

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

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, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney stated there were no executive sessions prior to the meeting.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.
3. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a) Minutes of the October 23, 2017 BOS Meeting
 - b) Bills List November 14, 2017
 - c) Financial Report October 31, 2017
 - d) 2018 Dublin Fire Company Agreement
 - e) 2018 Silverdale Fire Company Agreement

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

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.
5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report:
 - a) Dedication of Hilltown Walk – Chairman McIlhinney stated the dedication agreement for Hilltown Walk has been executed by the developer. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the dedication agreement for Hilltown Walk, completion of the required improvements, and the commencement of the 18 month maintenance period. There was no public comment.
 - b) Dedication of Estates at Hilltown – Chairman McIlhinney stated resolutions accepting the Deed of Dedication and accepting the internal road system for the Estates at Hilltown

are ready for approval and execution. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of Resolution #2017-019 for the acceptance of the Deed of Dedication for the Estates at Hilltown, completion of the required improvements, and the commencement of the 18 month maintenance period. There was no public comment. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of Resolution #2017-020 accepting the internal road system for the Estates at Hilltown. There was no public comment.

c) Reichstine Agreement – Chairman McIlhinney stated the Development Agreement, Deed of Dedication for the Bypass Road Frontage, Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement, Unilateral Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants, and the Shared Driveway Agreement has been prepared and are ready for acceptance and execution. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the Development Agreement, Deed of Dedication for the Bypass Road Frontage, Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement, Unilateral Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants, and the Shared Driveway Agreement for the Reichstine Subdivision. There was no public comment.

d) Fence Agreement for Kurt Siegel – Chairman McIlhinney stated the fence agreement for Kurt Siegel has been prepared. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the fence agreement for Kurt Siegel. There was no public comment.

e) Coventry Meadows I & II Corrected Agreement – Chairman McIlhinney stated there was an error in the name of the Toll entity for the Coventry Meadows Agreements and they have been revised. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the corrected Dedication Agreement and corrected Deed of Dedication of Internal Roads for Coventry Meadows I and the corrected Dedication Agreement for Coventry Meadows II. There was no public comment.

f) Hilltown Township to Hilltown Township Lot #2 Blooming Glen High School – Chairman McIlhinney stated the Deed of Consolidation has been prepared for the Blooming Glen High School. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and

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carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the Deed of Consolidation for the Blooming Glen High School. There was no public comment.

g) Moura Fence Agreement – Chairman McIlhinney stated the fence agreement for the Moura property has been prepared. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve and authorize the execution of the Moura fence agreement. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING:

a) Thompson Property Minor Subdivision – Mr. Wynn stated on October 16, 2017, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended conditional final approval for the Thompson Property Minor Subdivision for the 2 lot, 19.6 acres located at Route 113/Telegraph Road and recommended the waivers requested by the applicant noting the proposed utility easement must be established in a manner satisfactory to the Township prior to plan recordation. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the Thompson Property Minor Subdivision contingent upon Mr. Wynn's review letters dated October 4, 2017 and November 9, 2017 including the utility easement must be established in a manner satisfactory to the Township prior to plan recordation. There was no public comment.

b) Bean Property Minor Subdivision – Mr. Wynn stated on October 16, 2017, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended conditional final approval for the Bean Property Minor Subdivision for the 2 lot, 7.5 acres located at Upper Stump Road/Callowhill Road and recommended the waivers requested by the applicant along with the Township to consider accepting a capital contribution in-lieu-of waived street improvements for only Lot 2 which is the new building lot. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the Bean Property Minor Subdivision contingent upon Mr. Wynn's review letters dated September 7, 2017 and November 9, 2017 including the capital contribution in-lieu-of waived street improvements for Lot 2 to be determined. There was no public comment.

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7. ENGINEERING:

a) Fairhill School Road Culvert Replacement – Mr. Wynn stated the Fairhill School Road culvert replacement is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and should take approximately six weeks to complete.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) 2018 Budgets – Ms. Leslie stated the 2018 budgets have not changed since the budget work session meeting and asked for a motion to approve the 2018 budgets. Chairman McIlhinney stated they are balanced budgets with no tax increases for the 7th year in a row. Supervisor Bennington thanked and congratulated Ms. Leslie and her team on the marvelous job which she surpasses each year. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the 2018 budgets as presented. There was no public comment.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Auditor – Ms. Leslie stated Patricia Garland resigned her position as auditor due to her relocation. Mrs. Barbara Feldman has agreed to fill Ms. Garland's remaining term. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to appoint Barbara Feldman to fill the remaining term for Patricia Garland as auditor. There was no public comment.

b) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for December 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 December 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated October 25, 2017. 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 October 25, 2017 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.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington congratulated Chairman McIlhinney on the election. Supervisor Bennington thanked all of his fellow veterans for their service from the time of the Revolutionary War to the present, including himself. Chairman McIlhinney stated the second Board of Supervisors meeting in November is cancelled. The next Board of Supervisors meeting is December 11, 2017.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. John Olcott, 210 Dorchester Drive, discussed concerns regarding the Swaminarayan Cultural Association project as follows:

1. They were fooled by the applicants in regards to the variance. They didn't tell the whole truth. Before the meeting, they attempted to schmooze some of the neighbors to try and get them to agree to what they wanted to do.
2. They told everybody, including the Zoning Officer, the trailer was going to be a construction trailer. Now they understand they filed for a variance, which has been withdrawn, for the trailer to be used for a residence. Supervisor McIlhinney stated the Board was told that the trailer was not going to be used as a residence. Mr. Olcott stated they will tell you anything you want to hear.
3. There is a washing machine hooked up outside the building and he doesn't know where the water is going or coming from and the Township should be aware of it.
4. There is trash and garbage at the site. It's absolutely disgusting out there. They have one small bin that immediately gets filled up with the top left open and garbage spilling out. He will show pictures after the meeting.
5. Another lie is when they gave their talk at the Township stating they were going to be using the facility for teaching, health care, etc.,. All that is going on there are parties every weekend. Whether it is a wedding or a party, there is music going on. He doesn't see anybody teaching anything or providing any health care to anybody. During the day, the only people that are there are the two swamis or gurus.
6. They are cooking food in the garage and the Health Department should be involved to see if there is any kind of inspection that needs to be done to make sure they are meeting all of the standards.
7. He does not know if anybody from the Township has made a visit there to take a look at it in person. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Zoning Officer is watching them.
8. There are approximately 80 homes in the Village of Dorchester. The value of the homes are approximately 24 million dollars combined. Each home is valued between \$290K and \$300K each. Their concern as residents and tax payers is when they get going, it is going to detract on their property value substantially. If this happens and the property values sink because of the activity there, the residents have the right to appeal their taxes. If they appeal their taxes and they are successful, that will impact the taxes they pay to the Township. The Swaminarayan Cultural Association is not going to pay any taxes so there will be a reduction in the income to the Township. The place is a disgrace. They are concerned about rodents, a pile of garbage that has been there for a week and a half, and huge plastic bags laying all over the place. Chairman McIlhinney stated if there is a health hazard, the Health Department will be notified.

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Supervisor Groff questioned if they increased the size of the parking lot. Mr. Olcott stated it is hard to say because nothing is paved. There is just stone down and he believes it has increased in size because there are a lot of cars there. Since the last meeting, there has been two weddings there. Chairman McIlhinney stated they indicated to the Township that they would only be using the facility one day a week. Mr. Olcott stated when the variance was granted to hook up to the water, it was granted with the condition that no one would be allowed to live there. The Board of Supervisors agreed with that statement. Mr. Olcott continued to state they have been living there since the day they started. There is at least 1 or 2 of them there every day and a car there all the time. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Zoning Officer acted immediately upon seeing the trailer moved on site and issued a cease and desist. Chairman McIlhinney stated it will be up to the courts to decide if they want to renege on what was said at the zoning hearing board meeting.

9. Mr. Olcott asked if a permit is needed for fireworks. Normally when they have one of their events, they have fireworks. The Chief of Police, Chris Engelhart, stated a permit is needed for professional grade fireworks and not needed for sparklers. Their main issue is the health issue in regards to the garbage and the rats.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the Township will be looking into the garbage issue.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the November 13, 2017 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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).