

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, February 13, 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 were: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman
James C. Groff, Supervisor
Richard C. Schnaedter, Township Manager
Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police
Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Board met in Executive Session following the January 23, 2012 meeting to discuss real estate, legal and personnel issues; and will hold an Executive Session following this meeting as well.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Minutes of the January 23, 2012 Supervisor's Meeting and Conditional Use Hearing.
- Bills List dated February 14, 2012.
- Financial Statement dated January 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Supervisor Groff to accept and approve the Consent Calendar items as noted above. Supervisor McIlhinney seconded the motion for discussion purposes only.

Supervisor McIlhinney expressed displeasure that none of the following three services were discussed or authorized at a public meeting:

- (1) Benner and Wild - \$1,308.25-legal services for the UCC Code Appeal Board
- (2) David M. Kemmerer-\$200.00-pre-employment polygraph testing
- (3) James Sabath-\$120.00-police testing

With respect to the pre-employment/police testing billing, Mr. Schnaedter gave Chief Engelhart authorization to proceed with the recruitment of a police officer, and had advised the Supervisors that the hiring process, which is budgeted for 2012, was about to commence. Chairperson Salvadore recalled that the Supervisors had verbally directed Mr. Schnaedter to proceed with the hiring process in Executive Session.

Supervisor Groff reaffirmed his original motion to accept the Consent Calendar items (a) through (c). Chairperson Salvadore agreed. Supervisor McIlhinney was opposed. Motion carried: 2:1. There was no public comment.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consider appointments to the Board of Auditors (3 vacancies) and the Planning Commission (1 vacancy) – Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Bela Soni, Mr. Wally Rosenthal, and Mrs. Patricia Garland to the Board of Auditors. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairperson Salvadore to appoint Mr. Jon Apple to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission. Supervisor McIlhinney was opposed. Motion carried: 2:1. There was no public comment.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Orchard Road Bridge Sidewalk Repair Proposals – Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to award the lowest responsible bid proposal to repair the sidewalk damage at the Orchard Road Bridge project. There was no public comment.

2. Police Officer Recruitment/Hiring Process - Chief Engelhart explained that after an Executive Session on September 12, 2011, the Board authorized him to proceed with the selection process for a police officer in anticipation of Sgt. Dilworth's retirement in March of 2012. Based on that direction, Hilltown participated in the Bucks County Police Consortium testing sponsored by the Bucks County Chief's Association. Testing was conducted on October 29, 2011, with approximately 200 applicant's participating. As a result, six of the top seven applicants elected to proceed, and then participated in oral board examinations. A top candidate then emerged, who has completed physical, polygraph and psychological examinations, and is partially through a background investigation at this time. Chief Engelhart anticipates that he will seek authorization to hire the top candidate at the March 12, 2012 meeting. Sgt. Dilworth's date of retirement is March 16th, and it is Chief Engelhart's hope that the process to promote from within the Department to the Sergeant's position will be authorized once a new officer has been hired. Discussion took place.

Supervisor McIlhinney stated that he never agreed to proceed with the testing and hiring process as indicated by Chief Engelhart.

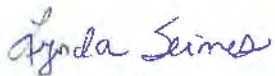
F. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

H. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

I. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the February 13, 2012 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings taken by Mrs. Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer, and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).