

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:05 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Ken 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 announced there was an executive session prior to the meeting for informational discussion purposes.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the swearing in of the new police officer will be moved up on the agenda. Chief Engelhart stated he requests that Patrick Halcovage be sworn in as Badge #26 with the Police Department. Mr. Halcovage will be filling the position due to the pending retirement of Lieutenant Randall Tanghe. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve Patrick Halcovage as a Police Officer of Hilltown Township. There was no public comment. Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Chairman, John B. McIlhinney, proceeded with the swearing in and gave the Oath of Office to Officer Halcovage.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the October 22 2018 BOS Meeting
- b) Minutes of the October 24, 2018 BOS Budget Meeting
- c) Financial Report – October 31, 2018
- d) Bills List – November 13, 2018
- e) 2019 Perkasio Fire Company Agreement

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept and approve items a) through e) on the Consent Agenda with the following corrections on the October 24, 2018 Minutes:

Page 3, five lines down, the sentence should read “Chairman McIlhinney suggested going out on bids from an outside contractor for tree removal if they are in the right-of-way, 15” in diameter and larger than **40’** tall.”

Page 5, six lines down, the sentence should read “Chairman McIlhinney stated the patrol officers need to have **the** four wheel drive vehicles.”

Page 5, sixteen lines down, "Chief Engelhart stated the Chargers are all wheel drive all of the time . . ." and Chairman McIlhinney stated he does not know if that is a correct statement. There was no public comment.

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

5. LEGAL:

a) Tabora Farms ZHB Application – Update: Solicitor Harris stated after receiving the October events schedule, he asked the Zoning Hearing Board to re-open the hearings and is scheduled for November 28, 2018.

b) Bishop Winery ZHB Application – Update: Solicitor Harris stated the hearings have been finished for Bishop Winery. Briefs are due in on or about December 6, 2018 with the decision on or about December 12, 2018.

c) Motion to Quash Subpoena to Police Department: Solicitor Harris stated a personal attorney has subpoenaed the records from a fatal traffic accident on Route 309. Solicitor Harris continued to state he has filed a motion to quash these records and is hopeful they can resolve the matter without having to have a hearing by having the DA's office produce the exhibits that were introduced at trial which are all of public record.

6. PLANNING:

a) Hockman Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment: Mr. Wynn stated Scott Mease, Mease Engineering, PC, was in attendance to discuss the Hockman minor subdivision/lot line adjustment plan. Mr. Wynn continued to state the project was recommended by the Planning Commission on October 15, 2018 based upon the review letter dated September 17, 2018 and highlighted the following:

a. A sketch plan was presented to the Planning Commission that showed lot 1 could be subdivided in the future with the remaining parcel, if so desired.

b. A waiver has been requested regarding the non-perpendicular/radial bend between the front and rear of the site and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the waiver.

c. A waiver has been requested that no pins or monuments be set for the two corners that are located in an agricultural field which is going to continue to be farmed and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the waiver.

Mr. Mease continued to state the applicant has also asked for waivers from putting in curb, sidewalk, cartway widening, etc. and he proposed the road improvements be installed along all of the properties as part of the shown subdivision or the fee-in-lieu be taken at the time when lot 1 is developed. The Board of Supervisors agreed with the proposal. Mr. Mease continued to state the applicant has also asked for a waiver in regards to submitting to the Conservation District the stormwater management design for the lot line adjustment. The Board of Supervisors agreed to the waiver request. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the Hockman Minor Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment contingent upon Mr. Wynn's review letter dated September 17, 2018, the Mease Engineering letter dated August 10, 2018, and with the revisions that were discussed this evening and recommended by the Planning Commission at their October 15, 2018 meeting. There was no public comment.

b) Defebo/Adams Lot Line Adjustment: Mr. Wynn stated the project was reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission on October 15, 2018 based upon his review letter dated September 18, 2018. Mr. Wynn continued to state there is a waiver request for street improvements since the project is a lot line adjustment. Solicitor Harris stated there is a restrictive covenant on the Nichol subdivision that would prevent it from being further subdivided. There needs to be a Deed of Consolidation consolidating the portion being created with the existing Nichol subdivision and an amendment to the restrictive covenant providing the entire Nichol lot would be restricted from further subdivision. Chairman McIlhinney stated item #3 in Mr. Wynn's review letter has the incorrect parcel numbers listed and needs to be corrected to TMP #15-34-65 and TMP #15-34-65-4. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the Defebo/Adams Lot Line Adjustment contingent upon Mr. Wynn's review letter dated September 18, 2018 and the consolidation items noted by the Township Solicitor. There was no public comment.

c) Omnibus Subdivision Ordinance: Mr. Wynn stated the Omnibus Subdivision Ordinance was reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission at their October 15, 2018 meeting. The ordinance was submitted to the Bucks County Planning Commission and they recommend adoption at their October 3, 2018 meeting. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of the Omnibus Subdivision Ordinance for adoption on December 10, 2018. There was no public comment.

7. ENGINEERING: None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Swearing in of the New Police Officer: This was done at the beginning of the meeting.

b) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for December 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 December 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated November 7, 2018. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of December for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated November 7, 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.

c) Sandy Homel – Bucks County Designer House: Ms. Sandy Homel, Chair of the 2019 Designer House, discussed the Village Improvement Association, the founders of Doylestown Hospital, and stated the Designer House is the major fundraiser of the year with the majority of the proceeds going to Doylestown Hospital. This year's property is the Stoneridge Farm located at 956 Bypass Road. Ms. Homel continued to state she met with the Township Manager, Zoning Officer, and the Chief of Police in regards to the property, permits that may be needed, and gave an overview of the scheduling of the events. Ms. Homel continued to state they will be respectful of the Township to make it a positive experience. Chairman McIlhinney thanked Ms. Homel for the presentation and wished her well.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington reviewed the rules with Chief Engelhart in regards to stopping for a school bus with the red lights and stop sign extended. Chief Engelhart confirmed if there is a barrier down the middle of the road, cars do not have to stop going in the opposite direction. If there is a double yellow line, both sides of the traffic have to stop. Supervisor Bennington continued to thank all of his fellow Veterans for their service over the years. Chairman McIlhinney and Supervisor Groff thanked Supervisor Bennington for his service.

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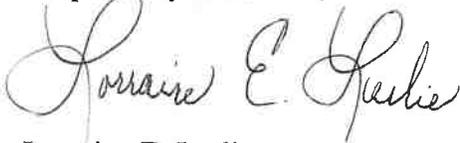
11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Dave Christ, Planning Commission Chairman, stated Terry Carnes does not want to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission and questioned the Board of Supervisors on the status of the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Comprehensive Plan is with Bob Wynn for his review.
- b. Patrice Pousley, 957 Bypass Road, discussed her concerns over the Designer House planned for 956 Bypass Road.
- c. Jane James, 972 Bypass Road, discussed her concerns over the Designer House planned for 956 Bypass Road.
- d. Kathleen Nester, 985 Bypass Road, discussed her concerns over the Designer House planned for 956 Bypass Road.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the November 12, 2018 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:41 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).