

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

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 Donald D. Delamater, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart, Township Treasurer Lorraine Leslie, and Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney stated there was an executive session on November 9, 2016 to discuss personnel matters. Township Manager Don Delamater is retiring from Hilltown Township and moving on. Lorraine Leslic has agreed to accept the position of Township Manager effective the close of business on Friday, November 18, 2016. Mr. Delamater thanked the Board for the opportunity and the trust they had in him. The Staff is good in Hilltown Township, the transition will work, and it is a good thing. Supervisor Bemington stated even though Mr. Delamater was only here for a short period of time, his professionalism was exemplary and he appreciates that. He continued to state he has known Ms. Leslie for many years and he has no doubts that she will do a fantastic job.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the October 10, 2016 BOS Meeting
- b) Minutes of the October 26, 2016 BOS Meeting
- c) Bills List October 25, 2016
- d) Bills List November 15, 2016
- e) Financial Report October 31, 2016
- f) 2017 Silverdale Fire Company Agreement for Signature from the BOS
- g) 2017 Dublin Fire Company Agreement for Signature from the BOS
- h) 2017 Telford Fire Company Agreement for Signature from the BOS

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. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept and approve item f) the 2017 Silverdale Fire Company Agreement. There was no public comment.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept and approve item g) the 2017 Dublin Fire Company Agreement. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept and approve item h) the 2017 Telford Fire Company Agreement. There was no public comment.

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report:

a) Bethel Tract

1. Street Maintenance Agreement with Perkasio Borough – Mr. Delamater stated he would recommend the Board defer this agreement until the next meeting.

2. Water and Sewer Service Agreement with Perkasio Regional Authority – Mr. Delamater stated the Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority has approved the agreement and it is before the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to accept the Bethel Tract Water and Sewer Service Agreement with Perkasio Regional Authority for signature. There was no public comment.

b) Reserve at Hilltown II – Dedication Agreement – Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to accept the Dedication Agreement for the Reserve at Hilltown II in the amount of \$64,540.95. Mr. Wynn added the agreement requires them to also maintain for 18 months the non-dedicated landscape that was installed this fall. There was no public comment.

c) Tice Estates – Resolution 2016-014 to approve Street Light Assessment Petition – Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 2016-014 for the Street Light Assessment for the Tice Estates. There was no public comment.

d) Walter Agricultural Conservation & Trail Easement – Authorization from the BOS - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to authorize the Township Solicitor to forward the Agricultural Conservation & Trail Easement to the Walters for execution. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING: None.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) Street Tree Replacement Proposals – Mr. Robert Wynn stated he received four proposals for the replacement of 12 street trees along Candace Way and Ian Court. Mr. Wynn stated bids ran from \$3,900.00 to 5,820.00 and he recommends the Board accept the low bid proposal in the amount of \$3,900.00 from Contemporary Gardens, Inc., Callowhill Street, Perkasio, PA. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to accept the low bid proposal for the replacement of 12 street trees along Candace Way and Ian Court to Contemporary Gardens, Inc. in the amount of \$3,900.00. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) 2016-17 Rock Salt Bids accepting lowest bid – Mr. Delamater stated the annual rock salt bid, through the Bucks County Consortium is with Morton Salt, Inc. for \$56.13 per ton delivered and \$56.00 per ton undelivered. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to accept the Bucks County Consortium bid for rock salt in the amount of \$56.13 per ton delivered and \$56.00 per ton undelivered. There was no public comment.

b) Request Authorization to Advertise the 2017 Budget – Ms. Leslie presented the brief changes between the work session and this meeting consisting of an additional \$25,000.00 to the Capital budget for working on the outside lighting of the Township building, \$10,000.00 added to the Police section of the budget to include a pre-emption device for Route 113 and Diamond Street, nothing was added into the Recreation Capital Fund for working on the fields at

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Forest Road Park because the work will be completed by the Public Works Department, and an additional \$6,000.00 was added to the Road Equipment Fund for the purchase of a new leaf box. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, to authorize the 2017 budget to be advertised as previously discussed and currently modified. Supervisor Bennington stated Ms. Leslie did a great job. Supervisor Groff stated there is no tax increase. There was no public comment. Ms. Leslie stated the budget will be available for public review tomorrow and it will be adopted at the December 12, 2016 Board meeting.

c) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for December of the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry – Township Manager Don Delamater 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, 2016 and December 31, 2016, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated November 2, 2016.

Bill Stahl, 1511 Hilltown Pike, stated he had to have his well hydro-fracked a few weeks ago. H&K came out and hired a well driller. The day that they came out, two of his neighbors' water turned brown. Two other neighbors are having trouble with their water. He and a few of his neighbors had notified the Township Manager. He stated it is time to step up and worry about the people who live in Hilltown. Chairman McIlhinney stated Mr. Stahl is mixing up the fact that H&K is working at night hauling asphalt and the water problem. H&K has a contract with the Township and people who live in the zone of influence, the blasting can effects the wells. Mr. Stahl stated that H&K, at this point, are not living up to their obligations. Mr. Delamater stated he received two calls from residents in regard to this kind of problem and Scott Drumbore confirmed that he got back in touch with them.

Jim Sabboth, 1520 Hilltown Pike, stated they just got affected on Saturday and he will be making a call to the Township Manager to make him aware of the situation.

Supervisor McIlhinney stated the fact that H&K are working 24 hours per day does not necessarily reflect what is happening with their wells nor connected to what is happening with their wells.

Supervisor Groff stated Scott Drumbore has done a pretty good job being up front with people and it is not uncommon for hydro-fracking to affect wells within a certain radius of the area and that he will also reach out to Mr. Drumbore. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of December per their letter dated November 2, 2016 with striking the part in the letter in regards to private

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customers. The motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington having the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Groff and Chairman McIlhinney wished Mr. Delamater good luck with his move. Mr. Delamater thanked the Supervisors for their support.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the November 14, 2016 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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).