

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, April 10, 2000
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:30PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: John S. Bender, Vice-Chairperson
Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager/Zoning Officer
David W. Taylor, Building Inspector
Kerry L. Trauger, Chief of Police

Chairperson Bennington announced the Board met in Executive Session on March 27, 2000, following the regularly scheduled Supervisor's meeting, to discuss matters of personnel; and prior to this meeting in order to discuss real estate issues.

Chairperson Bennington explained that Supervisor Parks and three administrative staff members are attending the PSATS convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania and will not be present this evening.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Supervisor Bender presented the Bills List dated April 11, 2000, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$32,070.80, Fire Fund payments in the amount of \$21.64, Debt Service payments in the amount of \$43.61, and State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$3,393.14; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$35,529.19.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated April 11, 2000. There was no public comment.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT – Chairperson Bennington presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of March 31, 2000:

General Fund Checking	\$ 21,712.17
Payroll Fund Checking	\$ 1,316.89
General Reserve Fund	\$ 393,338.82
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 12,810.32
Debt Service Checking	\$ 33,127.70
State Highway Aid Checking	\$ 1,927.96
Escrow Fund Checking	\$ 203,781.73
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 134,429.80

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2000, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

D. WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT – Mr. Groff was not present.

E. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Buzby was not present. The Public Works Report for the period of February 27th through March 25, 2000 is on file at the Township office.

F. POLICE REPORT – Chief Kerry L. Trauger – Chief Trauger read the Police Report for the month of March, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

G. ZONING REPORT – Mr. Greg Lippincott, Zoning Officer – Mr. Lippincott read the Zoning Report for the month of March, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve reimbursement for the cost of BOCA plumbing certification for Mr. David Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer, pending successful completion of these three required tests.

Mr. Taylor has been investigating the matter of Aztec Industries soil clean up through DEP with little success at this time. He will continue to try to contact DEP and may make a visit to Aztec Industries this week.

I. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. Jim Walter read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of March, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Chairperson Bennington noted the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency is holding quarterly training on April 12, 2000 at 1:30PM, with the topic being Hurricane Floyd.

J. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT – No one was present at this time. A copy of the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of March, 2000 is on file at the Township office.

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

L. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Nick Lupinacci, chairperson – Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of March, 2000.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2000 at the Hilltown Civic Park at 11:00AM, with the rain date scheduled for April 22, 2000. Arbor Day Tree Planting will take place at 1:00PM on April 29, 2000 at the Hilltown Civic Park, with a demonstration and instructions for planting trees. Sixty free dogwood trees will be available for those who participate.

The Park and Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, April 13, 2000 and will be joined by representatives of East Rockhill Township to discuss a possible joint effort for Pennridge Community Day.

The manager of Green Meadows contacted Mr. Lupinacci to discuss the potential Township land use for the open space within that development with the Park and Recreation Board.

Recently, Mr. Lupinacci, Mr. Apple, and Mr. Joe Phillips (former Planning Commission member) met at the former Municipal Building to investigate the possibility of refurbishing that building for meeting use, such as Park and Recreation, Planning Commission, Open Space, etc.

Discussion took place concerning the idea of an intern from a local college to assist with the layout of the former Owen Rice open space property. Mr. Lippincott contacted Temple University who advised that this project is something they would be willing to work on during the fall semester.

M. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

N. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager –

1. Mr. Lippincott presented ten authorization vouchers for the Board's consideration, one of which is cash held by the Township:

Bricks Villa Phases I & II	Voucher #7A	\$	852.32
Country Roads Phases II, III & IV	Voucher #3A	\$	671.14
Grasse Elementary School	Voucher #01	\$	374.07
Hilltown Hunt	Voucher #49	\$	371.92

Keystone Estates	Voucher #22	\$ 355.02
Longleaf Estates Phase I	Voucher #38	\$ 798.67
Lynrose Estates	Voucher #05	\$ 3,721.91
Lynrose Estates	Voucher #06	\$ 45,942.75
Lynrose Estates	Voucher #07	\$ 21,800.00
Orchard Glen	Voucher #57	\$ 616.76

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the release of the ten authorization vouchers as noted above. There was no public comment.

2. A letter of interest has been received from Mr. Mark Fazio to fill the vacancy on the Board of Auditors. This position has remained vacant since the spring of 1999, when Marguerite Walton resigned.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Mark Fazio to the vacant seat on the Board of Auditors. There was no public comment.

3. With regard to residents request for a streetlight at the corner of Highpoint Road, Mr. Lippincott contacted PP&L who advised the light would be erected within the next two weeks.

4. Mr. Lippincott contacted New Britain Township Public Works Director, who advised that the drainage problem at Mr. Hesson's property on Upper Stump Road would be corrected by the end of this week.

5. The status of the Hilltown Plaza Outparcel retaining wall will be discussed at the April 24, 2000 Supervisor's meeting.

6. Mr. Lippincott is requesting authorization to join the City and County Manager's Association at a cost of \$322.50.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Lippincott's participation in the City and County Manager's Association at a cost of \$322.50. There was no public comment.

7. With regard to a possible joint meeting between the Hilltown Board of Supervisors and the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors, a tentative date of Monday, June 5, 2000 has been suggested. The meeting will be held at the New Britain Township Building. The Supervisors were agreeable to the date of June 5, 2000 for this joint meeting.

O. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

P. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE: None.

Q. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. John Kutzner of 53 Narothyn Road, president of Deep Run Valley Sports Association advised there is progress with the open space property located at Rt. 152 and Fairhill Road. Mr. Kutzner contacted the Bucks Conservation District who was unable to locate the plans that Mr. Wynn submitted last week. Mr. Wynn will contact B.C.D. tomorrow to determine status of the permit.

Mr. Kutzner requested the use of the property behind the Municipal Building for soccer try-outs and practice. The Supervisors were agreeable.


Mr. Kutzner will be offering a suggestion to the Park and Recreation Board at their next meeting about the possibility of Deep Run conducting intramural soccer camps in conjunction with Hilltown Township. The Supervisors felt it was a good suggestion. Discussion took place.

R. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

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

T. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously, the April 10, 2000 Worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

(*These minutes were transcribed from notes and tape recordings taken by Mr. Greg Lippincott, Township Manager).