

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, December 9, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7:05PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman
James C. Groff, Supervisor
Richard C. Schnaedter, Township Manager
Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police
Randall Tanghe, Lt. Detective
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary

A. ANOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) A Public Hearing will be held at 7:30PM this evening to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance by specific change to the official Zoning Map of the Zoning District Classification of TMP #15-1-8 from the Light Industrial (LI) Zoning District to the Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District. Said property is located on the west side of Bethlehem Pike south of its intersection with Keystone Drive.
- 2) The Planning Commission meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 16, 2013 has been cancelled. The next meeting of the PC will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014 (due to the Martin Luther King holiday) at 7:30PM.
- 3) The Board of Supervisors meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 23, 2013 has been cancelled. The Board of Supervisors will hold its annual Reorganization Meeting at 7PM on Mon., Jan. 6, 2014.

B. COMMENDATION PRESENTATION: On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Groff presented Chairperson Salvadore with a Commendation noting her contributions to Hilltown Township, along with an engraved gavel in recognition of her final meeting and completion of her term as a member of the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Salvadore has loved every minute of being a Supervisor, despite the many challenges it has presented. She thanked her fellow Supervisors, the Township staff and professionals for their assistance over the years.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

- 1) Ms. Joan Cullen, 832 Wynnefield Drive, cited the overwhelming opposition in the meeting room this evening to the re-zoning request by SWS. She personally expressed concern with increased trash truck traffic, especially at the Rt. 113 and Bethlehem Pike intersection.

2) Ms. Kathy Lawler of Dorchester Drive cited two recent fatalities within two months from accidents involving trash trucks and commented that Hilltown does not need any additional trash truck traffic.

3) Mr. Robert Nelson, 1025 Cherry Drive, is also opposed to the re-zoning request, expressing concern with what he considers a dangerous traffic situation at the Bethlehem Pike/Rt. 113 intersection. He asked the Board to deny the request by SWS to rezone the property on Bethlehem Pike from LI to HJ.

4) Mrs. Leslie Bassett, a neighboring property owner, asked what benefits the Township would gain by approving the SWS re-zoning request. Chairperson Salvadore explained that this advertised Public Hearing is to do just that, hear comments from the public and noted that the Supervisors would not be entertaining any questions this evening. Mrs. Bassett cannot understand how a trash transfer station would be a benefit to the community with the additional heavy truck traffic it would bring.

5) Mr. Patch Bassett stated that the neighboring residents know what to expect with the Light Industrial District uses over the years. It is the fear of the unknown with the Heavy Industrial District that will create a huge impact on the neighborhood.

6) Ms. Jean Bartholomew of 122 Devonshire Way cited the extreme traffic congestion she and her husband presently experience when trying to leave their home which is located within the nearby Village at Dorchester over-55 community. She cannot imagine what impact the increase in truck traffic will have on the surrounding area.

7) Mr. Dave Cooper of 3379 Bethlehem Pike reminded the Supervisors of the photograph on the Township's website homepage, showing a pastoral and serene view, and asked them to keep that photograph in mind when they make their decision on the SWS re-zoning request matter this evening.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the November 25, 2013 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Bills List dated December 10, 2013.
- Financial Statement for month ending November 30, 2013.
- Silverdale and Souderton Fire Companies – 2014 Fire Protection Agreement for Signature.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to approve and accept the Consent Agenda items as noted above. There was no public comment.

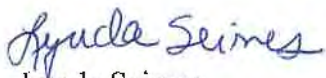
E. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

G. PRESS CONFERENCE: There were no questions from those reporter's present.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the December 9, 2013 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors regularly scheduled worksession meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Scimes
Township 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).