

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:00 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.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney stated there was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss potential litigation.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.
3. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a) Minutes of the March 12, 2018 BOS Meeting
 - b) Bills List – March 27, 2018

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

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.
5. LEGAL:
 - a) Henry ZHB Application: Solicitor Harris stated a Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for April 12, 2018 for the Henry property located at 520 Keystone Drive. The applicant proposes to construct a 450' patio that will increase the impervious surface ratio that already has a non-conforming amount of impervious surface. The Board of Supervisors agreed for Solicitor Harris to not attend the Zoning Hearing.

6. PLANNING: None.
7. ENGINEERING:
 - a) Ultra-thin Friction Course Bid 2018-3: Township Engineer, C. Robert Wynn stated two bids were received for the ultra-thin friction course bid for various roads in the Township totaling approximately 28,000 square yards. A bid in the amount of \$404,278.28 was received

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from Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. A bid in the amount of \$176,498.25 was received from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept the low bid from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$176,498.25 for the Ultra-thin Friction Course bid 2018-3 providing the Township receives the appropriate performance bond and insurance certificate. There was no public comment.

b) Bituminous Sealcoat Bid 2018-2: Mr. Wynn stated two bids were received for the bituminous sealcoat bid for various roads in the Township totaling approximately 35,915 square yards. A bid in the amount of \$57,464.00 was received from Asphalt Industries, Inc. A bid in the amount of \$51,717.60 was received from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept the low bid from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$51,717.60 for the Bituminous Sealcoat bid 2018-2 providing the Township receives the appropriate performance bond and insurance certificate. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for April of 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 April 1, 2018 and April 30, 2018, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated March 13, 2018. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of April for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated March 13, 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) James J. Garrity requesting a staff meeting: Ms. Leslie stated a staff meeting has been requested for March 28, 2018 by Bergey's for the Sounder School District property located on County Line Road. The Professional Services Agreement and the escrow have been received. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried

unanimously to approve the staff meeting for the Souderton School District property located on County Line Road. There was no public comment.

c) Shredding Event: Ms. Leslie stated Representative Kathy Watson’s office has requested the Township to contribute \$250.00 towards a shredding event to be held at Central Bucks South High School, located on Folly Road, on April 28, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M and open to residents of Warrington, New Britain, Chalfont, Hilltown, Silverdale, Telford, and Dublin. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to contribute \$250.00 to Representative Kathy Watson’s office to go towards the recycling event planned on April 28, 2018 at Central Bucks South High School. There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Eric & Lauren Gozzard, Joan Ferry, 908 Rickert Road and 834 Rickert Road – Mr. Gozzard read from a letter in regards to the proposed pedestrian trail off of Rickert Road. In general, Mr. Gozzard stated although they favor the walking trail system, they are not in favor of the 18’ trail between their property and that of Ms. Ferry’s, along with the small parking lot in the woods behind their home. They feel the parking lot would become a perfect location for drug dealing, drinking, noise, litter, immoral activity, etc. He requested the parking lot and access driveway never be built next to or behind their property and provided a revised plan with a slight adjustment indicating the trail would loop around, which keeps the walking trail deep in the forest, and not extended to Rickert Road. People would park their cars in the lot off of Fairhill Road in order to use the trail. Mr. Wynn noted an alternative idea would be a 2 car parking area off of Rickert Road and also stated the access has to be from Rickert Road in order to build the trail in the future.

2. Ms. Yuan, 913 Rickert Road – Ms. Yuan stated she understands the construction of the trail and a privacy fence would be an additional burden on Mr. & Mrs. Gozzard and Ms. Ferry. She continued to state she loves the idea of the walking trail and would like to see a way to lessen their burden. She also noted they did not receive any notification that this trail was going to happen.

3. Frank Siftar, 914 Rickert Road – Mr. Siftar stated the 2 car parking lot will not work because of the traffic and the speed that is traveled on that stretch of Rickert Road.

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4. Chairman McIlhinney stated the wide open strip of land is 50' wide and the Township has owned it for over 30 years. He continued to state they are trying to limit the intrusion into the neighbor's lawn area but they still need access to construct the pedestrian trail. Mrs. Gozzard stated she was upset because no one told them there was going to be surveyors on the property and she wished someone would have let them know. Mr. Gozzard asked if the Board would reconsider their plan because it could change their lives forever and there are viable options. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Board will take their request under advisement.

5. Chief Engelhart stated a viable option would be to possibly put a gated access point there so the public would be able to get in although it would not eliminate the privacy issue. He continued to state, from the patrol point, they can patrol the area but they would have no idea what somebody would do once they leave the area. He also noted that "no access" signs can be installed.

6. James Gunden, 326 Schultz Road – Mr. Gunden questioned if the property taxes on the Souderton School district property that Bergey's is interested in is paid up. Solicitor Harris stated any liens on the property would have to be paid off at the time the property is sold.

7. Jerry Guretse, Telford Fire Company, presented a booklet noting the point system that maintains active status membership for Telford Fire Company in regards to Act 172.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the March 26, 2018 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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).