

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:03 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, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart, and Finance Director Marianne Egan.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the swearing in and promotions of the Lieutenant Detective and Sergeants will be moved up on the agenda. Chief Engelhart stated he requests that Christian Browne be sworn in as Lieutenant Detective due to the retirement of Randy Tanghe. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve Christian Browne as Lieutenant Detective of Hilltown Township. There was no public comment. Magisterial District Judge, Regina Armitage, proceeded with the swearing in and gave the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Detective Christian Browne. Chief Engelhart stated the testing/evaluation process was completed for the two promotions of Sergeants due to the early retirement of Sergeant Miller and the promotion of Christian Browne to Lieutenant Detective. Chief Engelhart respectfully recommends Officer Richard Tucholski and Officer Christopher Ives be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve Richard Tucholski and Christopher Ives be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. There was no public comment. Magisterial District Judge, Regina Armitage, proceeded with the swearing in and gave the Oath of Office to Sergeant Richard Tucholski and Sergeant Christopher Ives. Chief Engelhart congratulated Randy Tanghe on his retirement.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney announced there was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.
3. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - a) Minutes of the January 7, 2019 BOS Reorganization Meeting
  - b) Bills List – January 29, 2019

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 as written. There was no public comment.

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT:

a) Brian Cicak – Toll Brothers, Regency at Hilltown: Mr. Brian Cicak was in attendance to discuss the Welcome House Road culvert installation in relation to the Regency at Hilltown agreement which states they have up to 150 building permits prior to having the culvert installed. Mr. Cicak stated they have approved plans and submitted structural shop drawings for approval by Mr. Wynn. The culvert is scheduled to be set the middle of April and be finished in mid-May. They are currently at 140 building permits with plans of submitting 8 more in February and requests an extension for an additional twelve building permits while proceeding in good faith with the schedule that was provided for the project. Mr. Wynn stated the plans are satisfactory, and, to make sure the project keeps moving, he suggests the Board of Supervisors not take action on Mr. Cicak's request at this time. Supervisor McIlhinney stated the agreement states prior to the issuance of the 150<sup>th</sup> building permit, the culvert is supposed to be done . . . not the introduction to building the culvert. He continued to state they could have been working on the design of the culvert for the past three years and did not have to wait to the deadline to proceed with the design of the culvert. Mr. Wynn suggested the Board of Supervisors table Mr. Cicak's request of an additional twelve building permits, stop at 150 building permits, and re-visit the request at the March 25, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting for the additional twelve permits and see how the project has progressed at that time. The Board of Supervisors agreed with Mr. Wynn's suggestion.

5. LEGAL:

a) ZHB 2019-001 – Santos Hearing Date 2/14/2019: Solicitor Harris stated Mario and Angelo Santos requests variances from limitations of disturbance of both steep slopes and woodlands for the construction of a single family dwelling unit at a vacant lot located at 501 Broad Street. Chairman McIlhinney stated someone is striping the land before getting approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously for Solicitor Harris to attend ZHB 2019-001 (Santos) on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. There was no public comment.

b) Solicitor Harris stated he received the Tabora Farms decision containing several variance approvals and denials. Solicitor Harris stated there is a 30 day appeal period. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously for Solicitor Harris to file an appeal from the portions of the Tabora Farms decision which were

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contrary to the position taken by the Township in the hearings with the possibility of resolving the issues amicably without the necessity of further court hearings. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING: None.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) Authorization to advertise Paving and Ultra-Thin Friction Course Applications: Mr. Wynn stated he is asking for permission to advertise the paving and ultra-thin friction course applications for bidding the paving from Orchard Road between Diamond Street and Route 152, and ultra-thin application on Beech Lane, Country Road, Field Stream Drive, Fox Lane, Misty Meadows Road, and Wheatsheaff Lane. The bids will be opened one week prior to the March 25, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to advertise the paving and ultra-thin friction course application bids. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for February 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 February 1, 2019 and February 28, 2019, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated January 23, 2019. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of February for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated January 23, 2019 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 and Sergeant Promotions of Officers Richard Tucholski and Christopher Ives: This was done at the beginning of the meeting.

c) Swearing in Lieutenant Detective Christian Browne: This was done at the beginning of the meeting.

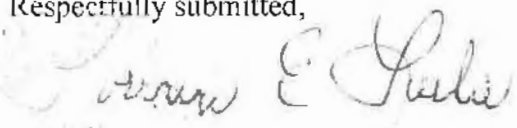
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d) Brian Schmoyer – Calvary Church 5K Run on June 15, 2019: Mr. Emery Ashton was in attendance, on behalf of Brian Schmoyer, to request permission for Calvary Church to sponsor the 5K Run on June 15, 2019. Mr. Ashton stated the route is the same as previous years, along with using the same facilities, and will coordinate the run with the Chief of Police. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously for Calvary Church to sponsor a 5K Run on June 15, 2019 and coordinating the event with the Chief of Police. There was no public comment.

e) Richard Schmidt – Sports Facility: Mr. Richard Schmidt was in attendance to discuss the possibility of a small scale stadium seating 10,000 people located at the vacant property near Car Sense on Bethlehem Pike which could include a professional softball team, concerts, fireworks, carnivals, outdoor movies, graduations, youth tournaments, flea markets, or rented out for private use. Supervisor Bennington stated he believes Car Sense is looking at the property for future expansion. Mr. Schmidt confirmed with Chairman McIlhinney it would be a tax payer funded stadium. The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Schmidt for his proposal.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: There were no comments from the Board of Supervisors.
11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.
13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the January 28, 2019 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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).