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The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:39PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were:	John S. Bender, Vice-Chairperson
	E. Diane Parks, Supervisor
	Greg Lippincott, Township Manager
	Lorraine Leslie, Township Treasurer
	Kerry L. Trauger, Chief of Police
	Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
	David W. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer

Chairperson Bennington announced the Supervisors met in Executive Session on Monday, April 24, 2000 and on Monday, May 8, 2000 to discuss legal and personnel matters. Tonight's meeting will be adjourned at 8:00PM to hold a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, relative to definitions for front yard and double frontage lots.

A. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:</u>

1. Mr. Charles Schaeffer of 109 Schultz Road asked if the Board would consider discussion regarding Senate Bill 1028, which has been passed by the House of Representatives and is currently before the Senate. In essence, this proposed Bill would provide for developers to bypass the local and state courts to take a case directly to a federal court, which may not be as sympathetic to local municipalities. At the PSATS Convention in April, Supervisor Parks commented a representative of the National Association of Township Supervisors was present urging municipalities to notify members of congress and other elected representatives that this proposed Senate Bill 1028 could be extremely damaging and potentially dangerous to local government. Supervisor Parks encouraged all Township residents to communicate with their elected representatives in Washington to "Vote No" on Senate Bill 1028. The Supervisors suggested that Mr. Lippincott draft correspondence from the Township to Hilltown's elected officials and representatives urging them to vote no on Senate Bill 1028.

B. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action on the minutes of the April 24, 2000 Board</u> of <u>Supervisor's Meeting</u> – Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2000 Board of Supervisors meeting, as written. There was no public comment. Page 2 Supervisor's Worksession May 8, 2000

C. <u>APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING</u>: Chairperson Bennington presented the Bills List dated May 9, 2000, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$43,058.06, State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$584.41, Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$1,000.00, and Fire Fund payments in the amount of \$18,355.00; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$62,997.47.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated May 9, 2000. There was no public comment.

D. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> – Chairperson Bennington read the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of April 30, 2000:

General Fund Checking Account	\$	178,869.69
Payroll Fund Checking Account	S	1,327.20
General Reserve Fund	\$	346,981.89
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$	64,304.20
Deht Service Checking Account		133,559.72
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$	232,815.92
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$	204,341.61
Capital Projects Fund		135,660.80

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2000, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

E. <u>WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT – Mr. Jim Groff, Operations</u> <u>Manager</u> – Mr. Groff read the Authority Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

With regard to the Act 537 Plan, the Authority Board met with Mr. Glenn Stinson and Ms. Beth Mahoney from PADEP on Thursday, April 27, 2000. Mr. Stinson and Ms. Mahoney were very pleased with the proposed Act 537 Plan, noting that there are no adverse comments to the plan. Correspondence from DEP will he forthcoming.

Mr. Groff received phone hids for the driveway/parking lot paving at the water tank site. The hid will be awarded at the Authority meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2000.

The Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority web page is now complete and Mr. Groff encouraged residents to log on to htwsa.org.

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Mr. Richard Manfredi of H & K Materials has requested a confirmed appointment at the May 10, 2000 Authority meeting. Mr. Groff is not certain of the topic for discussion, however he believes it may concern a proposed quarry expansion. Supervisor Bender asked the status of the study that had been conducted with regard to water being pumped from the quarry. Mr. Groff replied that the matter had been tabled. Representatives of the quarry met with the Authority Engineer, Mr. Tom Kelso, and provided water test results. The water was found to be clean, however it would need to be filtered for possible recycling.

Supervisor Bender asked if the Authority is following the well contamination issue that recently came to light near the intersection of Rt. 113 and Rt. 313. Mr. Groff replied that the Authority is following that issue closely. H.T.W.S.A. recently received notification from DEP that the Authority water supply is clean, and the Authority has met all the 1999 treatment techniques and mcl's.

At the last Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting, Supervisor Parks noted an issue was raised as to what the Township's position would be regarding on-lot septic systems and planning. A suggestion was made that perhaps this matter should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, however the Task Force did not feel the Comprehensive Plan was the right place for it. Further, by the time the Comprehensive Plan was adopted, the Task Force felt there might be system failures that could have been prevented. Supervisor Parks asked Mr. Lippincott to obtain some information from Mr. Groff concerning the proper maintenance of on-lot septic systems that could possibly be publicized. Mr. Groff advised there is a great deal of information available from DEP and the Bucks County Health Department.

F. <u>PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works</u> – Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of March 26 – April 22, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Buzby advised there are five roads that require major work – Redwing, Maron, Park, Mill and Township Line Road. The Public Works Department hopes to resume the stormsewer project that began in January as soon as possible.

G. <u>POLICE REPORT – Chief Kerry Trauger</u> – Chief Trauger read the Police Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Chief Trauger announced the Police Department will be conducting DUI checkpoints on Rt. 309 in the near future, and invited the Supervisors to participate if they so desire.

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H. <u>BUILDING REPORT – Mr. David W. Taylor, Building Inspector</u> – Mr. Taylor read the Building Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Discussion took place concerning the issue of sprinklers in residential dwellings. Mr. Taylor explained that the State BOCA Code was passed, however the law states that Licenses and Inspections has a certain amount of time and a certain process to go through to actually implement the Code. Until the BOCA Code is actually advertised in the PA Bulletin and implemented, the Township's Ordinance remains valid. Theoretically, Chairperson Bennington noted that some of the dwellings in Longleaf I and all of the dwellings in Longleaf II will be sprinklered, as well as any other new dwellings constructed prior to the final approval of the BOCA Code. When the Statewide BOCA Code is passed and adopted, any local Ordinance that was put in place after July of 1999, will be considered null and void. Hilltown Township's Ordinance was passed during a point where the Statewide Code will supercede it, however, at that time, the Township will be given three months to re-advertise and re-adopt the BOCA Code. The BOCA Code could also be re-adopted with the addition of some amendments, however anyone with a vested interest in the Township has the right to appeal it.

*8:00PM – Chairperson Bennington adjourned the May 8, 2000 worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors in order to convene the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, relative to definitions for front yard and double frontage lots.

Mr. Lippincott explained this proposed Ordinance was properly advertised in the Doylestown Intelligencer and also in the Bucks County Law Library. A proof of publication is on file at the Township office. The Township Solicitor filed a copy of the proposed Ordinance with the Bucks County Law Library, pursuant to the Municipalities Planning Code. A full copy of the Ordinance was also available for inspection at the newspaper and at the municipal office. The Bucks County Planning Commission has reviewed this Ordinance and has indicated its recommendation to adopt. The same holds true for the Township Planning Commission.

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance #2000-4, amending the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, relative to definitions for front yard and double frontage lots. There was no public comment. Page 5 Supervisor's Worksession May 8, 2000

*8:02PM – Chairperson Bennington adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors at 8:02PM.

I. <u>HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. Dan Jenkins, Captain</u> – Mr. Jenkins read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

J. <u>SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. Keith Seifert, Chief</u> – Mr. Seifert read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

K. <u>PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Mrs. Betty Snyder</u> – Mrs. Snyder read the Planning Commission Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

At their last worksession meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the Bed and Breakfast use in Section 406.I16 of the Zoning Ordinance and determined that it did not represent the recommended changes made by them approximately two years ago. Mrs. Snyder presented a copy of the proposed revised Section in question. The Planning Commission will formally recommend this proposed revision for adoption at their May 15, 2000 meeting.

Mrs. Snyder advised the Planning Commission is having difficulty finding time to review revised plans, which, at present, are required to be submitted 14 days prior to their regular meeting. The Planning Commission requested that the Supervisors consider revising their policy to change the deadline for submission of revised plans from 14 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting, to 21 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting. Discussion took place.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to change the deadline for submission of revised subdivision/land development plans from 14 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting, to 21 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting. There was no public comment.

The Supervisors directed Mr. Lippincott to revise the Subdivision/Land Development applications to reflect this change and to notify developers of this change.

Supervisor Parks questioned the proposed draft revision of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the Bed and Breakfast Section of the Ordinance, which requires that use and occupancy of an owner's primary dwelling shall be permitted for accommodating transient guests for rent subject to certain conditions and restrictions. These conditions

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and restrictions include that the use shall be permitted only in the RR Zoning District, and the use shall be carried on primarily by members of the immediate family whom must reside in the owner's primary dwelling. It appears to Supervisor Bender that these proposed restrictions would inevitably limit bed and breakfast establishments in the Township. A lengthy discussion took place.

L. <u>PARK AND RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairperson</u> – Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

The next Park and Recreation Board meeting will be held at the former Municipal Building in Blooming Glen on Thursday, May 11, 2000 at 7:30PM. The groups and individuals that presently make use of the former Municipal Building were invited to attend.

Representatives from Green Meadows Homeowner's Association met with the Park and Recreation Board at their last meeting to discuss the issue of the open space at Green Meadows (approximately 2.77 acres). That open space presently contains a swing set, baseball backstop, and a lit basketball court. On Saturday, May 6, 2000, three members of the Park and Recreation Board met with Ms. Sharon Sabella of Green Meadows Homeowner's Association to walk the open space area and discuss possible alternatives. Mr. Lupinacci advised this 2.77-acre parcel is contiguous to open space owned by the Meadow Glen Homeowner's Association. The Park and Recreation Board hopes that the Supervisors will pursue the possibility of working in conjunction with Green Meadows and Meadow Glen to utilize this approximately 6 acres of open space, possibly for Deep Run practice/playing fields. Another suggestion was to construct a trail to interconnect both parcels of open space. Representatives of the Green Meadows Homeowner's Association are scheduled to meet with the Open Space Committee at their next meeting. Supervisor Bennington commented the difficulty with utilizing these parcels of open space is the lack of parking, since both of those developments only provide parking for one vehicle per dwelling. Discussion took place.

Supervisor Bender received a phone call from a resident concerning the proposed walking trail through the Pleasant Meadows community, expressing concern with regard to the mandated width of the trail. Mr. Lupinacci explained that the width of the trail is not mandated, however it is strongly recommended that the trail be a certain width per ASHTO requirements to make it handicapped accessible. Supervisor Parks stated that part of the confusion was that the first proposed plan showed an 8 ft. wide path, however the final plan, which reflected the recommendations for safety and accessibility current at the time the plan was prepared, had changed slightly to accommodate a wider population of users. Discussion took place.

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M. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator - Mr. Grunmeier presented documentation concerning the recent MTBE release that has affected the wells of two Hilltown Township residents and one Bedminster Township resident, to date. The point of release of this contaminate is the Exxon Station located at the intersection of Rt, 113 and Rt, 313 in Bedminster Township. The property owner at the time of contamination was Farm and Home Oil Company. The contaminant is known as Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether, which is a gasoline additive that is a replacement for lead. Groundwater monitoring and continued well testing will take place. The affected property owners have been supplied with bottled water. Another meeting will be held at the Bedminster Township Building in two weeks to follow-up on the situation. It appears that the plume of contamination will continue to travel in the direction of the Morris Run Creek. Mr. Grunmeier provided a history of the facility in question, advising that the storage tanks were installed in 1990. At the time of the installation, all tanks were in compliance with standing laws and regulations. In May of 1999, Farm and Home Oil Co. suspected volume losses, and then filed an official report identifying a product release to DEP Storage Tank Division in October of 1999. DEP Storage Tank Division inspected the underground storage tanks on January 21, 1999. At the time of the inspection, the interstitial sensors were not operating.

Supervisor Parks asked the approximate depth of the wells affected. Mr. Grunmeier replied the wells range from 80 ft. to 200 ft. in depth. He believes the on-site well at the Exxon station is 80 feet deep, however the worst contaminated well is 200 feet deep. Discussion took place.

N. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Julie Stevens, Dunlap Associates - Township Auditor - Ms. Stevens 1. presented a brief summary of the 1999 Audit Report. In 1999, the General Fund assets rose from \$549,000.00 in 1998 to \$854,000.00 in 1999. The Township ended the year 1999 with a General Fund total balance of \$841,000.00, which is an increase from 1998 of \$542,000.00. There is now \$706,000.00 set aside for future projects. All the other funds look solid as well. In 1998, there were revenues of \$2.9 million, which rose to \$3.1 million in 1999. There was also an overall increase in operations before transfers of \$57,000.00. All the other funds had a positive or "break-even" bottom line for operations, as well. Overall, the Township funds combined increased by \$500,000.00 for the year 1999, excess of revenues over expenditures. There was \$2.7 million of revenues budgeted in the General Fund for 1999, however the actual result was \$3.1 million, which was a favorable variance of \$400,000.00. There was \$2.8 million of expenditures budgeted in the General Fund for 1999, however the actual result was \$3 million, which was an unfavorable variance of \$200,000.00, but was more than made up for with the excess in the revenues. Ms. Stevens noted both the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Funds are fully funded at 100% and the Township is in good standing with the

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State. Ms. Stevens thanked Mrs. Leslie, Township Treasurer, for all her help and commended her on a job well done.

Mr. Joe Walsh - Hager Subdivision Community Well Waiver Request -2. The property is located at 2900 Rickert Road and consists of 15.05 acres. The present zoning would permit a ten-lot subdivision with lots ranging in size from 5,500 to 6,900 sq. feet with a community well. The applicant is proposing a subdivision of half the density, a five-lot subdivision, without the requirement for a community well. Chairperson Bennington recalls that this property is deed restricted with a note on the plan that if the property is ever subdivided, a central community water system is required for the newly created lots and for the two existing lots that had previously been subdivided, which are presently served by private wells. Mr. Walsh is aware of the deed restriction, however the applicant does not wish to construct a community well because he feels that he could save 300 gallons of water per day per lot, with on-site wells. Mr. Lippincott noted this proposal has not yet been before the Planning Commission, nor has the Township Engineer reviewed it at this time. Chairperson Bennington explained that the Planning Commission should first review this plan so that they can provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Walsh will take this proposal to the next Planning Commission meeting for their comments.

O. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Greg Lippincott, Township Manager –

1. Mr. Lippincott presented bids for two used police vehicles and one used Dump Truck. Bid results are as follows:

Bid #2000-2(A) -	Chevrolet Lumina:
	Donald Yocum - \$2230.00
	U.S. Properties Outlet - \$611.00
	E. Joel Rosenberger - \$200.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2000-2(A) for the Chevrolet Lumina to Donald Yocum in the amount of \$2230.00. There was no public comment.

Bid #2000-2(B) -	Chevrolet Caprice:
	Government Cars Distribution Center - \$2664.00
	U.S. Properties Outlet, Inc \$2519.00
	Donald Yocum - \$2120.00
	Thomas Ross - \$1057.00

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Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2000-2(B) for the Chevrolet Caprice to Government Cars Distribution Center in the amount of \$2664.00. There was no public comment.

Bid #2000-3 – Dump Truck – No bids received.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to contact an auto scrap yard to dispose the 1979 Dump Truck. There was no public comment.

2. Mr. Lippincott received correspondence from Mr. Wynn, requesting authorization to default on Mignatti Ventures in the amount of \$6,543.17 to repair the drainage swales in the rear of properties in the Country Roads development.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to follow the recommendation by the Township Engineer to find Mignatti Ventures in default in the amount of \$6,543.17 to repair the drainage swales in the rear of properties located in the Country Roads development.

3. Mr. Lippincott recommended the appointment of Mrs. Lisa Faust to the position of part-time administrative assistant at a salary of \$11.00 per hour. Mrs. Faust has been working in the administrative office on a temporary basis since January. Her hours will continue to be 9:00AM to 2:00PM daily.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to appoint Lisa Faust to the position of part-time administrative assistant at a salary of \$11.00 per hour. There was no public comment.

4. Mr. Lippincott requested authorization to advertise for a vacancy on the Planning Commission, due to the resignation of Mr. Jim Coyne on April 30, 2000 for personal and professional reasons. The vacant term will expire on December 31, 2002.

Chairperson Bennington commented that he and Mr. Coyne have had their differences in the past, however he believes that they both have had the best interest of the Township in mind. Chairperson Bennington is sorry to see Mr. Coyne resign from the Planning Commission and wishes him the best in future endeavors.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of the vacancy on the Planning Commission, with the term to expire on December 31, 2000. There was no public comment.

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Supervisor Bender suggested that the individuals who had applied for a Planning Commission vacancy during the last advertising cycle be notified that they need not reapply, since they will be considered for this particular vacancy as well.

5. At the last meeting, the Board tabled discussion of Mr. Adolph Jager's request for the possible agricultural use of Township open space within the Longleaf II Subdivision. Mr. Lippincott asked if the Board wished to revisit that subject at this time.

Following the last meeting where this issue was discussed, Supervisor Bender commented there have been many reports about coyotes attacking sheep. He stated that the Board may wish to reconsider allowing sheep to be raised, which may attract coyotes or other predators, next to a residential area. Chairperson Bennington remains opposed to Mr. Jager's request, however if Supervisors Parks and Bender wish to table the matter for further discussion, he would be agreeable. Supervisor Bender noted that Mr. Jager never provided a clear explanation of what he meant by "livestock." Discussion took place.

6. Bill Devlin, Lynda Seimes, and Lorraine Leslic updated and retyped the Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Devlin must proofread the document and return it for adoption via Resolution by the Board of Supervisors at the May 22, 2000 meeting.

7. Mr. Lippincott reminded the Board that there is a meeting with the chiefs and presidents of the seven fire companies that service Hilltown Township at the Dublin Fire Company on Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at 7:30PM.

8. Mr. Tom Cahill of River Keepers will be the guest speaker at the June 7, 2000 Comprehensive Plan Task Force Meeting at 7:00PM.

9. Mrs. Leslie sent out year 2000 bills for the baseball advertisement signs at the Hilltown Civic Park.

10. Mrs. Seimes has been dealing with the Community Map Company to continue the process for the mailing of the Township informational map.

11. The New Britain Township Supervisors have offered the following dates for consideration of a joint meeting with the Hilltown Supervisors – Thursday, June 8th, Tuesday, June 13th, Wednesday, June 14th, and Thursday, June 15th. The Supervisors will be available to meet with the New Britain Township Supervisors on either Tuesday, June 13, 2000 or Thursday, June 15, 2000.

12. Mr. Lippincott read the Zoning Report for the month of April, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

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P. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence has been received from Mr. Nick Balbi, representing Pennridge Community Day requesting financial support and the participation of police and fire personnel for Community Day 2000 scheduled for July 9, 2000.

2. Correspondence was received from three youngsters who reside on Schoolhouse Road, thanking the Township for lowering the speed limit and erecting speed limit signs.

Q. <u>MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE</u>:

1. Cope/Landis/Alderfer Lot Line Adjustment

2. Hilltown Plaza Outparcels

R. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mrs. Jean Bolger of Rt. 152 asked how many organized sports associations are located in Hilltown Township. Chairperson Bennington advised that besides Deep Run, there is SASH and several church groups. It appears to Mrs. Bolger that Deep Run Valley Sports Association, which is a private organization, seems to get first priority to use every open space property that becomes available. Discussion took place concerning the open space property at the corner of Rt. 152 and Fairhill Road, which is being made available for practice fields for Deep Run Sports Association. Chairperson Bennington commented that Deep Run would not have exclusive use of that particular property. Mrs. Bolger is very concerned about what she views as Deep Run's obvious monopoly of open space property. While she believes Deep Run is a very worthwhile organization, Mrs. Bolger does not understand why taxpayers must subsidize their sports programs.

Supervisor Parks felt that it might be reasonable to eliminate any perception of favoritism, if the Township conducted an inventory of all the sports organizations who request field use time at Township parks and open space. Once an inventory is complete, Supervisor Parks suggested that a meeting take place with the Park and Recreation Board to provide awareness as to what types of facilities are available. Mrs. Bolger agreed with this suggestion. A lengthy discussion took place.

2. Mrs. Betty Snyder of Mill Road commented that if Hilltown Township were required to provide for the recreational needs of all the children in this Township, the expense would be astronomical. Therefore, another way to look at this is that Deep Run is saving the Township a great deal of money.

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S. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Parks echoed Chairperson Bennington's thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jim Coyne, who recently resigned from the Planning Commission. Last year, when she decided to run for office, Mr. Coyne was one of the individuals who drove her around door to door, to meet the residents. Supervisor Parks noted that Mr. Coyne has given a great deal of time and energy to the Township, and always keeps the best interests of Hilltown Township in the forefront. Supervisor Bender agreed.

2. Supervisor Bender was at the Deep Run Valley Sports facility last Tuesday evening to watch baseball when he witnessed a near miss of a tow plane and glider with another private plane. The next day, Supervisor Bender filed a Safety Concern Report with the F.A.A. in Allentown. He suggested that in the near future, a meeting should be held with representatives of the Gliderport to express the Township's concerns with such incidences.

3. Chairperson Bennington was pleased that PennDot responded so quickly to his repeated conference calls concerning the Walnut Street Bridge. The bridge has been closed for repair effective today.

4. Chairperson Bennington advised that Ms. Lynn Bush of the Bucks County Planning Commission will be providing data for the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee for a complete hydrogeological study of the Pennridge area.

T. <u>PRESS CONFERENCE</u>: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

U. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Upon motion by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously, the May 8, 2000 meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 9:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Inda Sumo ida Seimes

Township Secretary

(*These minutes were transcribed from notes and tape recordings taken by Mrs. Lorraine Leslie, Township Treasurer).