

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:05 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 Stephen 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 real estate, and informational matters.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Board of Supervisor's Meeting
- b) Financial Report – March, 2015
- c) Bills List March 10, 2015 – April 8, 2015
- d) Bills List April 16, 2015 – April 24, 2015
- e) Hilltown Fire Company 2015 Fire Agreement – Signature from BOS

Supervisor Bennington had one question on the Budget Revenue and Expense Statement regarding line item #01-362-105 Reimbursable Police Services. Chief Engelhart stated the funds were the reimbursement for overtime for a drug investigation from last year. 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.

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report –

a) Crown Castle Business Agreement – Signature by the Board of Supervisors – Solicitor Harris stated the cell tower agreement was re-negotiated which includes \$1800.00/month rent with 3% per month annual increase, and 25% additional increase rent for additional co-locators. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to approve the Letter of Intent for the Cell Tower Agreement and authorize the signatures. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING:

a) Calvary Church Extension – Mr. C. Robert Wynn presented a request from Calvary Church dated April 16, 2015 to extend their Preliminary Plan approval, which expires on June 27, 2015, for an additional five years to June 27, 2020. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by

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Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to grant Calvary Church an extension of their Preliminary Plan approval for an additional five years to June 27, 2020. There was no public comment.

7. ENGINEERING: None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Discussion of adopting local limits to regular discharges of process wastewater pollutants to the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant – Supervisor Groff explained Hatfield Township Municipal Authority has revised its local limits for regulating discharges of process wastewater in accordance with PADEP and USEPA pretreatment requirements and is requesting the Township to adopt the revised limits with Resolution 2015-10. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2015-10 adopting local limits to regulate discharges of process wastewater pollutants to the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was no public comment.

b) Recycle Yard Waste Relocation – Chairman McIlhinney stated last fall there was discussion on relocating the yard waste area to across the street. Mr. Wynn stated the plans were approved by the Bucks County Conservation District last October and the County needs to be notified before the Township begins work on the re-location. Mr. Wynn will provide the drawings and specifications to Township Manager Rick Schnaedter and he will notify Deep Run. Chairman McIlhinney also stated cameras will be set up, tied into the police station, at the yard waste area.

c) Rickert Road Bridge – Chairman McIlhinney stated a meeting will be scheduled in early June at a location unknown at this time. Plans that were drawn up in 2004 showed a wide bridge with sidewalks on either side and, apparently, the proposal may have changed. All three Supervisors have agreed they want a modern, wide bridge that takes the hump out of the road, provides safety and be done as quickly as possible. Chairman McIlhinney will take the information to the meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Agricultural Security Area – 3 Properties – Chairman McIlhinney stated at the Ag Security Committee meeting three properties were considered for approval to be included in the Agricultural Security Area. The meeting was properly advertised per the Township Solicitor. The vote was 5-0 to include all three of the properties to be included in the Agricultural Security Area. Solicitor Harris stated he will prepare the resolutions for the next meeting for adoption. Solicitor Harris stated the Ag Security Area should be reviewed every seven years to make sure the properties are still being used for agricultural purposes. John Wietecha, Ag Security Board, asked if the new owner of the Egley property needs to submit paperwork to the Ag Security Board if it is still being farmed.

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Solicitor Harris stated if the area is still being farmed, it does not require additional approval. But when it is no longer being farmed, it must come out. Solicitor Harris stated the Board of Supervisors asks for the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Bucks County Planning Commission, and the Advisory Committee 120 days prior to the end of the seventh year. Solicitor Harris stated the Ag Security Committee can start now visiting the properties on the list.

b) Soliciting Ordinance – Solicitor Harris stated he and Chief Engelhart have been working on the Transient Business Retail Ordinance for door to door sales and tent sales for fireworks. Solicitor Harris would like to revise the current ordinance, submit it to the Chief for comments, and then make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Bennington questioned Chief Engelhart if the ice cream vendors and hot dog vendors that show up at all fields are providing background checks and if this is included in the ordinance. Chief Engelhart stated the vendors are included in the ordinance. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, for Solicitor Harris to draft a revised Soliciting Ordinance for review. There was no public comment.

c) Barb Matkowski – Civic Association Presentation – Barb Matkowski stated she is on the Scholarship Committee of Hilltown Civic Association. Ten out of thirteen to seventeen applicants are interviewed and four \$1,000.00 scholarships are granted. The association is limited with their funds. Last year they did their first Community Day with Hilltown Township supplying the fireworks and would like to know if the Township would be interested in sponsoring this year's fireworks display at this year's Community Day on October 10, 2015. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to sponsor the fireworks at this year's Community Day in the amount of \$3,000.00. There was no public comment.

d) Jamie L. Gwynn – BCATO Presentation – Jamie Gwynn, Assistant to the Manager of Northampton Township and Executive Director of BCATO since December, gave a presentation. BCATO is in its' 108th year and services 30 Townships of the Second Class including its Supervisors, Managers, Tax Collectors, and Auditors. They have three events per year: Spring Convention, Hospitality Suite at PSATS, and the Annual Fall Meeting. Stacey Mulholland, Vice Chairman of Plumstead Township, Second Vice President of BCATO, and Chairman of the Membership Outreach Committee, and Daniel McPhillips, Chairman of Warrinster Township, and Chairman of the Education Committee were also present and spoke in regards to their respective Committees. The next meeting of the Outreach Committee in Upper Bucks is May 27, 2015 at 7:30 A.M. at the Pennridge Regional Police Department. The next Education Committee is on June 23, 2015 7:30 A.M. in Richland Township. Chairman McIlhinney stated the last time Hilltown Township was involved with BCATO there were several concerns at that time: 1. A Legal Fund was being established, where lawyers were going to be hired to fight the school districts and/or tax collectors and a surcharge was going to be collected by the members. 2. A Co-op was going to be set up when there was already the Bucks County Consortium and Co-Stars to enable and assist Townships to purchase materials and it didn't make sense for a third entity,

made up of mostly Township Supervisors, would now be superseding professionals in that field of supplying merchandise to the Townships. 3. There was a proposal approved by all the members there, except for Hilltown Township, which was going to give free college education to Penn State University to all volunteer firemen, their wives, and their children. Chairman McIlhinney stated he felt Hilltown Township was not represented. Mr. Gwynn responded he did not know what the legal problems were a few years ago but it is not a requirement to contribute membership dues or to a legal fund. Hilltown Township is a member of BCATO regardless of payment under the 2nd Class Township Code and the Charter. They ask for a flat fee of \$100 compared to their counter parts in Montgomery and Chester Counties that offer higher rates. They still use Co-Stars and Bucks County Consortium and it is not on their agenda to take over that process. BCATO goes for the majority of the Townships and does not know how it was in the past, but the intent is to make it an avenue where everyone can come together, get some education, and run the municipalities more effectively and efficiently. Chairman McIlhinney asked if they are still promoting free college education for the firemen, wives, and their children. Ms. Mulholland stated she thought it was a bill and she does not know if it has been re-introduced but it hasn't passed the Pennsylvania Legislature. Supervisor Bennington stated he was part of the BCATO Board in the past and these people there tonight were not part of that organization and we cannot hold them accountable for other policies. Supervisor Bennington stated the Board will need to re-look into BCATO.

e) 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 May 1, 2015 and May 31, 2015, excluding holidays. 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 May 1, 2015 and May 31, 2015, excluding holidays. Motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington being the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington stated at the intersection of Route 152 and Mill Road, people have been knocking over the mile marker, beginning to knock over the stop sign and the whole side of the road is indented and needs to be looked at by Rick and Tom. Supervisor Groff stated the storm sewer at Route 152 has been fixed and thanked Solicitor Harris for the cell tower negotiations.

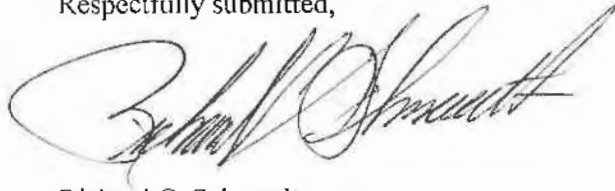
11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Jerry Guretse, President of the Telford Fire Company, stated 22 of the active fire fighters have completed the 66 hour emergency medical responder class, and, through a grant, and acquired five AED's. They are not looking to be EMS but are trying to be prepared to serve the community better. The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Guretse.

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

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13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the April 27, 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 Supervisors at a public meeting).