

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:06PM 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:

a) **Chairman McIlhinney announced the Board of Supervisors will meet in Executive Session after this meeting to discuss legal and real estate matters.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Supervisor's Meeting
- b) Bills list dated May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- c) Ivy Hill Equestrian Facility – Mylars for Signature
- d) Ivy Hill Equestrian Facility – Agreements (Improvement & Financial) for Signature

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 APPOINTMENTS:

a) Kelly Much – 3232 Berry Brow Drive – Request to install fence within Township Easement – Ms. Kelly Much was in attendance to request to obtain permission for installation of an aluminum fence on the right side her property located at 3232 Berry Brow Drive, Chalfont, PA. Ms. Much stated the proposed area may encroach into an easement and she will accept the responsibilities. Supervisor McIlhinney stated that the Township may need to access the area so the fence must be removable. Ms. Much stated that the fence will be removable and her neighbors gave approval. Township Solicitor, Steve Harris, stated he will draft an agreement to state the construction of fence is approved, and the need to remove it from the easement if the Township needs to access the property. He will work with the Zoning Officer, David Taylor, to

make the process simple and quick so the permit may be released in a few days. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, to approve the fence placement on the property of Ms. Kelly Much, located at 3232 Berry Brow Drive, Chalfont, PA. There was no public comment.

5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Harris stated he should have the Fire Company billing ordinance by the next board meeting.

6. PLANNING: None.

7. ENGINEERING: C. Robert Wynn, Associates

a) Bituminous Sealcoat Bids for authorization to advertise – Mr. Wynn requested the authorization to advertise approximately 64,600 square yards of bituminous sealcoat for the following roads: South Perkasio Road, Twinbrook Road, E. Creamery Road, Hayhouse Road, Pinewood Lane, Longview Road, and Welcome House Road from Rickert Road to Dublin Road. The specifications would be advertised so that the bid opening would occur on July 11, 2014 and could be considered at the July 14, 2014 or July 28, 2014 meeting if the July 14, 2014 meeting should be cancelled. The specifications would be written so that all work must be completed during the month of August so that the sealcoat application is not occurring after school is open. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to authorize Mr. Wynn to advertise the bituminous sealcoat bids for the following roads: South Perkasio Road, Twinbrook Road, E. Creamery Road, Hayhouse Road, Pinewood Lane, Longview Road, and Welcome House Road from Rickert Road to Dublin Road. There was no public comment.

b) Carson Helicopter Land Development – Acceptance of completion of maintenance period – Mr. Wynn stated the cleanup and repair work required for completion of the 18-month maintenance period for Phase 1 of the Carson Helicopter Land Development has been satisfactorily accomplished and included the replacement for dead buffer trees, removal of remaining erosion and sedimentation control facilities, repairs to the split rail fence, and removal of support stakes and guy wires installed on trees in place longer than one year. Mr. Wynn recommends acceptance of completion of the maintenance period for required improvements and release of the remaining escrow funds associated with this portion of the project. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to accept the completion of Phase 1 of the Carson Helicopter Land Development, and the request to release the remaining escrow funds associated with Phase 1 of the Carson Helicopter Land Development project. There was no public comment.

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c) Mill Road Bridge – Authorization to remove the DBE – Mr. Wynn stated the total cost for the Mill Road Bridge was \$11,046.96 which exceeded the \$5,000.00 budget for flood contingency. However, this work is offset by savings in other construction items such as stone fire cleaner, stone backfill, and other miscellaneous items such that the project currently is approximately \$22,000.00 under the contract accounts. Approximately \$9,000.00 of these funds will be utilized to repair 80 feet of eroded stream bank that parallels Mill Road and was accomplished under an emergency permit approval by DEP. Additionally, Blooming Glen Contractors submitted a request to revise the completion date from August 22, 2014 to September 11, 2014 due to the time loss because of flooding conditions. The contract executed between Blooming Glen Contractors, Hilltown Township, and PennDot does not permit an extension in the deadline for completion due to weather conditions. The work is also five days ahead of the original schedule which would result in the completion by August 22, 2014. Mr. Wynn stated, on behalf of Hilltown Township, he will deny the extension request. Mr. Wynn received correspondence from McCormick Taylor, Inc. noting that PennDot policy change no longer requires 10% disadvantage business enterprises (DBE) on projects that require only one person staffing for the duration of the project such as Mill Road bridge repair. The request was made to the Township to permit McCormick Taylor, Inc. to remove the DBE requirement for the replacement of the Mill Road Bridge and will provide the same inspector-in-charge for the duration of the project. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to remove the DBE (disadvantage business enterprises) requirement for the Mill Road Bridge project. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) H&K Quarry- Request for extension of hours of operating hours for July, 2014, Both Concrete/Asphalt Batch Plants – H&K has requested to operate 6:30 pm to 6:30 am, Monday through Saturday for the month of July, excluding holidays. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, to grant the extension of operating hours for July, excluding holidays, according to the request letter dated June 16, 2014. Motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington being the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

b) Honor Flight Bucks County Donation – Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to honor the World War II veterans and

to support the program, make a contribution in the amount of \$550.00 for a ¼ page ad in the fall of 2014 edition of the directory. Mr. Schnaedter added the ad will contain the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors and contain the Township seal. There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington asked Mr. Schnaedter to look into applying for the Marcellus Shale grant that was in the recent edition of the Township News. There will be a meeting on July 8, 2014, 7:00 pm at the Township Building in regards to the Fall Festival.

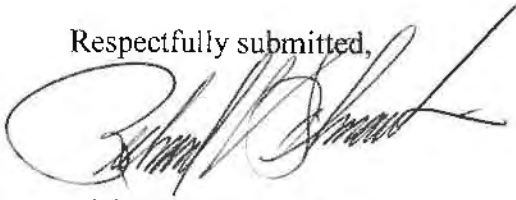
11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Drumbore, H&K, was in attendance to give a status report in regards to the noise complaints from the Blooming Glen contractor's shop. Mr. Drumbore monitored the shop on June 17, 2014 from 11:00 PM to 2:00 AM at several different locations across the property. At the Minsi Trail location, the range was below 50 decibels and spiked up to the 60-65 range when a motorist was on the road. He then did monitoring on the Quarry side of the stream and worked his way toward Mr. Shawn Barnes's residence. The noise range was in the 50's from the trucks starting up with the backup alarms. He ended in the quarry at the top of a stockpile which was a direct shot between the back of the shop and Mr. Barnes's house. The readings were stable with the other readings, 45-50 range, but there were more spikes on top of the pile. He then went outside of the quarry and picked a spot along the fence. He stayed there for 28 minutes waiting for a backup alarm. When he did hear a backup alarm, it didn't register on the noise monitor. Mr. Drumbore stated it would be a challenge to put a berm up, or any type of mitigation measure. They have been more focused on changing the activity in the yard and rearranging vehicles including backing up all vehicles at the end of the day. Mr. Drumbore stated their safety department verified they cannot have hypass switches. Strobe lights cannot be used and smart alarms, at times, are almost undetected. Supervisor McIlhinney stated a letter was received by Mr. Barnes stating there are federal measures that can be done, including muffling, as long as there was someone behind the truck. Mr. Drumbore stated something may happen if, for some reason, someone is not behind the truck. Supervisor McIlhinney stated muffling is allowed. Supervisor Bennington clarified with Mr. Drumbore the rearranging of the vehicles to cut back the backup times, and then requested to re-address the issue to see if the new arrangement has cut back the noise. Mr. Barnes stated that it has been better and there are spikes, but it depends on the schedule. He also stated that he appreciates what Mr. Drumbore is doing. Solicitor Harris suggested implementing the new arrangement and returning in one month to report on the changes.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the June 23, 2014 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.

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).