HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING Monday, September 12, 2011 7:00PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:00PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Barbara A. Salvadore, Vice-Chairperson

James C. Groff, Supervisor

Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer

Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary/Interim Manager

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. A Public Hearing has been advertised for 7:30PM this evening to consider an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through the County of Bucks for stormwater drainage and street improvements to Conestoga Way at an estimated cost of \$91,000.00. CDBG funding may be used for a variety of neighborhood improvement projects. All projects must be designed to benefit low/moderate income persons or eliminate conditions of blight.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Minutes of the August 8, 2011 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Minutes of the August 22, 2011 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Bills List dated September 13, 2011.
- Financial Statement dated August 31, 2011.
- 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension.

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

D. <u>ENGINEERING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer -</u>

1. <u>Possible FEMA/PEMA Reimbursement for Morgan Lane/Orchard Road Sidewalk and Bridge/Culvert Repair</u> – Hurricane Irene caused significant damage to the sidewalk located at the Orchard Road Bridge, as well as the creation of a gravel sandbar in the Steeplebush Drive culvert, erosion along Hillcrest Drive between the two bridges, and minor damage to the pedestrian bridge along Orchard Road. Mr. Wynn presented photographs of the damage for the

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Board's consideration. Lengthy discussion took place about the possibility of applying for PEMA/FEMA funding after the repairs are complete.

Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to seek proposals for repair of the sidewalk on Orchard Road and authorization to apply for an emergency permit to remove the gravel bar. There was no public comment.

2. <u>Groff Subdivision – Acceptance of Completion</u> – Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to accept completion of public improvement and commencement of the 18-month maintenance period for the Groff Subdivision. There was no public comment.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. <u>H&K Quarry Request for Extended Hours of Operation</u> Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the extension of hours of operation for the H&K Materials Concrete Batch Plant and Asphalt Batch Plant between 6:30PM and 6:30AM, Monday through Friday from September 1, 2011 and September 30, 2011. There was no public comment.
- 2. <u>PP&L Right-of-Way Easement Request for Liberty Towers Site</u> Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, and seconded by Supervisor Groff, to authorize the execution of the PP&L Right-of-Way Easement Agreement for the Liberty Towers site. Chairman McIlhinney was opposed. Motion carried: 2:1. There was no public comment.
- 3. <u>Discussion of compensation for Interim Manager Appointment</u> Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the additional salary of \$2,500.00, apportioned accordingly over a 90 day period to Lynda Seimes as compensation for the Interim Manager appointment which was made on August 22, 2011. There was no public comment.
- 4. Seek Authorization to Repeal Ordinance #2006-5, Sex Offender Residency Requirement Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance #2006-5, Sex Offender Residency Ordinance. There was no public comment.

F. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Salvadore requested an Executive Session following this meeting to discuss personnel with respect to the Chief's request for police officer selection. She also

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requested an informational session following this meeting to obtain information regarding possible police vehicle replacement.

- 2. Supervisor Groff mentioned correspondence received from PSATS, urging member municipalities to express their support for the Pennsylvania National Guard and Reserve by adopting a Statement of Support. Chairman McIlhinney commented that he does support the military and does support adopting the proposed Statement of Support. He explained his opposition was to PSATS or any other entity speaking for Hilltown Township and doing it by default. Supervisor Salvadore agreed, and the Board unanimously consented to adopting a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserves.
- 3. Chairman McIlhinney announced the Board would meet in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss personnel and for informational purposes.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Mr. Steve Kendra, representing the Hilltown Civic Association, was in attendance asking the Board's consideration for use of the Civic Park for the start and end of their proposed 20 Mile Bike Ride Fundraiser, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 9AM. The group would erect a tent for registration and to serve cider and light refreshments at the end of the ride. A \$25.00 per rider fee will be charged, and profits from the event will go toward replenishing the Civic Association's annual Scholarship Program. Mr. Kendra provided the Board and Chief Engelhart with a map of the bike route, and advised that if there was a large turnout, he will make arrangements with the fire police for traffic control as groups of riders leave the park at the start of the race. Discussion took place. The Board appreciated Mr. Kendra's enthusiasm and was very supportive of the request. They agreed to waive the park rental fee.
- H. <u>PRESS CONFERENCE</u>: There were no questions from those reporters present.
- I. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Upon motion by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to adjourn the September 12, 2011 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Surves

Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary/Interim Manager

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