

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING  
Monday, October 14, 2013**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7:03PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman  
Richard C. Schnaedter, Township Manager  
Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police  
Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) It was noted that Supervisor Groff would not be in attendance this evening.
- 2) Mr. Chuck Stockert requested to be rescheduled as a Confirmed Appointment at the Oct. 28th meeting to discuss status of the Conservation Easement Purchase of his property.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the September 23, 2013 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Bills List dated October 15, 2013.
- Financial Statement for month ending September 30, 2013.
- Notification of Sketch Plan/Staff Meeting – Philadelphia Arch Diocese property.

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

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Bid Award – Bid #2013-6 – Roof Replacement – Base bids, plus Alternate #2 (Ice and Water Shield on entire roof deck) and Alternate #3 (Upgraded GAF Golden Pledge Warranty) were tabulated with the results as noted below:

<u>Pro Com Roofing:</u>	Base Bid -	\$106,000.00
	Alt. #2-	\$ 6,600.00
	Alt. #3 -	\$ 4,800.00
	TOTAL:	\$117,400.00

<u>Ram Siding Co.:</u>	Base Bid -	\$115,084.00
	Alt. #2 -	\$ 2,650.00
	Alt. #3 -	\$ 2,600.00
	TOTAL:	\$120,334.00

Jermar Contracting: Base Bid - \$122,750.00  
Alt. #2 - \$ 2,350.00  
Alt. #3 - NO BID\* (Incomplete)  
TOTAL: \$124,100.00

Jim Miller Roofing: Base Bid - \$160,000.00  
Alt. #2 - \$ 3,500.00  
Alt. #3 - \$ 2,850.00  
TOTAL: \$166,350.00

D.A. Nolt, Inc.: Base Bid - \$166,970.00  
Alt. #2 - \$ 4,040.00  
Alt. #3 - \$ 10,730.00  
TOTAL: \$181,740.00

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2013-6 Roof Replacement to ProCom in the total amount of \$117,400.00, which includes Alt. #2 and #3 as noted above. There was no public comment.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion of Dublin Borough's Request for funding for joint repair of Rickert Road – Correspondence dated Oct. 7, 2013 was received from Dublin Borough Counsel requesting that Hilltown assist to make necessary repairs to that portion of Rickert Road which borders Dublin Borough and are seeking co-funding in the amount of \$87,656.25 per municipality. Discussion took place. As was the case in 2010, the Supervisors unanimously felt that the portion of Rickert Road in need of the major road reconstruction is the sole responsibility of Dublin Borough as specified in the 1957 agreement between the two municipalities.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously to deny the request by Dublin Borough to assist with funding for the repair of Rickert Road for the reasons as specified above. There was no public comment.

F. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Mrs. Barbara Geitz of 4422 Bethlehem Pike asked when the SWS Re-zoning hearing will be continued, and if additional public comment would be permitted. Chairperson Salvadore advised that a hearing date has not yet been established, and explained that there would be no further public comment at that hearing. Once a date for the hearing has been established, it will be posted on the Township website.

2) Mr. Robert Nelson of 1025 Cherry Drive wondered why it is taking so long to render a decision on the SWS Re-zoning Request, when an overwhelming majority of residents who attended the Public Hearing were opposed. Supervisor McIlhinney commented that it is not a popularity contest, and that the Supervisors are required to evaluate the rights of all parties involved, including the applicant. Mr. Nelson referred to the recent traffic fatality on Bethlehem Pike involving a trash truck, and noted his concern with an additional 262 trash trucks being on the road if SWS's proposal is approved.

Chairperson Salvadore stated that she personally has been observing the traffic at the Rt. 113 and Bethlehem Pike intersection almost every day since the Public Hearing to gather her own information. She reminded those present that the Supervisor's job is to be very thorough and to obtain all the facts before taking action. Chairperson Salvadore also noted that the Public Hearing is simply to address the re-zoning request by SWS, and is not for approval of the recycling facility itself.

3) Mr. Mark Geitz referred to comments previously made by Planning Commission member, Joe Marino that the PC was basing their recommendation on SWS's actual proposal along with the rezoning request, which is in direct contradiction to Chairperson Salvadore's last statement. Supervisor McIlhinney stated that the Supervisors cannot respond to what may or may not have been said at the Planning Commission meeting, and agreed with Chairperson Salvadore that the Public Hearing was to consider the applicant's re-zoning request only. Mr. Geitz commented that the condition of the intersection of Rt. 152 and Keystone Drive is deplorable, which will only become worse with additional truck traffic.

3) Ms. Barbara Geitz referred to the only center turn lane of Bethlehem Pike, where presently tractor trailer drivers who perhaps are not familiar with the area or cannot access a business's driveway due to the size of the vehicle, often park in that center turn lane for deliveries, creating a hazardous condition.

4) Mr. Jim Ravert of Longleaf Dr. was disappointed that Solicitor Grabowski, who presided over the SWS Public Hearing, would not allow reports or other evidence to be entered into the record without the author of the document being present. He does not believe that the author of the SWS Traffic Impact Study was present however that document was permitted to be entered into the record.

5) Ms. Barbara Matkowski, 1818 Keystone Dr., questioned the results of the SWS Traffic Impact Study, which included very short wait times that did not sound feasible with the addition of 200+ more trucks to the roadway in the vicinity of the site. She is certain that the additional truck traffic will negatively impact the surrounding intersections.

6) Ms. Doreen Cooper, 817 E. Reliance Rd., feels the SWS proposal is effectively dividing the community, with those on the opposite end of the Township in support of the

proposal and those like herself who live in the general vicinity of the site, very much opposed. Citing increased traffic and decreased property values, Ms. Cooper asked the Board to consider the opinions and concerns of those most affected by this proposal before making a decision.

7) Mr. Dan Youells, 4529 Bethlehem Pk., stated that while the area in question is zoned Light Industrial, there are quite a few properties with a business and a residential dwelling combined, such as his own. Since a trash transfer station currently exists in the Bethlehem Pike area, Mr. Youells felt the Board should deny the re-zoning request by SWS.


8) Mr. Earl Smith, 608 Keystone Dr., believes that Light Industrial zoning is a buffer between Heavy Industrial and Residential zoning, and should remain that way. Mr. Smith is convinced that the installation of this recycling center would decrease property values and create a traffic safety nightmare. He urged the Board to deny the applicant's request and to respect the wishes of the residents in this area of the Township.

9) Mr. Mark Geitz commented that at the Public Hearing, SWS was afforded the opportunity to present a statement from a realtor claiming that property values would increase, however Mr. Geitz noted that the realtor in question happened to be the one marketing the property.

H. PRESS CONFERENCE: There were no questions from those reporters present.

I. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously, the October 14, 2013 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes  
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).