

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor James Groff, Township Manager Lorraine Leslie, Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn, Township Solicitor Stephen Harris, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the swearing in of the new police officer will be moved up on the agenda. Chief Engelhart stated he requests that Tyler McGuigan be sworn in as Badge #25 with the Police Department. Mr. McGuigan will be filling the position voided by the retirement of Sgt. Mathew Dreyer. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve Tyler McGuigan as a Police Officer of Hilltown Township. Supervisor Bennington thanked Matt Dreyer for his long years of service and a fantastic police officer. There was no public comment. Magisterial District Judge, Regina Armitage, proceeded with the swearing in and gave the Oath of Office to Officer McGuigan.

- 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a) Minutes of the May 14, 2018 BOS Meeting
 - b) Financial Report – May 31, 2018
 - c) Bills List – May 29, 2018
 - d) Bills List – June 12, 2018

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept and approve items a) through d) on the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment.

- 4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

5. LEGAL:

a) ZHB Applications – Pico Application, Bridgeman Application, and CT & PT (Tabora Farms) Application: Solicitor Harris stated an application was received from Christopher and Dana Pico, 129 Nettles Lane, requesting to construct an asphalt sports court which would increase the impervious surface 2.5% above the maximum allowed. Discussion occurred in regards to possible lighting which is not requested in the zoning hearing application. Solicitor Harris stated he will contact the Zoning Hearing Board solicitor with the Board of Supervisor’s concerns in regards to possible lighting. Solicitor Harris stated an application was received by Katrina and Steve Bridgman, 2206 Sparrow Way, requesting to construct a back yard patio and porch roof which would exceed impervious surface allowances by 2.3% above the maximum allowable. The Board of Supervisors stated they do not wish for Solicitor Harris to attend the hearing for 2206 Sparrow Way. Solicitor Harris stated an application was received by CT & PT LLC, 1104 Upper Stump Road, for Tabora Farms. The Board of Supervisors stated they wish for Solicitor Harris to attend the hearing for Tabora Farms.

b) Adoption of Quarry Road Speed Limit Ordinance #2018-002: Solicitor Harris stated Ordinance #2018-002 in regards to reducing the speed limit on Quarry Road from Minsi Trail to Route 313 to 35 MPH was advertised for adoption. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance #2018-002 which reduces the speed limit on Quarry Road from Minsi Trail to Route 313 to 35 MPH. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING: None.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan – Revisions: Mr. Robert Wynn stated the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan was submitted last September to DEP for review which required some clarification. Pollution Reduction Plan revisions are required by DEP and to be advertised for public comment for 30 days prior to the Board’s consideration. For consideration at the Board’s meeting on August 27, 2018, the public comment period should be July 10, 2018 thru August 24, 2018. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to complete the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan revisions, advertise it for public comment, and for adoption on August 27, 2018. There was no public comment.

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b) Growing Greener Grant – Status/Schedule: Mr. Robert Wynn stated he sent a draft grant plan and specifications for the riparian restoration project in the Hilltown Ridge open space to DEP for comment. Mr. Wynn requests the Board's authorization to advertise the project via PennBid upon authorization from DEP. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to advertise the riparian restoration project in the Hilltown Ridge open Space project via PennBid upon approval from DEP. There was no public comment.

c) Welcome House Road Culvert – Status/Design: Mr. Robert Wynn stated the design plans have been completed to replace the deteriorated twin corrugated metal pipes on Welcome House Road. Mr. Wynn requests the Board to authorize Township Manager, Lorraine Leslie to execute the General Permit Application, submission of the GP-11 package to DEP for approval, and to contact the upstream and downstream property owners regarding acquisition of temporary and permanent easements. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Manager to execute the General Permit Application for the Welcome House Road Culvert, submission of the GP-11 package for the Welcome House Road Culvert design plans to DEP for approval, and to contact the upstream and downstream property owners regarding acquisition of temporary and permanent easements. There was no public comment.

d) Vulcan Springs – Improvements Completion: Mr. Robert Wynn stated correspondence dated May 18, 2018 states improvements at the Vulcan Springs site located at 501 Schoolhouse Road are completed and recommends acceptance of completion along with a maintenance period escrow of \$2,500.00 to guarantee the health of the recently installed stormwater basin plantings. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept the completion of the of Vulcan Springs land development along with submission of an additional \$2,500.00 escrow for a 18 month maintenance period from today to guarantee the health of the recently installed stormwater basin plantings. The Letter of Credit will be returned once the \$2,500.00 maintenance escrow is received. There was no public comment.

e) The Preserves Subdivision – Maintenance Period (Incomplete): Mr. Robert Wynn stated the 18 month maintenance period for the Preserves Subdivision expires on June 12, 2018 and a recent punch list identifies incomplete items. Mr. Wynn requests the Board to deny satisfactory completion of the maintenance period and release of the bond. Motion was made by

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Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to deny the acceptance of satisfactory completion of the maintenance period of the Preserves Subdivision until the items are complete. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Solicitor Harris stated the Township is advertising the former Blooming Glen High School building for sale. The ad will go into the Intelligencer on Friday, June 15, 2018. Sealed bids are required to be filed with the Township on or before July 3, 2018 and opened July 11, 2018. The building is being sold as is/where is. Anyone who is interested in purchasing the property is requested to call the Township to make arrangements to inspect the building. There is clear title to the property, an underground tank has been removed, and no on site pollution.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for July for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry – Chairman McIlhinney stated H&K has requested to operate the concrete batch plant, asphalt batch plant, and the crushing plant between the hours of 6:30 pm to 6:30 am, Monday through Saturday, between July 1, 2018 and July 31, 2018, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated June 5, 2018. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of July for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated June 5, 2018 with the exception of striking the part in the letter in regards to "and/or private customers." The motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington having the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

b) Swearing in of the new Police Officer: This was done at the beginning of the meeting.

c) General Code Proposal: Lorraine Leslie stated a proposal was received by General Code in the amount of \$12,384.00 to codify ordinances from 2005 to the present and including one year of eCode 360 which will be a link to the ordinances from the Township website. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve General Code in the amount of \$12,384.00 to codify ordinances from 2005 to the present and to make them available as a link on the Township website. There was no public comment.

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Ms. Leslie stated she received a request in writing from Katherine Romano, Cherrywood Court (Orchard Hill Development), for a handicapped parking space be placed in front of her unit located on Applewood Drive. Ms. Leslie stated she will advise Ms. Romano this handicapped parking space will not belong to her, it will be confirmed every one to three years that she is still a resident at the unit, and her vehicle will have to be removed during a snow emergency. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to permit a handicapped parking space in front of Katherine Romano's unit located on Applewood Drive in the Orchard Hill Development in full compliance with state requirements. There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington confirmed with Chief Engelhart that everything is taken care of for the Calvary Church 5K run to be held this weekend. Supervisor Bennington questioned the yield sign at the intersection of Hilltown Pike and Route 152 and how dangerous the intersection is. Chief Engelhart stated it is in the best interest of drivers to stop at the yield sign. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors advised Chief Engelhart to contact PennDot to review the intersection. Supervisor Bennington questioned the Pizza Hut in Souderton and how disgraceful the property is. Ms. Leslie stated the Zoning Officer, Dave Taylor, notified the realtor who is handling the sale of the property. Supervisor Bennington questioned the mulch business on Old Bethlehem Pike. Ms. Leslie stated the sheriff locked the gates, and, other than that, they do not know what is going on with the property. Supervisor Bennington questioned Mr. Wynn on the completion date of the Mill Road Bridge. Mr. Wynn stated it should start in approximately three weeks and be done by the start of the school year. Supervisor Groff stated Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Department would like to contribute towards the riparian buffer at the Regency development. Chairman McIlhinney stated he would like to commend John Snyder, Zoning Hearing Board, for the Memorial Day services at the Civic Park. A plaque was dedicated to Frederick Tice, who died in the Vietnam War, and was installed at the park. Also, the Hilltown Baptist Church and the veterans put together a very nice dedication on Memorial Day.

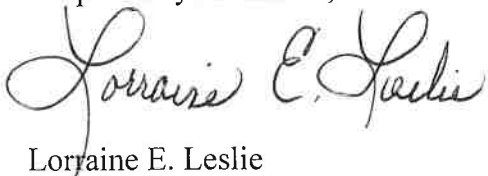
11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ed Leshinski, 207 Casey Way, discussed his email to the Board of Supervisors in regards to the 10 dead trees on his street and asked the Board what is going to happen. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Township will cut them down and haul them away. The trees will be cut to ground level and the ball of the tree will not be removed. He continued to state the Township will not be planting new trees. Mr. Leshinski asked if the Township will cut the branches/shoots growing out of the bottom of the tree area. After discussion, it was noted the Township will clean out the area where the trees were taken down.

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12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: It was announced that the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on July 9, 2018. Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the June 11, 2018 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine E. Leslie
Township Manager

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).