

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, January 28, 2008
7:00PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Richard J. Manfredi at 7:02PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman
 Barbara A. Salvadore, Secretary/Treasurer
 Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
 C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
 Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police
 Lynda S. Seimes, Administrative Assistant to the Township
 Manager

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on January 12, 2008 in order to discuss real estate, litigation and personnel; and also met on January 26, 2008 in order to discuss real estate and personnel.

2. A Public Hearing is advertised for 7:30PM this evening to consider the application of B & V 313 Enterprises, LLC for the intermunicipal transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License from Sellersville Borough to Hilltown Township for the specific purpose to be used in conjunction with a proposed restaurant use located at 624 W. Rt. 313 within the PC-2 Zoning District.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the December 20, 2007 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Minutes of the January 8, 2008 Reorganization Meeting.
- Bills List dated January 29, 2008.
- Solicitor's Report.
- Police Reports for November and December 2007.
- Zoning Hearing Board Annual Report for 2007.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, to approve and accept the Consent Agenda as noted above. Prior to a vote, discussion took place.

Chairman Manfredi noted the following correction to the last paragraph, last sentence of page 8 of the December 20, 2007 Supervisor's meeting minutes:

- Delete the words “...at a previous **Budget Worksession meeting.**”

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to approve and accept the Consent Agenda, with the noted correction to the December 20, 2007 Supervisor’s meeting minutes. There was no public comment.

D. LEGAL – Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor -

1. Stormwater Management and Monitoring Agreement for Jack James of 1281 Rt. 113 - Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Manfredi, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the Sewage Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for Jack James. There was no public comment.

E. ENGINEERING – Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer –

1. Coventry Meadows I Subdivision – Improvement Extension – Correspondence dated January 14, 2008 was received from the applicant, DeLuca Homes, requesting a 24 month extension in the timeframe for completion of improvements within the Coventry Meadows I Subdivision. The current timeframe for completion of improvements is March 30, 2008, however Mr. Wynn noted that only one dwelling has been completed and one dwelling is under construction in the foundation stage. Internal streets are in binder and stormwater management basins are functioning as erosion and sedimentation control facilities.

Chairman Manfredi questioned the need for a 24-month extension. Mr. Wynn explained that the developer realistically expects that they would not have completed all of the improvements in 12 months, since they would not even have half of the dwellings constructed at that point. Personally, Chairman Manfredi is not inclined to grant a 24-month extension when the standard is 12-months.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore to approve the requested extension for 24-months to complete improvements at the Coventry Meadows I Subdivision as noted above, with the additional requirement that the Financial Security Agreement, Letter of Credit and Cash Escrow funds be increased by 10% to guarantee completion of improvements for the first 12 month extended period, and in February of 2009, the Escrow balance would then be increased by an additional 10% for the second 12 month period. Prior to a vote, discussion took place and Public Comment was heard.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Joe Marino of Redwing Road referred to the extremely poor condition of some roadways near the Coventry Meadows I Subdivision, and asked if the roadway deterioration is due to construction activity associated with the subdivision. Mr. Wynn explained that the area of roadway in poor condition is not along the frontage of the site, rather portions of the road beyond the Tall Oaks Subdivision to Diamond Street is the area that is in the worst condition. He advised that Keystone Drive, between the Village at Dorchester and Coventry Meadows has been paved in its entirety. Several years ago, the road in front of the Tall Oaks Subdivision was also paved, however Mr. Wynn acknowledged that the area from Tall Oaks out to Diamond Street has not been paved in 20 years.

There was no further public comment.

Chairman Manfredi was opposed to the motion because he felt that only a 12-month extension should be granted. Motion carried 2:1. There was no further public comment.

2. Village at Dorchester – Maintenance Period/Extension – Correspondence dated December 17, 2007 was received from W.B. Homes, Inc. requesting an extension in the maintenance period for the Village at Dorchester until July 23, 2008. Punchlists dated October 4, 2007 and December 3, 2007 itemize a number of landscaping and “hardscape” items, which require repair/replacement prior to acceptance of the maintenance period within the development. The punchlist items are weather sensitive and cannot be accomplished at this time.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to grant approval of the extended maintenance period for Village at Dorchester Subdivision until July 23, 2008, noting that there is adequate financial security to guarantee completion of remaining punchlist items. There was no public comment.

3. Summer Lea Subdivision – Maintenance Period/Extension – The maintenance period for the Summer Lea Subdivision (TH Properties Phase) expires on February 28, 2008. As noted within punchlist correspondence dated October 22, 2007, there are a number of Township improvements requiring repair/replacement. Castle Valley Consultants, on behalf of the HTWSA forwarded a punchlist to the developer on December 20, 2007. TH Properties has indicated that they will be requesting to extend the maintenance period and bond that is set to expire on February 28, 2007; however correspondence/bond extension has not yet been received.

Mr. Wynn advised that since the bonding company (Lexon Insurance Company) must be notified of a claim by the Township Solicitor in advance of February 28, 2008, action must be taken this evening. Unless correspondence/bond extension is received prior to the February 25, 2008 Supervisors meeting, Mr. Wynn requested that the Board authorize Solicitor Grabowski to notify the developer and bonding company of the intent to make claim against the bond if the bond is not extended to provide additional time for completion of maintenance punchlist items.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to approve the extension of the maintenance period for the Summer Lea Subdivision until July 31, 2008; and to authorize the Township Solicitor to notify the developer of the Summer Lea Subdivision, TH Properties, and their bonding company, Lexon Insurance Company, of the Township's intent to make claim against the bond if the bond is not extended to provide additional time for completion of maintenance punchlist items, as noted above. There was no public comment.

4. Equestrian Court Subdivision – The maintenance period for this site has been successfully completed with no outstanding punchlist items. Since the developer, M & N Homes, could not be reached for quite some time, Mr. Wynn explained that the Township utilized escrow funds to complete remaining items last fall, including a minor drainage problem and the replacement of six trees.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to accept completion of the maintenance period for the Equestrian Court Subdivision, along with release of any remaining escrow funds and the return of the Letter of Credit to the developer, M & N Homes. There was no public comment.

5. Chairman Manfredi asked the status of the Conservation Design Ordinance. Mr. Wynn hopes to provide a draft for the Board's review within the next week and a half.

6. Chairman Manfredi also inquired as to the status of the proposed Civic Park layout. Mr. Wynn advised that additional direction is required from the Board, however the survey was accomplished, and he will provide the Board with a copy of the concept plan for review.

Chairman Manfredi explained that the Board is considering the further development of the Hilltown Civic Park with more activities and facilities, such as additional basketball courts or enlarged basketball courts, additional tennis courts, additional trails, perhaps an ice skating pond, etc., which he feels will lend itself to enhancing the Hilltown Village. The Board of Supervisors has walked the park several times, both individually and with

the Park and Recreation Board chairman. Chairman Manfredi also met with Mr. Wynn to advise of what the Board of Supervisors envisions for the Hilltown Civic Park.

7. Supervisor McIlhinney asked the time frame involved with the Summer Lea Subdivision. Mr. Wynn replied that construction took approximately 3 years, and the 18 month maintenance period will expire this year, as was discussed earlier this evening.

8. Supervisor McIlhinney mentioned the Gitlin-Johnson Subdivision, which contains the difficult intersection of Fairhill Road and Diamond Street, an intersection that he personally feels should be signalized. Supervisor McIlhinney recently received correspondence from Mr. Wynn advising that PennDot at Toll Brothers' behest, requested that the Township somehow become involved in a condemnation procedure of the property owner at that intersection. Supervisor McIlhinney recalls that Toll Brothers was directed, on several occasions to apply for a traffic signal for that intersection. He further noted that he personally does not intend to support a condemnation to solve Toll Brothers' problems.

F. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Adopting Roberts Rules of Order – Chairman Manfredi has requested that the Board formally adopt Roberts Rules of Order, Revised 10th Edition, for the conduct of public meetings.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore to adopt Roberts Rules of Order, Revised 10th Edition, for the conduct of public meetings for the Board of Supervisors. Prior to a vote, discussion took place and Public Comment was heard.

Supervisor Salvadore asked if this requirement would apply to all boards and commissions of the Township. While Chairman Manfredi only introduced this subject for the Board of Supervisor's meetings, he would certainly consider moving it forward to other boards and commissions. However, if that is the case, Chairman Manfredi stated that the Board of Supervisors must revise and amend the enabling legislation, either a Resolution or an Ordinance, which created the various boards and commissions to reflect the requirement to utilize Roberts Rules of Order, Revised 10th Edition for conduct at public meetings.

Supervisor McIlhinney wished to clarify and affirm that if the entire Board of Supervisors, for any reason during the course of discussion, decides to suspend Roberts Rules during the course of that discussion, it is their prerogative to do so. Chairman Manfredi and Supervisor Salvadore agreed that was permitted.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Joe Marino of Redwing Road advised that both the Second Class Township Code, and the Municipalities Planning Code recommend that all boards and commissions should follow Roberts Rules of Order to maintain consistency throughout the Township.

There was no further public comment.

Motion carried unanimously. There was no public comment.

***7:35PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Chairman Manfredi recessed the regularly scheduled meeting of January 28, 2008, in order to enter into an advertised Public Hearing to consider the application of B & V 313 Enterprises, LLC for the intermunicipal transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License from Sellersville Borough to Hilltown Township for the specific purpose to be used in conjunction with a proposed restaurant use to be located at 624 W. Rt. 313. The property is located within the PC-2 Zoning District.**

Solicitor Grabowski explained that the Board of Supervisors received a copy of the application for the Liquor License permit that is proposed to be filed with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; a copy of which is available for public inspection in the Township office. An appropriate notice of the advertised Public Hearing appeared in the Doylestown Daily Intelligencer on January 23, 2008. Proof of Publication is on file at the Township office.

The applicants, Mr. Vincent Visco and Mr. Brian J. Sheehan were in attendance to present their request. Mr. Sheehan advised that Mr. Visco owns the subject site, and the applicants intend to propose a two-story family-style restaurant constructed of joisted masonry, approximately 2,500 sq. ft. in size, serving Italian American cuisine. The applicants are also considering an outside seating during the summer months. The applicants have not yet hired an architect to draw the plans, pending approval of the liquor license transfer by Hilltown Township and by the Pennsylvania LCB.

Supervisor Salvadore questioned Item #5 on the application, which states that the applicant intends to permit dancing, provide floorshows, or any other entertainment. Mr. Sheehan explained that their attorney apparently completed the application incorrectly, because he and Mr. Visco have no intention of permitting dancing, floorshows, bands, or any other entertainment in the restaurant.

Supervisor McIlhinney asked if the applicant's intend to permit wedding receptions or banquets at the site, and if so, would live bands or a disc jockey be permitted. Mr.

Sheehan assured the Board that there are no plans for any type of entertainment at the site whatsoever.

Supervisor McIlhinney asked if there is an existing dwelling on the site. Mr. Visco replied that the site contains an existing dwelling and detached garage. It is their intent to demolish both structures and construct a first class restaurant.

Supervisor McIlhinney noted that there is no public water or sewer available to the area at this time. Mr. Visco is aware of that fact, which is the reason he has not proceeded with preparation of a plan. In the past, Supervisor McIlhinney commented that some businesses have operated in commercial areas utilizing holding tanks with Pump and Haul Agreements until such time as public water and sewer becomes available to the site. He suggested that the applicants may wish to obtain additional information concerning the water and sewer issue from Mr. Jim Groff, Manager of the Hilltown Authority, who is present this evening.

Supervisor Salvadore asked when it is anticipated that a plan will be submitted. Mr. Sheehan replied that he and Mr. Visco wished to ascertain the outcome of tonight's public hearing before proceeding with plans. Mr. Sheehan is in possession of a liquor license issued in Sellersville Borough, which he has placed in "safe keeping" with the LCB. He explained that the proposed restaurant would not be constructed if the liquor license cannot be transferred to Hilltown Township.

Personally, Supervisor Salvadore felt that the Board did not have enough information to approve the transfer of liquor license without reviewing a specific plan for the site. Further, she expressed concern about the lack of public water and sewer to the site.

Supervisor McIlhinney noted that Hilltown Township recently lost a liquor license in this area. Since it is the Supervisor's intent to bring first class commercial development to the Township, he believes an upscale Italian restaurant would accomplish that. Supervisor McIlhinney asked if the applicants would be willing to contribute and work with the neighbors for installation of public water and sewer to that area of the Township. Mr. Sheehan advised that he and Mr. Visco are very interested in working with the neighbors, and they have actually reached out to several of the neighboring property owners, expressing their intent for the site.

Chairman Manfredi asked if there is any urgency involved with obtaining approval for an intermunicipal transfer of a Liquor License. Mr. Sheehan explained that a Liquor License being held in "safe keeping" that has not been posted or activated requires an additional fee of \$5,000.00 payable to the Pennsylvania LCB by February 7, 2008 in order to allow the license to remain in "safe keeping." That being the case, Mr. Sheehan

sent that check to the LCB today, which will hold the permit in safe keeping for an additional year.

Chairman Manfredi suggested that the applicants consider going through the sketch plan meeting process with the Township professional staff to discuss Zoning and water/sewer issues for the proposed project. Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Visco were agreeable. Solicitor Grabowski advised that any future Public Hearing for a decision on the matter of transfer of Liquor License would require additional advertising.

***7:52PM – Chairman Manfredi recessed the advertised Public Hearing in order for the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.**

***8:02PM – The advertised Public Hearing was reconvened.**

Supervisor McIlhinney inquired as to the applicant previous ventures in the restaurant business. Mr. Visco replied that he is currently the general manager of the Fireside Bar and Grill in Ambler, and that he previously managed a restaurant in New Hope, and the Red Lion Diner in Horsham.

Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, and seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, to table the matter of B & V 313 Enterprises, LLC request for consideration of intermunicipal transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License, as noted above, pending a sketch plan staff meeting and submission of a plan for the site. Prior to a vote, discussion took place and Public Comment was heard.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Hans Sumpf of Beverly Road wondered why tonight's Public Hearing was even advertised if the proper application procedure was not followed. Supervisor McIlhinney explained that the applicant had the option to request a staff meeting prior to the Public Hearing, however it was their choice to move forward with a Public Hearing to request consideration of an intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer.
2. Mr. Vince Visco asked if the actual property address would have to be advertised for the next Public Hearing, and Solicitor Grabowski replied that it would.
3. Mr. John Bender of Quarry Road suggested that the Liquor License Application be revised to address those discrepancies regarding dancing, live bands, etc., as pointed out by the Supervisors, which were acknowledged to be in error by the applicant. Solicitor Grabowski explained that the issue of the incorrect application would be discussed during the sketch plan meeting with the professional staff.

Motion to table carried unanimously. There was no further public comment.

***8:13PM – Chairman Manfredi adjourned the advertised Public Hearing and reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors.**

F. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)-

2. Creation of Hilltown Village Visioning Study Committee – Chairman Manfredi explained that the framework for the Committee, and its specific mission would be outlined in greater detail at the February 11th meeting.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore to nominate and appoint the following individuals to the Hilltown Village Visioning Study Committee:

- Todd Polenchek
- Joe Phillips
- Lori McCauley
- Joe Brady
- Mike O'Neil

Prior to a vote, discussion took place and Public Comment was heard.

Supervisor McIlhinney provided a brief summary of the Committee, who will meet with the Township Planner, Judy Stern-Goldstein of Boucher and James, in order to establish a plan for Hilltown Village including a vision of improvements for sidewalk, curb, traffic patterns, landscaping, lighting, parks, etc. This project planning is being funded through grant monies obtained from the State of Pennsylvania.

Chairman Manfredi noted that this Committee is specific to the grant that was awarded to the Township by the Commonwealth for community involvement in the planning process for Hilltown Village.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Henry Rosenberger of Blooming Glen referred to previous meetings where the Board discussed planning for the other two Village Center districts, including Blooming Glen and Line Lexington. He asked if the same kind of procedure would follow as other grants become available. Chairman Manfredi explained that the Board is only acting on forming a committee for Hilltown Village this evening because the Township was awarded a planning grant for only one village center at this time.

The Township did, however, apply for a planning grant for the Village of Blooming Glen, and it is Chairman Manfredi's hope and understanding that the Blooming Glen Village Grant will most likely be funded. Should that happen, the Board of Supervisors would follow the same course of action by appointing a Blooming Glen Village Visioning Committee.

2. Mr. Jim Groff of 1331 Fairhill Road asked what criteria was involved with choosing the individuals appointed to the Hilltown Village Visioning Committee. Chairman Manfredi noted that it was driven by the ability to appoint representatives of the various interests in Hilltown Village. For example, one appointed individual lives further down on Broad Street, one member is active in the religious facility located in the Village, one member is a Village resident as well as a member of the Planning Commission, one member is a business owner in the Village, and one member has an architecture background. Mr. Groff asked if the same criteria would be used to appoint members to the Visioning Committees for the Village of Blooming Glen, and then the Village of Line Lexington as well. Chairman Manfredi replied that the Board plans to follow the same model for appointees of each Village Center group. Mr. Groff asked if any resident of the specific Village would be eligible to apply to be considered for appointment to the Visioning Committee. Chairman Manfredi explained that there was not an application process involved, rather the Board of Supervisors considered the community while trying to obtain the perspective the Board is seeking. Mr. Groff asked if this particular criteria for appointment is specifically outlined in the grant. Supervisor Salvadore advised that the specific criteria was determined by the Board of Supervisors and is not outlined in the grant. Chairman Manfredi commented that unfortunately, one of the individuals the Board originally hoped would serve on this committee passed away several weeks ago – Mr. John Strauss.

Motion carried unanimously. There was no further public comment.

3. Appoint Assistant Treasurer – Chairman Manfredi requested that this become the last item on the agenda, and perhaps, before action is taken, the Board could discuss it further as a personnel matter in Executive Session. Supervisors McIlhinney and Salvadore were agreeable to amending the agenda to reflect that.

4. Create positions of Parks/Recreation and Open Space Director; and Receptionist/Secretary – Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, and seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney to create the position descriptions that include each position's core function(s) for both the Parks/Recreation and Open Space Director and the Receptionist/Secretary position; to amend the Human Resources Policy to include both positions and descriptions; and upon completion of said descriptions, to authorize the advertisement of both positions and to hire and fill the vacancies for these new positions,

for discussion purposes. Prior to a vote, discussion took place and Public Comment was heard.

Supervisor McIlhinney asked who would prepare the job descriptions for both positions. Chairman Manfredi believes that Mr. Pellegrino, the Management Consultant, should prepare the job descriptions. Supervisor McIlhinney asked if the job descriptions, once prepared, will be reviewed at a Public Meeting. Chairman Manfredi explained that what would come back to the Board of Supervisors would be consideration of amendment to the Human Resources Policy, which would include the position descriptions.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Jim Sensinger of Rt. 113 asked if the current Open Space Committee and Park and Recreation Board, both of which are made up of resident volunteers, would now be disbanded in favor of hiring a full-time employee at a specific salary with full benefits. Chairman Manfredi explained that for many months, the Board of Supervisors has discussed at great length the expansion of and the creation of a more comprehensive Parks and Recreation, and Open Space Program, with the purpose of acquiring additional open space and developing a more robust park and recreation program. The Board of Supervisors is presently in the process of considering whether or not to restructure both the volunteer Open Space Committee and the Park and Recreation Board, or to simply eliminate those committees at this time. Chairman Manfredi commented that the Board does realize that in order to do the job at hand, a full-time paid individual would be necessary.

Mr. Sensinger felt that a committee of Township residents who volunteer their time and who work for free is always a better option than paying a high-priced employee. Chairman Manfredi noted that both the Park and Recreation Board and the Open Space Committee members indicated their support for a full-time paid position due to the volume of work that has become overwhelming.

2. Mr. Hans Sumpf of 9 Beverly Road asked what salary has been budgeted for the Parks/Recreation and Open Space Director position, and if that salary will be paid with tax dollars. Chairman Manfredi replied that the salary would indeed be paid with tax dollars, noting that the Township and the corresponding services required have grown to a point where the Park and Recreation Board in particular simply cannot do all that is required, or provide the level of service the Supervisors would like to see provided to Hilltown residents.

Supervisor Salvatore also noted that the chair of the Park and Recreation Board had requested that the Park and Recreation Board be suspended until such time as this issue was thoroughly reviewed and addressed. She and Supervisor McIlhinney have carefully

reviewed the park and recreation programs of Doylestown Township, and even though there is a paid Park and Recreation Director in that municipality, the volunteer Boards and Committees are still very much needed. This does not mean not utilizing the volunteer boards and committees, rather Supervisor Salvadore explained that it means not putting the full responsibility on their shoulders.

Motion carried unanimously. There was no further public comment.

5. Prepare and Advertise new Hilltown Township Manager's Ordinance – Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Solicitor to put in Ordinance form and advertise a new Manager's Ordinance as will be forwarded to him tomorrow. There was no public comment.

***8:31PM - Chairman Manfredi recessed the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with respect to the appointment of Assistant Township Treasurer.**

***9:52PM – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was reconvened at 9:52PM. Chairman Manfredi announced that while in Executive Session, the Board of Supervisors also discussed real estate matters.**

6. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer – Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Lorraine E. Leslie as Interim Assistant Township Treasurer until such time as a Township Manager has been selected, at which time the position will pass on to the Township Manager. There was no public comment.

G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Salvadore commented that the Board of Supervisors had previously indicated that the position on the Vacancy Board would be filled by next month, however that has not yet occurred. Chairman Manfredi suggested that Supervisor Salvadore place that item on a future agenda for discussion, whether in Executive Session or during a regular meeting.

2. Chairman Manfredi referred to two intersections, such as Diamond Street and Fairhill Road, and Minsi Trail and Rt. 113, which he intends to discuss with Chief Engelhart in the future. Supervisor Salvadore, who resides near the intersection of Minsi Trail and Rt. 113, agreed that the situation has become serious with several recent accidents.

3. Supervisor McIlhinney noted that there was a concrete trucks recently ran off the side of Broad Street and flipped over, which is the second time in 3 ½ years this has occurred.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Jim Groff of 1331 Fairhill Road referred to today's press conference with the Arch Dioceses with respect to the proposed construction of a huge Catholic High School complex with several regulation-sized sports fields at the intersection of Rt. 152 and Rickert Road in Hilltown Township. Mr. Groff expressed grave concern about the increased traffic that will result, and asked if the Supervisors have reached out to the Arch Dioceses. The Board of Supervisors was unaware of the developments with this proposal until they heard about the press conference this afternoon. It is Chairman Manfredi's understanding that the Arch Dioceses previously contacted a representative of the Township in the past, however the Board was not made aware of those discussions. Chairman Manfredi intends to personally contact either Father Kelly or the Arch Dioceses to ascertain some facts about the plan, which to date has not been formally submitted to the Township.

I. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

J. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Manfredi, and carried unanimously, the January 28, 2008 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 10:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes

Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager

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