

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, March 12, 2012**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7:00PM 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
Lynda S. Scimes, Township Secretary

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Board met in Executive Session following the last meeting to discuss real estate issues.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting
- Bills List dated March 13, 2012
- Financial Statement dated February 29, 2012
- 2012 Fire Protection Agreement for Signature -- Hilltown Fire Company

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

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Engelhart recognized Sgt. Francis Dilworth who will be retiring after 25 years of service with the Hilltown Police Department effective March 16th. He personally thanked Sgt. Dilworth for his loyalty, leadership, service and professionalism, noting that he is not just a colleague but a friend who will be greatly missed by the entire Police Department. Sgt. Dilworth thanked the Supervisors for recently hosting a retirement luncheon in his honor.

2. Consider Police Officer Appointment -- Pursuant to Sgt. Dilworth's retirement, Chief Engelhart had been authorized to conduct a series of tests and other screening processes in order to find a qualified Police candidate. After written and physical agility examinations testing sponsored by the Bucks County Police Chiefs' Assn., and with nearly 200 applicants participating, top scoring candidates were then invited to submit an application to the Hilltown Police Department. Six eligible candidates submitted applications and participated in an Oral Board Examination. Chief Engelhart introduced the top candidate, Mr. Christopher J. Ives, a 37 year old, who along with his wife Danielle and three daughters, resides in Egg Harbor Twp., NJ. Mr. Ives was raised in Doylestown, served 4 years in the Coast Guard and is currently a 10-year

veteran of the Egg Harbor Township Police Department. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from Thomas Edison State College, and a Masters Degree in administrative science from Farleigh Dickinson University. He is also certified through the PA Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission.

Motion was made by Supervisor Groff and seconded by Chairperson Salvadore to appoint Mr. Christopher Ives as a Police Officer for Hilltown Township. Supervisor McIlhinney was opposed. Motion carried. There was no public comment.

Chairperson Salvadore then issued the Oath of Office to Officer Ives.

3. Officer Commendations – Chief Engelhart was honored to present an official Commendation and the Medal of Honor Award to Officers John Gildea and Richard Tucholski for their brave acts during events that transpired on 9/06/11 involving an armed subject who had expressed suicidal threats and violent threats against law enforcement. In recognition of their valorous actions during this incident without regard to their personal safety, Chief Engelhart officially commended and awarded Officer John Gildea and Officer Richard Tucholski with the Hilltown Township Medal of Honor, and thanked both for their continued service, dedication and professionalism.

4. Consider Resolution urging Pennsylvania General Assembly to Eliminate or Amend the State Prevailing Wage Act – Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2012-11, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act.** There was no public comment.

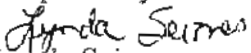
E. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

G. PRESS CONFERENCE: No members of the press were in attendance.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the March 12, 2012 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM.

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).