

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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 Solicitor Steve Harris, Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart. Chairman McIlhinney asked for a moment of silence in memory of Steven Britsch, a 28 year member of the Public Works Department who passed away recently.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney stated the agenda is going to be re-arranged slightly with the swearing in of the new police officer under new business. Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart was in attendance to present Robert Kirk Ryan for consideration to be hired as the newest police officer, Badge #24, to replace Sgt. Mahaffey who retired several months ago. Supervisor Bennington offered his congratulations to Officer Ryan stating he has big shoes to fill. Sgt. Mahaffey was an outstanding officer who spent 32 years in Hilltown Township. Supervisor Bennington assured Officer Ryan will do well in consideration of his history major and years spent in the military. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the swearing in of Robert Kirk Ryan as a new Hilltown Township 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 Ryan.

The meeting continued with Chairman McIlhinney stating an executive session was held prior to the meeting in regards to real estate and no decisions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Kathy Weidner, Blooming Glen Road, stated she would like to address the Board on the resolution that Mrs. Cooper will be speaking about later in the meeting. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Board will be addressing that item later on and she will be able to speak then.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the June 26, 2017 BOS Meeting
- b) Financial Report June 30, 2017
- c) Bills List July 11, 2017
- d) Bills List July 25, 2017

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: Solicitor's Report:

a) Inter-Municipal Agreement – Commercial Recycling – Township Solicitor Steve Harris, stated the Department of Environmental Protection has decided there needs to be an inter-municipal agreement governing the reporting of commercial recycling. This has always been done on a cooperative basis using Hough Associates but now DEP has decided Dublin Borough, Plumstead Township, Hilltown Township, and East Rockhill Township are going to collectively hire Hough Associates through an inter-municipal agreement adopted by an ordinance. Solicitor Harris stated the agreement and ordinance are ready for review by the Board of Supervisors. The ordinance can be placed on the August meeting for authorization for advertisement of the ordinance.

b) July 27<sup>th</sup> ZHB Hearings – Philly Pretzel Factory and Michael Pasqualone – Solicitor Harris stated the Philly Pretzel Factory and Michael Pasqualone applications have been received for the July 27, 2017 Zoning Hearing Board. The Board of Supervisors stated they do not wish Solicitor Harris to attend neither one of them.

c) Coyne Appeal-Status – Solicitor Harris gave the status of the Coyne appeal stating Judge Gilman's recommendation is that the matter be settled by moving the wall of stones five feet from the line and planting a row of arborvitaes or some similar planting material to buffer the adjoining use, recognizing there is a question as to where the ten foot is to be measured from. Solicitor Harris stated he will include the Coyne Appeal on the agenda at a future meeting for a decision.

6. PLANNING:

a) Swaminarayan Community Center Land Development – Preliminary/Final Plan – Mr. Wynn stated the Swaminarayan Community Center Land Development received a recommendation for preliminary/final conditional approval from the Planning Commission at their April meeting but was not presented to the Board of Supervisors until the Zoning Hearing Board variance was received on July 7, 2017. Mr. Wynn reviewed the engineering review letter dated July 17, 2017 which contains the outstanding conditions recommended by the Planning Commission for approval. Solicitor Narducci, representing the Swaminarayan Community

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Cultural Center, reviewed the project and stated the applicant will comply with all items contained in Mr. Wynn's review letter dated July 17, 2017. Solicitor Narducci stated the PennDOT review letter was received containing several open issues and indicated the project engineer, Anand A. Bhatt, will be able to negotiate resolutions of those items with PennDOT. Solicitor Narducci stated both he and Prithviraj Patel, a member of the Swaminarayan delegation, are available if there are any questions. The Pheasant Hill Road improvements/capital contribution in-lieu-of street improvements was discussed at length. Mr. Wynn stated the applicant is providing a PennDOT deceleration lane along the frontage to meet PennDOT's requirements. Mr. Patel stated the Swaminarayan Community Center is a charitable organization catering to children, senior citizens, and their needs such as children's math/English classes, yoga for senior citizens or children, medical camps, etc. along with stating Sunday would be the day of the week for the most usage. Mr. Patel clarified the average number of people traveling to the facility in one vehicle in regards to the 42 parking spaces that will be provided. Mr. Patel stated he has spoken to several neighbors such as Jean Vandergrift (member of the HOA at the Village of Dorchester), Paul Wismer, Mr. Peitzman, and Mr. Olcott in regards to any issues they may have. Mr. Patel discussed a holiday celebration that was held on July 4, 2015 which he agreed was noisy due to the microphone and speakers. This past holiday, they made sure they were very careful with the noise, etc. Mr. Patel stated they have tried to keep in contact with the neighbors to try and be the best neighbor that they can. Chairman McIlhinney questioned item 3.H in the engineering review letter in regards to the pipes. Mr. Wynn clarified the pipe size of 18" is based on the full impervious surface that would be installed in the future and noting the pipes are privately owned. Supervisor Groff questioned the past project of NOVA also being non-profit and the calculation of the fee-in-lieu of improvements. Mr. Wynn stated NOVA offered a donation as part of the cost of improvements on Broad Street only for a cost of \$22,000.00. Mr. Bhatt, Project Engineer, stated NOVA is very similar to their use, however, they are taking access from Broad Street, where the Swaminarayan Community Center is not taking access from Pheasant Hill Road nor will there be any improvements on that road. Mr. Bhatt continued to state there will be no sale of items nor will they make a profit. Supervisor Bennington stated he does not want to set a precedent by not requiring something but he would like to make the voluntary contribution minimal at best and not a significant contribution. Chairman McIlhinney stated he does not want other applicants to claim they are non-profit and make no contribution when other entities come into the Township and make a voluntary contribution. Supervisor Groff agreed with both Chairman McIlhinney and Supervisor Bennington. Mr. Wynn clarified that if they expand in the future, the project will have to appear before the Zoning Hearing Board and back to the Board of Supervisors. Solicitor

Narducci stated the applicant would be willing to pay \$1,000.00 as to not create a precedent. Supervisor Groff added that if the organization does expand, the applicant will have to come back to address the public water connection and other items will have to be revisited such as the footprint, impervious surface, etc. Mr. Bhatt stated he has spoken to the fire company in regards to the project. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, and seconded by Supervisor Groff, to grant Preliminary/Final Plan approval for the Swaminarayan Community Center contingent upon the outstanding items of the July 17, 2017 engineering review letter, noting that the waivers requested are granted as recommended by the Planning Commission, and accepting the applicant's offer of \$1,000.00 in-lieu-of street improvements along both Bethlehem Pike and Pheasant Hill Road.

Public Comments:

Jean Vandergrift – 219 Dorchester Drive (Village at Dorchester), stated they had tried many times to make the Planning Commission meetings. The residents have never seen the plan to find out what the requested waivers are. The residents are concerned about the following:

1. In regards to the buffer zone, how big are the trees and if there is a berm there. There should not be megaphones. They do not want to go through that every year. She also stated, this time, Mr. Patel did phone her making sure no one had complaints.
2. In regards to lighting in the parking lot, it should be on their property and not be in the resident's direction.
3. They have noticed there are people living there all the time. According to the Zoning Hearing Board decision, they were going to be there one day a week. She noted that they are doing their laundry and hanging it on the line.
4. The Board of Supervisors should start to think about a traffic signal at Keystone Drive and Bethlehem Pike.

Mr. Wynn stated the plans have been available at the Township Building during office hours. Ms. Vandergrift requested a short presentation on the project. Mr. Bhatt gave an overview of the project pointing out the 35' wide buffer, indicating all lighting is pointing down for zero spill on adjacent properties, and the building is a one story, 4400 sq. ft. building. Mr. Wynn stated decibel ratings are enforced by the Township Zoning Officer.

Bob Iannetta – stated he has been a resident for 40+ years and has seen eighty cars there one time. They are making noise and there is a porta potty on the property.

Mr. Patel – stated they had a July 4<sup>th</sup> four day celebration event that was covered by the Intelligencer. This type of gathering only takes place once a year. He continued to state that they did clear the property according to what the Township has approved and permitted for the parking area. Mr. Patel stated he spoke to Mr. Peitzman who stated there has been no noise problem. Mr.



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Patel agreed there may have been a noise level problem two years ago. This year he spoke with Jean Vandergrift twice in reference to any problems there may have been recently.

Supervisor Bennington – stated when a plan is approved, the applicant needs to comply with the restrictions of the plan. If the applicant does not comply, then the Township will act.

Kathy Lawler – 154 Dorchester Drive – stated she has heard them. She also stated a traffic light at Keystone Drive and Orchard is needed as there are too many accidents.

John Olcott – 210 Dorchester Drive – stated he came to the variance hearing for the water hook-up issue. He continued to state it was very noisy last 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Township person said if there is too much noise to call the police and he did. The police shut them down. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July there was no noise. His main concern is, once everything is approved, will the noise start again. Another concern is the traffic issue and the deceleration lane. He is also concerned with the condition of the property because it looks terrible now. Lastly, he stated there are people living there when the zoning approval stated no residential living. He stated the zoning hearing approval should be pulled.

Chairman McIlhinney – asked when the variance was granted, did it state that when the new building is built, no one would live there because, obviously, people had been living there before they went before the zoning hearing board.

John Olcott – stated he knew people were living there originally but he knows it specified there would be nobody living there.

Chairman McIlhinney – stated, as far as the noise, the Township has noise complaints at various times throughout the Township and sometimes it is simple as telling them to turn the speaker towards the woods.

John Olcott – stated he was told to call the Police when the noise level is high because they have a decibel meter. Also, the decibel level for the over 55 community is lower than normal. He did admit that this year, there was no noise so they can keep it quiet.

Laura Geitz – Bethlehem Pike – stated she understands the concerns from both parties and they have proven they can keep the noise down, they have made the effort the past year to reach out to at least some of the residents of the community, they have had a porta potty which shows responsibility, and the proposed plans seem nicer and is an improvement to the property. She continued to state some of the comments that have been made are slightly judgmental observations but the parties have the capability of working together in the future and she supports their plans.

Solicitor Narducci – stated the applicant has proven that they can work with the residents, the plan has 40 spaces now and there is room to grow to 72 spaces if they are needed. Another major item that has been overlooked is that the only heavy use is on Sundays, and there is very little, if at all, use the rest of the days of the week. There could be a seven day a week use at that location.

It is much better served to have this limited use then to have something else there that would run 24/7.

Supervisor Bennington – stated, again, once the Board of Supervisors approves a final plan, the applicant will need to comply, and if they do not comply, then the Township acts on it.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the motion has been made and seconded to grant final approval for the Swaminarayan Community Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McIlhinney announced an adjournment for 5 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 8:26 PM.

b) MedExpress Land Development-Final Plan – Mr. Wynn stated Mr. John Kornick, P.E., K2 Consulting Engineers, Inc., was at the Planning Commission last month and received final approval per the July 5, 2017 engineering review. One item the Planning Commission recommends is waiving section 140-37.D which requires all off-street parking areas to be shaded to a minimum of 50% of the areas of impervious surfaces associated with the parking facilities. The plan shows 30% of the parking facility will be shaded. For a complete waiver the ordinance allows the applicant to plant additional trees on riparian areas or contribute the fee-in-lieu of the number of trees that are not being placed. Mr. Kornick stated the Pizza Hut will be demolished. During the Planning Commission meeting, comments were received about the current conditions of the site and it will be cleaned up. Mr. Kornick stated the applicant will comply with all of the items contained in the July 5, 2017 engineering review letter and are requesting a waiver from the ordinance with respect to shading of the parking lot which averages to three large trees. Mr. Wynn stated the cost would be approximately \$325.00 per tree or \$1,000.00 if the Board chooses the voluntary contribution. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the MedExpress Final Land Development plan contingent upon complying with the items contained in Mr. Wynn’s review letter dated July 5, 2017 and the submission of the \$1,000.00 voluntary contribution for the trees. There was no public comment.

c) Former Blooming Glen High School Subdivision-Final Plan – Mr. Wynn stated the subdivision plan separates the former Blooming Glen High School and former municipal building from the rest of the park property located at Blooming Glen Road and North Main Street. This project was recommended for approval by the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Township Planning Commission. Waivers requested by the Township are for street improvements along North Main Street at the park property, parking area setbacks, and dedication of the ultimate

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right-of-way in the frontage of the site. Solicitor Harris stated the Munn easement has been executed but will not be recorded until final plan approval. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the final plan for the former Blooming Glen High School Subdivision contingent upon the items contained in Mr. Wynn's engineering review letter dated July 5, 2017. There was no public comment.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) Former Blooming Glen High School Tank Removal – Mr. Wynn stated there was a diesel fuel tank under the parking area which was discovered when the road department was ripping up excess asphalt that is to be returned to grass. Because of high ground water, they have not been able to pump the water out to expose the top of the tank to get the liquid out of the tank to get the tank out of the ground. After managing to be able to pump down five inches, it was found that the soil is contaminated which was reported to DEP. The contractor is working with DEP on a solution and are waiting to see what DEP will come up with.

b) MS4/Pollution Reduction-TMDL Plan – Mr. Wynn stated by September 17, 2017, the Township has to submit a Notice of Intent to comply with the state general permit requirements, or individual requirements, for stormwater improvements for the next five year permit period which will start in 2018. Along with that, for the first time, the Township will be required to submit a pollution reduction plan. This is required for all municipalities who are regulated by the MS4 requirements who are Townships over 10,000 people or who have urban areas over 1,000 people. The pollution reduction plan is required for all MS4 which is the municipal separate storm sewer system of inlets, pipes, outfalls, and stormwater basins that the Township owns and/or maintains. The pollution reduction plan is required for every water shed in the urban area that is impaired. Just about every water area in Bucks County is impaired one way or another, usually by sediment. In addition, the Township has a TMDL which is a load of sediment assigned to the Neshaminy Creek portion of the Township where the Township has to reduce the sediment to a pre-determined EPA number. In all of the areas, the sediment has to be reduced by 10% in five years. This plan has the mapping and all of the calculations that are required and comes out to approximately 49,792 pounds per year of which 39,460 pounds per year are in the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek Water Shed and 10,332 pounds per year are in the West Branch Neshaminy Creek. The plan provides for seven options in order to reduce the sediment load including: removing a concrete low flow channel from an existing basin, installing level spreaders at existing



basins, planting a riparian forest buffer on Township property on Township Line Road in which the Township has grant money for part of the cost, and also some stream restoration in the same area on Township property restoring eroding banks. Mr. Wynn continued to state the requirements of a draft pollution reduction plan has to be advertised for public comment for a thirty day period by no later than August 3, 2017. Mr. Wynn stated he would like the Board of Supervisors to authorize the advertisement of the MS4/Pollution Reduction-TMDL Plan to begin on August 1, 2017 for public comment. It will then be placed on the August 28, 2017 Board of Supervisor's agenda for public comment and then be advertised for adoption at the September 11, 2017 Board of Supervisor's meeting for adoption. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington and seconded by Supervisor Groff to authorize advertisement of public comment of the MS4/Pollution Reduction-TMDL Plan to begin on August 1, 2017 and expiring on August 30, 2017 for public comment at the August 28, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting and for adoption to be considered at the September 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting. Public Comment: Terry Yates questioned if the pollution reduction plan address only sediment or does it also address the tank issue at the former high school. Mr. Wynn stated the plan addresses the pollutants within those water sheds which are sediments and nutrients. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Delia & Kurt Siegel Jr., 541 Delaware Drive, requesting to install a fence within the Township Easement – Mr. Kurt Siegel was in attendance for the Board of Supervisors to consider approval to permit an aluminum fence in an easement. Chairman McIlhinney stated the fences that the Board approves for these uses are removable and if there is a problem, the Township will dig it up, fix the problem, back fill the area, but not replace the lawn. Solicitor Harris stated he will send the agreement to Mr. Siegel. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve a removable fence to be located at 541 Delaware Drive along with executing the agreement. There was no public comment.

c) Kristen Calabro, Bohler Engineering, requesting a staff meeting regarding the McDonalds located at Route 113 and the Wawa located at Route 113 & Route 313 – Ms. Lorraine Leslie stated she needs the Board of Supervisors authority to go forward with staff meetings for the McDonalds located at Route 113 and the Wawa located at Route 113 & Route 313 stating both parties are willing to post Professional Services Agreements. Supervisor Bennington clarified



the McDonalds would like to eliminate the play area and install outside seating and Wawa would like to build a super Wawa with gas tanks. Motion was made Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to approve the staff meetings for the McDonalds located at Route 113 and the Wawa located at Route 113 & 313. There was no public comment.

e) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for August 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 August 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated July 18, 2017. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of August for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated July 18, 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.

f) Doreen Cooper: Senate Bill No. 22 – Ms. Doreen Cooper, Reliance Road, was in attendance stating she was present on May 22, 2017 to discuss the fair districting and the reform that she would like to see happen. She stated there are nine local Bucks County municipalities who are supporting the constituents and it is her hope tonight that Hilltown Township will add to that number with the support of this endeavor and it would go a long way to letting the state legislators know that the Township supports the voting rights of Hilltown. Public Comment: Laura Geitz – stated gerrymandering is a strategy used and abused by both parties in Pennsylvania and all across the United States. It is used to manipulate votes, voters, and election outcomes. She continued to urge the support for adopting an anti-gerrymandering resolution. Kathy Weidner – stated she compliments and commends the Board of Supervisor to willingly study and consider the issue and the resolution. She continued to state adopting the resolution would be supporting more transparent, non-partisan and fair process for the re-districting that is required after the census is taken. Supervisor Bennington stated he brought the issue up previously and is supportive of the bill and would like an explanation on how the eleven representatives will be chosen. Mary Kremser – stated they take the leaders of both parties in the House and the Senate so there are two republicans, two democrats, and then the tie breaker which would be someone nominated by the State Supreme Court. The State Supreme Court is currently democratic leaning, so most

likely, a democrat would be tie breaker. In the future, they would have four members from the leading party, four members from the second largest party, and three registered voters that are not registered from either party. All of these people would have nothing to do with politics and neither would their spouses. There will be a commission set up and they will randomly select 40 qualified applicants from each pool and then each of the major parties can strike several applicants from each pool. The secretary will randomly select the members from the remaining applicants. She continued to state she hopes the Township will vote yes on the issue and become the tenth Township in Bucks County to adopt the resolution for an independent, impartial, fair commission to draw the lines.

Ms. Cooper added that on the Fairer District website there is an entire page dedicated with an explanation of how the commission is picked and how it is independent and presented another copy of the resolution. Ms. Cooper added current Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick is in support of the bill along with his brother.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the Board will table the vote. Supervisor Groff stated he would like to see more information regarding the bill and see more support of the bill.

Jim Hoffman – stated he understands the Board is not ready to take a vote on the bill this evening. He continued to state the Chairman expressed some opinions and does not want to be transparent and share them with the citizens.

Chairman McIlhinney clarified that he stated he has opinions on the subject.

Mickey Depasquale – asked what the issue was in regards to taking the vote.

Supervisor Groff stated he is not ready to take a vote at this time.

Mickey Depasquale – stated then if the two supervisors are not ready to take a vote to support the resolution, then that means they are for gerrymandering.

Chairman McIlhinney stated just because someone presents the issue does not mean he has to say something about the issue and he does not have to vote on it. He continued to state he has rights too.

Mickey Depasquale – stated the people in Hilltown Township who want this have rights to ask the Supervisors to take a vote so they know where they stand.

Chairman McIlhinney stated they can ask but it does not mean he has to take the vote.

Mickey Depasquale – clarified that it is in the minutes that the Board refuses to take a vote and asked if everyone on the Board refuse to take a vote.

Supervisor Bennington stated he cannot take a vote if the Chairman does not call for a vote.

Mickey Depasquale – asked who would be willing to take a vote.

Supervisor Bennington stated he told her that he is supporting Senate Bill 22 and supported it before their group came in.

Mickey Depasquale – asked if it would take a petition consisting of thousands of people from

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Hilltown Township that would want this; would that encourage the vote from the Board.

Ms. Cooper – stated they were hoping to not go that route.

Chairman McIlhinney stated he believes the political process of gerrymandering has been with the country since the day it started and does not believe in taking it and giving it to an appointed committee who are not elected people to pick other people who are going to be independent. It takes the load away from the elected officials because they should be fighting for what they want.

10. SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS: Ms. Leslie stated two pickup trucks were budgeted in the 2017 budget and they are impossible to get. They will be ordered for delivery for next year and roll the budget amount into the 2018 budget. Chairman McIlhinney stated he noticed there was an editorial in the Intelligencer noting that there is a lack of transparency on the Comprehensive Plan that is totally in error. In June of 2015, it was given to the Planning Commission who had monthly advertised meetings so there is no lack of transparency. In fact, it is very transparent but you do have to actually show up at the meetings.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave Christ, stated would like to address the same situation that was just brought up by Chairman McIlhinney. He saw the article in the Intelligencer and saw that his name surfaced in the first paragraph. He continued to state he is a volunteer in the Township and there are two issues he would like to address: 1. In the spring/summer of 2015, the Planning Commission started the process of reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. They had started the process with a seven member commission, only had six members, and one of the members, Joe Marino, passed away, and then they were down to five members. He was having problems getting quorums of four people to attend the meetings and advertised numerous times for additional people to step forward for the Planning Commission. Later on that year, by request, the Planning Commission was reduced to five members. Starting in 2016, the process was started again with the help of the Bucks County Planning Commission. Monthly advertised meetings were held where they went through the Comprehensive Plan chapter by chapter every single meeting. It was a deliberate process to start at “A” and finish at “Z”. They went through the entire process. Nobody showed up at the monthly meetings. The editorial insinuates that it was a back door process and it was not. It was monthly meetings over a two year process. It has been very lengthy and the plan has finally been presented to the Board of Supervisors and it is going into its next phase. 2. He has a personal comment because his name was brought up in this article and he will call it a “hit piece” because the last sentence of the editorial states “and vote Jim Hoffman Hilltown Supervisor in 2017.” This editorial, in his opinion, was an advertisement for political office. He is offended by the fact that his name was brought up in this advertisement, and he has already addressed Mr. Hoffman about that, and he never expects that to happen that again. He thinks it’s a shame and it is totally inappropriate that the Intelligencer would use the editorial pages to



allow somebody to basically have an advertisement for political office. If Mr. Hoffman would have left the last sentence out, he would have no problem with the editorial. The last sentence totally offends him and he is really irritated by it. He continued to state to Mr. Hoffman, from now on when he does his hit pieces, leave him out of it.

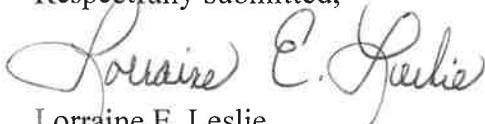
Mr. Hoffman – stated the lack of transparency that he addressed to the letter to the editor was the 2003 Comprehensive Plan that is the current plan of record. When he began to get himself briefed up on the details of the master plan for the community, in the article he complimented that it was a good plan for its time, but things really changed from 2003 to 2013. He was unaware of some of the things that Mr. Christ mentioned but he was not in the Township then. Mr. Hoffman continued to state that the transparency that he was struggling with is there was no public document of the Hilltown Comprehensive Plan of record, which he did get a copy of after a request was made, that could be looked at by the public. It should be up for everyone to see as a citizen in the community to know what the plan was, where are we now, have the conditions change, and, of course, they have in that many years. The comment that he made in the beginning where he did use Dave Christ's name was a compliment. He is a good guy and found him to be very workman like and get the job done kind of a guy. Obviously, he did not like the Jim Hoffman signature at the end, and everyone has their standard on what constitutes a political race and everyone has different standards. It can be a couple of different ways: go with zero transparency on certain issues and lots of transparency on other issues. He decides to try to put all the cards on the table.

Chairman McIlhinney thanked Mr. Christ and Mr. Hoffman. He continued to state the Comprehensive Plan has been available since it was passed in 2003 and he cannot make people come up to the counter to get one.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the July 24, 2017 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine E. Leslie  
Township Manager

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