

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING**

**Monday, July 13, 1998**

**7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:45PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman  
Charles D. Grasse, Supervisor  
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager  
Gregory J. Lippincott, Assistant Manager/Zoning Officer  
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works  
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

A. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List dated July 14, 1998, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$43,731.28, Fire Fund payments in the amount of \$42,600.00, and State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$1,275.43; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$88,056.71.

Supervisor Bennington questioned a bill from Castle Valley Consultants in the amount of \$552.50, stating he would like to hold the bill pending further investigation. The Board agreed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated July 14, 1998, with the exception of the bill from Castle Valley Consultants in the amount of \$552.50.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of June 30, 1998:

General Fund Checking	\$ 484,515.09
Payroll Fund Checking	\$ 129.01
General Reserve Fund Checking	\$ 152,559.19
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 79,439.88
Debt Service Fund Checking	\$ 175,235.00
State Highway Aid Fund Checking	\$ 229,267.02
Escrow Fund Checking	\$ 257,312.59
Capital Projects Series 1989	\$ 25,661.03
Capital Projects Series 1994	\$ 98,127.89

In order to obtain a higher interest rate on funds, Mr. Horrocks requested authorization to transfer \$300,000.00 from the General Fund into the General Reserve Fund with an open return as required by the General Fund throughout the year.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize the transfer of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund into the General Reserve Fund with an open return as required by the General Fund throughout the year; and to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 1998.

C. Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority Report - Mr. Jim Groff, Authority Manager - Mr. Groff was not present this evening. Chairman Bennett read the Authority Report for the month of June, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

D. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of May 24, 1998 through July 4, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Buzby advised Bid #98-4 for 5.3 miles of in-place paving for Rickert Road and Bid #98-5 for a 1999 One Ton Dump Truck were opened today at 1:00PM, as advertised. Bid results are as follows:

Bid #98-4 - ID-2 Wearing Course - Rickert Road:  
Blooming Glen Contractors - \$124,264.50  
M & M Stone - \$133,556.35  
P.K. Moyer and Sons, Inc. - \$146,654.50

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to award Bid #98-4 for ID-2 Wearing Course for Rickert Road to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$124,264.50.

Bid #98-5 - 1999 One Ton Dump Truck with Snow Plow:  
Bergey's GMC, Inc. - \$ 46,448.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to award Bid #98-5 for 1999 One Ton Dump Truck with Snow Plow to Bergey's GMC, Inc. in the amount of \$46,448.00.

E. POLICE REPORT - Chief George C. Egly, Jr. - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of June, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Chief Egly requested Supervisor authorization to hire Mr. David T. Miller to fill the vacancy left by Officer Wayne Moyer, with a starting date of August 3, 1998.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. David T. Miller to the position of Hilltown Township Police officer, effective August 3, 1998.

Supervisor Bennington commented the Supervisors were very impressed with Mr. Miller's qualifications. Judge Gaffney issued the oath of office to Officer Miller.

F. ZONING REPORT - Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott, Zoning Officer - Mr. Lippincott read the Zoning Report for the month of June, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

On April 13, 1998, the Township entered into an agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Downs for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance for removal of approximately 35 vehicles on the property. Mr. and Mrs. Downs agreed to construct a pole building on the site to store the vehicles inside. Mr. Lippincott noted construction on the pole building has not yet begun, and according to the agreement, as of July 15, 1998, the vehicles must be stored inside or removed from the property. Mr. Lippincott is seeking Board authorization to take this matter to the District Justice if they do not comply by July 15, 1998.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the Zoning Officer to take the matter regarding Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Downs to the District Justice for the twelve unregistered vehicles which are to be removed as of July 15, 1998.

Mr. Lippincott explained the Township enacted a zoning enforcement action against Hickory Brook Kennel on Middle Road, which they are appealing to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Lippincott is seeking Board authorization for the Township Solicitor to represent the Township during this Zoning Hearing matter.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Township during the Hickory Brook Kennel Zoning Hearing.

Supervisor Grasse noticed there are a great many signs advertising new developments within the Township and asked if those signs are permitted. Mr. Lippincott explained the applicant must obtain a temporary sign permit which is a \$1.00 fee to be returned to the

applicant when the sign is removed. Mr. Lippincott has received several phone calls and one letter concerning this issue, and he is willing to take action if the Board so desires. Discussion took place. Chairman Bennett suggested Mr. Lippincott investigate how neighboring municipalities deal with the issue of temporary signs.

G. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier - Mr. Grunmeier read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of June, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

On behalf of the Hilltown Fire Company, Mr. Grunmeier congratulated Chief George C. Egly, Jr. for being named Citizen of the Year in the Pennridge community.

H. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - Mr. Grunmeier read the Emergency Management Report; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Grunmeier thanked the Supervisors and the residents of Hilltown Township for allowing the use of the Municipal Building this past Saturday for an Agricultural Rescue Program.

I. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT - Mr. John Gillespie, Fire Chief - Mr. Gillespie read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of June, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

J. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT - Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairman - Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of June, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Lupinacci advised Theater Camp was held last week at the Blooming Glen Playground with 38 campers participating. The campers presented two shows on Friday evening with approximately 100 people in attendance.

Mr. Lupinacci advised the Park and Recreation Board, in conjunction with the Open Space Committee, has been working with Mr. Lippincott pursuing a Keystone grant. Mr. Jack Wuerstle of the Township Solicitor's office will be meeting with the Park and Recreation Board this Wednesday evening.

Supervisor Bennington questioned the delay in the development of the open space located at Rt. 152 and Fairhill Road by Deep Run Sports Association for soccer field use. It is Mr. Horrocks understanding that Deep Run needs to prep the fields for use.

K. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS - None.

L. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. Mr. Horrocks presented a series of ten escrow releases, seven of which are cash held by the Township:

Country Roads Phase I	Voucher #5B	\$ 101.35
Blockbuster Video	Voucher #15	\$ 45.76
Tall Oaks Subdivision	Voucher #10	\$ 1,145.54
Longleaf Estates Phase I	Voucher #11	\$ 3,788.72
313 Self Storage (Silverman)	Voucher #01	\$ 1,787.19
Phinney Subdivision	Voucher #01	\$ 67.31
Phinney Subdivision	Voucher #02	\$ 864.19
Quiet Acres	Voucher #15B	\$ 39.23
Quiet Acres	Voucher #16B	\$ 2,596.50
Quiet Acres	Voucher #17B	\$ 5,922.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to release the ten escrows as noted above.

2. The Police Department has requested attendance of two officers to attend a Forensic Science Seminar, which is not a budgeted item in 1998.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the attendance of one officer, Sgt. David Mahaffey, at the Forensic Science Seminar as noted above.

3. A request was received from the Blooming Glen Community Group to waive the rental fee for use of the Scout Cabin for their annual pig roast on September 26, 1998. Mr. Horrocks noted a security deposit will be obtained.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to waive Scout Cabin rental fees for the Blooming Glen Community Group for their annual pig roast on September 26, 1998.

M. CORRESPONDENCE -

1. Correspondence has been received from Berkheimer Associates advising that a recent audit has shown over \$13,600.00 of EIT fees should have gone to Hilltown Township in 1996.

2. A notice has been received from the House Judiciary Committee Task Force of Driving Under the Influence advising a public hearing will be held on August 18, 1998. If any of the Supervisors are interested in attending the hearing, documentation will be forwarded. Supervisor Bennington will be out of town on business, however he believes Mr. Horrocks should attend. Chairman Bennett and Supervisor Grasse agreed.

N. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE:

1. Alber/Vasturia
2. County Line Plaza
3. Hipple Subdivision

O. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

P. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

Q. PRESS CONFERENCE - A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

R. ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously, the July 13, 1998 Supervisor's Worksession Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes  
Township Secretary

(\*These minutes were transcribed from notes and tape recordings taken by Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager).