HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

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 Richard Schnaedter, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart, Township Solicitor Stephen Harris, and Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn.

1. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Chairman Mellhinney announced the Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, real estate, legal, and informational matters. Chairman McIlhinney announced the Hilltown Township Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the Hilltown Civic Park, 1123 Route 152, rain or shine.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Board of Supervisor's Meeting
- b) Financial Report February, 2015
- c) Bills List February 25, 2015 March 4, 2015
- d) Hilltown Fire Company 2015 Fire Agreement Signature from BOS

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to accept and approve items a) through c) on the Consent Agenda, not including item d) for the Hilltown Fire Company 2015 Fire Agreement, which was tabled, and with the following corrections in the minutes: 1. On page 5, 9. b) the second to last sentence should read " ...and the vendors shown in this proposed Spring Fair are more into ecology ... " 2. On page 7, second paragraph, "Solicitor Harris discussed the intersection at Route 152 and Rickert Road ..." There was no public comment.

- <u>CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS</u>: None.
- 5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report -

a) <u>Rickert Road Speed Limit Ordinance</u> – Solicitor Harris stated the ordinance reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH on Rickert Road from Dublin Borough to Forest Road was advertised for adoption. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance #2015-007 establishing a maximum speed limit of 35 MPH on Rickert Road from Dublin Borough to Forest Road.

Solicitor Harris stated four zoning hearing board applications have been scheduled including impervious surface limit of 20% to permit the construction of a patio/pool/pool house, a determination that an existing attached garage is legal non-conforming and a single family dwelling can be constructed without

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the removal of the attached garage, a sign for special events for the Calvary Church, and a re-scheduled hearing for side yard setbacks for an accessory structure greater than 250 square feet. The Board does not wish for the solicitor to attend any of the four upcoming zoning hearings.

6. PLANNING: None.

7. <u>ENGINEERING</u>: Mr. Wynn stated a pre-construction meeting was held for the Regency at Hilltown development and construction is scheduled for mid-April.

8. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>: None.

9. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

a) <u>Steve Kendra – Civic Association Presentation</u> – no one was present.

b) <u>Scott Drumbore, H&K – Requesting for extension of hours of Concrete, Asphalt, and</u> <u>Crushing Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry</u> – Township Manager Richard Schnaedter stated H&K has requested, per their letter dated March 11, 2015, 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 March 23, 2015 and April 30, 2015, excluding holidays. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of operating hours at the Skunkhollow Quarry from March 23, 2015 and April 30, 2015, excluding holidays, according to the request letter dated March 11, 2015. Motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington being the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

c) <u>Discussion of expanding snow clearance Ordinance</u> – Mr. Schnaedter received a request from a resident who would like their street to be added to the list requiring sidewalk snow removal. After discussion, Mr. Schnaedter will contact the resident, give him a copy of the ordinance, and explain that $\frac{1}{2}$ of the residents on the road will need to sign a petition requiring sidewalk snow removal in order for it to be presented in front of the Board of Supervisors for their consideration at a public meeting. Chief Engelhart stated the original intent of the ordinance was for the children that had to walk to school. The children residing at the road in question do not walk to school but need to get to the bus stop.

d) <u>Discussion of adopting local limits to regular discharges of process wastewater pollutants</u> to the Hatfield Twp. <u>Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant</u> – Mr. Schnaedter stated a letter was received from the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority requesting the Township to adopt revised limits and update the 2011 resolution. Supervisor Groff stated HTMA has revised its local limits for regulating discharges of process wastewater in accordance with PADEP and USEPA pretreatment

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requirements. Solicitor Harris stated he will update the 2011 resolution and have it ready for the April board meeting for adoption.

Chairman McIlhinney stated there is a property being considered for Open Space and would like the authority to have it appraised. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to authorize the appraisal of the property being considered for Open Space. There was no public comment.

10. <u>SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:</u> Supervisor Groff would like to extend his condolences to Tom Buzby and Tony for the loss of their wife/mother.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. <u>PRESS CONFERENCE</u>: No members of the press were present.

13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the March 23, 2015 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 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).