sergeant John Gibson has successfully completed his eighteen month probationary period and recommends Sergeant Gibson’s permanent appointment. Chairman DeSanto made a motion to approve Sergeant Gibson for permanent status. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman McDevitt introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2758 – Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application. Public Works Director, Doug Jones reviewed Resolution No. 2758 authorizing the submission of a grant application for the 2018 grant round of the County Transportation Program. East Norriton Township wishes to obtain one hundred thousand dollars from the County Transportation Program to match the local funding commitment for the Germantown Pike Adaptive Traffic Signal Control/Green Light – Go Project. Supervisor Cappelletti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2758. The motion was seconded by Supervisor DiPiero and approved unanimously.

Supervisor Cappelletti introduced the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 2759 – Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application. Public Works Director, Doug Jones reviewed Resolution No. 2759 authorizing the submission of a grant application for the 2018 grant round of the County Transportation Program. East Norriton Township wishes to obtain fifty-four thousand one hundred and fifty dollars from the County Transportation Program to match the local funding commitment for the Video Detection/Green Light – Go Project. Supervisor Gavanus asked Mr. Jones to review what video detection was. Supervisor Gavanus made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2759. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDevitt and approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto read the Supervisors Schedule of Meetings from August 31, 2018 thru, September 25, 2018.

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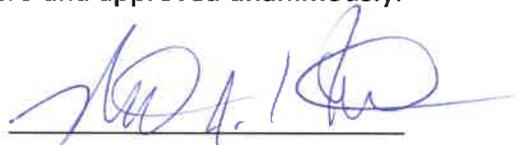
Chairman DeSanto introduced the next item on the agenda, “Other Business”. Township Manager, Robert Hart reported that the township has been evaluating the sewer conveyance system by engaging professional review and analysis of the infrastructural needs and options. The Township has received three bids that will be discussed by professionals at next month’s meeting. Chairman DeSanto asked for a motion to authorize township staff to advertise an ordinance for an asset purchase agreement between East Norriton Township and Aqua. Supervisor Cappelletti made a motion to authorize advertisement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gavanus. Chairman DeSanto asked for any public comment. Ken Christovich of 2937 Tanglewood Lane questioned the language of the proposed ordinance. Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny explained the proposed ordinance will state that East Norriton Township is entering into an asset purchase agreement of the township sewer conveyance system to Aqua, if this proposed ordinance is agreed to. Mr. Christovich questioned from whom residents would receive a sewer bill from if the ordinance is enacted. Township Solicitor, Sean Kilkenny replied, Aqua. Mr. Christovich expressed that he would like for the residents to be notified through their next sewer billing. Township Manager, Robert Hart stated that residents will be notified of the special meeting by mail, robo call, the Township website and Face Book. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman DeSanto called on Township Manager, Robert Hart for the Managers Update. Mr. Hart reported that Saturday, September 8th, Community Day, East Norriton will be having their first beer garden sponsored by the Greene Turtle.

Chairman DeSanto asked if there were any residents who wished to speak; there were none.

Vice Chairman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Supervisor DiPiero and approved unanimously.




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Secretary