

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:10 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor James Groff, Township Manager Richard Schnaedter, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart, Township Solicitor Steve Harris, and Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney announced the Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss general information.

Mr. John Snyder, a Hilltown resident, spoke in regards to the Pennridge Alumni Class of 1954 who are launching a fundraising campaign for a memorial at the High School to honor members of the military who lost their lives while on active duty. The Pennridge War Memorial will include the names of 13 students (three of which were Hilltown Township residents) who died while in the military since 1954, when Pennridge High School opened. The group is trying to raise \$18,000.00. They have \$4,000.00 in hand, \$3,000.00 in firm commitments, attempting to raise the money needed by emails and Facebook, and is asking Hilltown Township for their support. Chairman McIlhinney stated it is a noble request and he would like to join in with a \$1,000.00 contribution. Mr. Snyder stated it would be very much appreciated. He also stated the name of every donation will be in a program when it is dedicated, hopefully, on September 11, 2015. As an Army Veteran, motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to donate \$1,000.00 to the fundraising campaign for the Pennridge War Memorial. There was no public comment.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Board of Supervisor's Meeting
- b) Financial Report – May, 2015
- c) Bills List May 28, 2015 – June 5, 2015
- d) Bills List June 10, 2015 – June 18, 2015

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 after Supervisor Bennington clarified with the Township Manager that the Unemployment Compensation line item question from the last meeting was a typographical error and should have been \$1,100.00 instead of \$10,000.00.

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4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: Nonc.

5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report –

a) Hilltown Pike Developers Agreements for Signature from BOS – Solicitor Harris stated the Reserve at Hilltown II financial security agreement and the stormwater management agreement is ready to be signed in advance and he would hold it in escrow pending their finalization by the next Board meeting. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to execute the financial security agreement and the stormwater management agreement for the Reserve at Hilltown II and for the documents to be held in escrow by the Township Solicitor pending the developer completing all of the formal requirements for recording of the final subdivision plans. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING:

a) Agricultural Security Applications – Mr. Wynn stated the Planning Commission recommended the three applications be included into the Agricultural Security District. Mr. Wynn noted the Nogami property is technically already in the District having been added in 2002. Mr. Harris stated the applications will now be forwarded to the County Planning Commission for their review, advertised for a Public Hearing to add the applications to the Agricultural Security District, and will be on the July agenda for formal action.

b) Bethel Land Tract Subdivision Sketch Plan – Mr. Wynn stated the Planning Commission reviewed the Bethel Land Tract Subdivision Sketch Plan for an extension of a cul-de-sac roadway within Perkasio Borough which crosses the municipal boundary into Hilltown Township. Mr. Wynn also stated the Planning Commission expressed the need to have a stub street to extend into the vacant property so it could be extended all the way to Callowhill Road if that property is ever developed. Mr. Wynn noted the plan that is before the Board of Supervisors is the plan that creates the stub street and continues with the cul-de-sac street in the similar manner that the Planning Commission did see, and did not realize a lot was added. Mr. Wynn stated his review was done on the prior plan. Gia Raffaelli, general counsel for Hallmark Homes Group, was present, along with John MacZonis, Hallmark Homes Group, to present the revised sketch plan which provides the stub into the adjacent tract, open space in the amount of 9.75 acres, and the addition of one lot. It was stated the HOA would manage the open space areas and

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the stormwater management through an agreement. Ms. Raffaelli stated Perkasio Borough has agreed to work out an arrangement with Hilltown Township for Perkasio to maintain the road for snow plowing purposes and to discuss the consideration of the roads to be built consistent with Perkasio Borough standards. Mr. Wynn stated the maintenance of the road would be Hilltown's responsibility as well as the calculation for road mileage for Liquid Fuel purposes, but the plowing and salting would be Perkasio Borough. Mr. Harris stated the road would be dedicated to Hilltown. Supervisor Groff stated it makes sense for Perkasio Regional Authority to serve the development through a tri-party agreement. The Board stated they all prefer the plan with the stub street.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) Moyer Road Bridge – Mr. Wynn stated he has been in contact with PennDOT in regards to the Moyer Road Bridge Bundling Process. There has not been an agreement yet but has been advised the signatory of the Township has to be the one who has the access. Township Manager Richard Schnaedter needs to have the access but Supervisor Bennington signed the agreement. Township Manager Richard Schnaedter needs to change the signatory to be in his name. The date for the agreement has been moved back to the end of July/early August.

b) Johnson Tract Subdivision – Mr. Wynn stated Toll Brothers has asked for an extension of one year to July 8, 2016 per their letter dated May 21, 2015 for the Johnson Tract Subdivision. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to approve the extension for the Johnson Tract Subdivision for one year to July 8, 2016 per the letter dated May 21, 2015. There was no public comment.

e) Hilltown Walk Subdivision – Mr. Wynn stated DeLuca Homes has requested an extension of one year to June 24, 2016 per their letter dated June 19, 2015 for the improvements on the project on Green Street. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, and seconded by Supervisor Groff, to approve the extension for the Hilltown Walk Subdivision for one year to June 24, 2016 per the letter dated June 19, 2015. The motion passed 2-1 with Chairman Mellhinney having the opposing vote.

d) Growing Greener Grant – Mr. Wynn stated a revised grant application was prepared in regards to the Hilltown Ridge Neshaminy Watershed Improvements Project. In February, it was forwarded to the Southeast Region, reviewed, and some of the language

changed. In March, the Board approved a letter authorizing \$9,654 (15% share) for the grant and it was sent to Harrisburg for review. Editorial comments were received with one being a letter of commitment to be revised to say \$9,423.00 in cash value and \$222.00 for in-kind service. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the revised Letter of Commitment by Hilltown Township for the Growing Greener Grant for the Hilltown Ridge Neshaminy Watershed Improvements Project to read \$9,423.00 in cash value and \$222.00 for in-kind service. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Mr. Schnaedter – Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant Program Application – Mr. Schnaedter stated Chief of Police, Chris Engelhart, has an application that was submitted for the Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant program in the amount of \$1,000.00 with the Township cost being \$228.00. Chris Engelhart stated he submitted the grant to purchase two portable breath testers that are carried in the police vehicles and it is in for consideration at this time. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the Community Drug Abuse Prevention Grant Program Application and is in agreement with the terms and conditions of the agreement. There was no public comment.

b) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for July of the Concrete & 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 July 1, 2015 and July 31, 2015, excluding holidays per their letter dated June 15, 2015. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of operating hours of 6:30 pm to 6:30 am at the Skunkhollow Quarry from July 1, 2015 and July 31, 2015, excluding holidays per their letter dated June 15, 2015. The motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington having the opposing vote.

c) Honor Flight Bucks County Contribution: - Township Manager Mr. Schnaedter discussed a letter that was received by Hilltown Township on June 11, 2015 requesting a

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minimum donation in the amount of \$100.00. The donation helps for veterans go to Washington DC to participate in a special ceremony which is planned for October 5, 2015. Last year, Hilltown Township elected to purchase a ¼ page ad for \$550.00. The ad will appear in the October Vet ID Card Directory. Supervisor Bennington stated he did not go last year but he was asked to go this year to be a guide to go down to accompany a WWII or Korean Veteran, it is a very worthwhile cause, and he recommends that the donation be done again this year. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, to authorize a ¼ page ad in the amount of \$550.00 in support of Honor Flight Bucks County. There was no public comment.

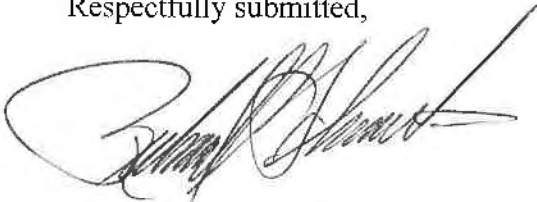
10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington stated he received a call from the president of the Hilltown Historical Society requesting a one month extension in regards to the log barn at the Civic field who will be at the July meeting. Supervisor Groff stated Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority will have the meeting room on Wednesday evening, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM, in regards to the Toll Brothers water line running down Route 113 and to talk to the residents about connecting if they choose to connect.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: John Snyder thanked the Board of Supervisors for their donation.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: No members of the press were present.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the June 22, 2015 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard C. Schnaedter
Township Manager/Secretary

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supcrvisors at a public meeting).