## Pg. 3795 HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING Tuesday, May 26, 1998 7:30PM

The regularly scheduled 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		
	Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor		
	Steve Baluh, Township Engineer's Office		

Chairman Bennett announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss legal matters.

A. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Action on the minutes of the May 11, 1998</u> <u>Supervisor's Worksession Meeting</u>: Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1998 Worksession Meeting, as written.

B. <u>APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING</u>: Chairman Bennett presented the Bill's List dated May 27, 1998, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$32,995.09, State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$1,015.00, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$42.73; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$34,052.82.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bill's List dated May 27, 1998.

## C. <u>CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:</u>

1. <u>Mr. Dennis Rosenberger - Rosenberger Subdivision</u> - Mr. Rosenberger has revised his plan from a six lot subdivision to a three lot subdivision for his property located on Seven Corner Road due to financial constraints. Mr. Rosenberger explained that conditions of approval include paving the road from its intersection with Blooming Glen Road to the first corner on Seven Corner Road, with an estimated cost of \$33,000.00. Further, the applicant is required to complete extensive improvements at the intersection of Blooming Glen Road and Seven Corner Road, including storm sewer extension and radius widening. According to Mr. Wynn's engineering review dated April 13, 1998, if the Township waives various street and storm drainage improvements that would have been required for the initial six lot subdivision, the plan should include a note

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restricting future subdivision of Lots #1, #2, and #3. The restriction from further subdivision should also be included in the property deeds. Supervisor Bennington asked if the Ordinance requires the applicant to overlay the entire roadway from Blooming Glen Road to the site on Seven Corner Road. Mr. Baluh replied the Ordinance requires complete overlay along the property frontage in lieu of other roadway improvements deemed necessary by the Township. Discussion took place.

The applicant granted a 90 day extension on May 13, 1998. The Board will render a decision at the June, 1998 meeting.

2. <u>Ms. Glenda Henofer - Block Party Request</u> - Ms. Glenda Henofer of 120 Brinkley Drive and Mr. Joe Rissotto of 209 Schultz Road were in attendance to request permission to hold a neighborhood block party in the Hilltown Woods development, between 118 and 126 Brinkley Drive. The block party is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 1998 from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Mr. Rissotto explained the site of the block party is located to the side of Schultz Road, in the rear of the development which does not open to Rt. 113. The residents are willing to leave Brinkley Drive open to local traffic, however they hope to be permitted to restrict traffic for safety reasons. Ms. Henofer advised the block party will be family oriented, with a local fire department presenting a fire prevention/safety program, possibly a canine demonstration, and games for the children. Chairman Bennett asked if alcoholic beverages will be served. Mr. Rissotto stated alcohol will be available in the homes, not on the streets.

Mr. Horrocks advised the Township's major concern is the responsibility for preventing traffic from entering the development. He does not believe the Township would be interested in scheduling police officers to patrol the block party. Mr. Horrocks suggested the residents present a detailed request in writing, specifying what ages will be involved, what they will be doing on the street, etc.. Solicitor Grabowski agreed that a request should be submitted in writing, and noted the Township is mainly concerned about the safety aspect. Further, Solicitor Grabowski believes consideration should be given to indemnification or insurance coverage of some sort so that the Township could not be held liable should any lawsuits arise due to incidents that may occur on the site. Solicitor Grabowski also suggested the residents contact the police department and the local fire department to advise of the block party.

3. <u>Mr. Pat Deon - Hilltown Square Land Development</u> - Mr. Deon was not present at this time.

4. <u>Mr. John Rice - Hipple Subdivision</u> - Mr. Rice was in attendance on behalf of Cindy Hipple to ask the Board to revisit a specific condition of preliminary plan

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approval for Mrs. Hipple's Subdivision regarding an existing shed located on an adjacent property line. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Supervisors that the shed be removed from the property line. Mr. Rice does not believe the condition imposed serves any purpose other than to trigger some possible litigation between Mrs. Hipple and Mr. Hofmann, the owner of the shed. Mr. Rice asked the Board to remove the condition from Mrs. Hipple's plan approval, so that she may move forward with her final plan of subdivision.

It was a majority consensus of the Board that the condition of plan approval should remain. Mr. Rice stated that Mrs. Hipple could post funds in escrow for the purpose of removing the shed so that she could move forward with her subdivision. Mr. Bennington suggested Mrs. Hipple provide Mr. Hofmann with an easement for the existing shed. Solicitor Grabowski believes Mr. Rice's suggestion of escrowing funds might be a viable solution. Further, Solicitor Grabowski noted that another condition of preliminary plan approval is that the ultimate right-of-way is to be accepted by the Township. He does not know the scope of area that is subject to the adverse possession claim, however, if it includes property that is within that easement, Solicitor Grabowski explained there may be a legal impediment for Mrs. Hipple to give the Township an unencumbered easement. Discussion took place. The Board was agreeable to Mrs. Hipple posting an escrow for shed removal.

Mr. Jim Neil, representing Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann, disagreed with Mr. Rice that this problem came to light as a result of the subdivision. Mr. Neil advised the problem existed prior to the Hipple's acquisition of their property and was actually disclosed as a result of a survey. Mr. Neil reminded the Board that according to the Municipalities Planning Code, a developer is given 30 days to appeal any conditions the municipality has imposed upon that plan following subdivision approval. Mr. Neil hopes the Township is not setting any precedent by allowing a developer to pick and choose among the conditions without following the proper appeal process.

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

1. Mr. Horrocks presented eight escrow releases for the Board's authorization, seven of which are bank held:

Bricks Villa Phase I	Voucher #37	\$ 315.33
Bricks Villa Phase II	Voucher #25	\$ 796.80
Country Roads Phases III & IV	Voucher #42	\$ 484.16
Hilltown Crossings	Voucher #2B	\$ 127.52
Hilltown Hunt Subdivision	Voucher #37	\$ 1,084.79
Keystone Estates	Voucher #10	\$ 386.94

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Page 4 Board of Supervisors May 26, 1998 Voucher #07 \$ 20,115.00 Longleaf Estates Phase I 667.61

Orchard Glen Associates

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to approve the eight escrow releases as noted above.

Voucher #33

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Mr. Horrocks advised the Hilltown Township Open Space Plan will be 2. presented to the Bucks County Open Space Review Board on Wednesday, May 27, 1998 at 7:30PM. Mr. Horrocks is very hopeful that the plan will be approved at that meeting.

Correspondence has been received from Cub Scout Pack #189 requesting 3. waiver of Scout Cabin rental fees on Friday, June 5, 1998. A security deposit will be required, as is the policy of the Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to waive Scout Cabin rental fees for Cub Scout Pack #189, as noted above.

Correspondence has been received from Cub Scout Pack #199, requesting 4. waiver of park usage fees for the Hilltown Civic Park concession stand on Sunday, June 7, 1998. A security deposit will be required, as is the policy of the Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to waive concession stand fees at the Hilltown Civic Park for Cub Scout Pack #199, as noted above.

Mr. Horrocks has been investigating a quote to erect a Township/Police 5. Department sign for this property. The proposed sign will consist of a carved 2 inch high density urethane sign with 23 kt. gold leaf lettering at a cost of \$3,100.00, excluding lighting and installation costs.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase and erection of a sign for the municipal building property, as specified above.

Mr. Horrocks is seeking authorization to prepare bids for the baseball and 6. soccer field lights. Mr. Horrocks noted the Township is presently in possession of lights and some poles for the soccer field, however the lights must be retrofitted.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the preparation of bids for baseball and soccer field lights, with

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the caveat that the Park and Recreation Board change the park use rules to include evening use.

7. At the Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority meeting on May 21, 1998, discussion took place concerning the failing septic systems of the Cherry Road area. The Authority recommended that a joint meeting be held with representation from the Bucks County Health Department, Hilltown Township, Hilltown Authority, and those residents involved. The Board was agreeable.

8. On May 14, 1998, a B.O.C.A. Code Enforcement notice was sent to the owner of a property located at 1230 Mill Road. The property owner has 10 days from receipt of that notice to abide by the conditions of the enforcement notice. Pending no response from the property owner within that 10 day period, Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization to take further action with the District Justice on this property.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Manager to take the property owner of 1230 Mill Road to the District Justice for violations on this property.

### E. <u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u>

1. Correspondence has been received from a number of legislators in response to a letter sent by the Township to them.

# F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor -

1. Solicitor Grabowski presented Resolution #98-31 concerning action taken at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Supervisor's Meeting regarding the moratorium placed on the Zoning Ordinance. According to the Municipalities Planning Code, Hilltown Township declared the Zoning Ordinance substantially invalid. Further, the procedure under the M.P.C. requires that within thirty days of that action, a Resolution is adopted. Solicitor Grabowski read proposed Resolution #98-31, which follows:

"Whereas, the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors formally declared the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, substantially invalid at it's April 27, 1998 public meeting; and

Whereas, the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors hereby proposes and to consider a curative amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to correct any declared invalidities; and

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Whereas, Hilltown Township has determined that the Zoning Ordinance is substantially invalid because of it's failure to provide sufficient available ground for each use as set forth; and

Whereas, Hilltown Township has further determined that the Zoning Ordinance has certain inconsistencies relating to it's performance subdivision provisions; and

Whereas, Hilltown Township has further considered the possible creation of a unified development area zoning classification to provide for controlled integrated development of a variety of residential uses, including but not limited to, golf course communities and other various forms of retirement community uses for the following purposes and goals - to provide an opportunity for integrated development of a variety of uses, to encourage the preservation of open space for conservation and recreation, to provide opportunities for site design that can serve the natural, historical, and visual resources of Hilltown Township, to provide opportunities for stormwater and wastewater management facilities that promote groundwater recharge, to provide flexibility in design and use of larger tracts of land within Hilltown Township consistent with the goals and objectives of the Hilltown Township Comprehensive Plan, to provide an opportunity for unified and harmonious development in order to establish continuity between uses in terms of character, scale, building massing, internal circulation patterns, and open space; and

Whereas, the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors seeks the protection of Section 609.2 of the Municipalities Planning Code.

Now therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

- The Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, is hereby declared substantively invalid.

- The invalidity of the Zoning Ordinance consists of the failure of Article IV, the use regulations, to provide adequately zoned ground for certain legitimate uses, including but not limited to B-3 - Single Family Detached Cluster, B-4 - Performance Subdivision, and B-6 - Mobile Home Park.

- The invalidity of the Zoning Ordinance further consists of the failure of Article IV, the use regulations, to provide for certain new residential uses, including but not limited to golf course communities, and retirement communities.

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- The Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors does hereby direct and authorize the Hilltown Township Zoning Officer, Township Manager, Township Solicitor, and Township Engineer to prepare a curative amendment to the Zoning Ordinance proposing to cure the declared invalidity. With the participation of such other consultants as the Township may provide, the curative amendment shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors within the time frame provided by law."

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unamimously to adopt Resolution #98-31, to declare the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, as invalid; and to consider a curative amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to correct any invalidities, as noted above.

Mr. Horrocks explained the Board has received a proposal from Castle Valley Consultants, with regard to this resolution. The proposal's approximate project cost is \$10,660.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to accept the proposal from Castle Valley Consultants, Inc. for a total cost of \$10,660.00 to assist in the review of this project.

2. Solicitor Grabowski presented the declaration of easement of road frontage for the Tall Oaks Subdivision located on Orchard Road.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #98-32 accepting the declaration of easement of road frontage for the Tall Oaks Subdivision.

3. Solicitor Grabowski presented a cash escrow agreement for Mr. and Mrs. Petteruti for buffer trees. The applicant had previously entered into an IRSIS maintenance agreement. The cash escrow agreement has been prepared in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to accept the cash escrow agreement for buffer trees from Mr. and Mrs. Petteruti.

4. Solicitor Grabowski presented the Phillips cash escrow agreement for buffer trees in the amount of \$3,410.00.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to accept the Phillips cash escrow agreement for buffer trees, as specified above.

5. Solicitor Grabowski presented the appropriate land development/financial security agreements, as well as the letter of credit by Union National Bank and Trust in the amount of \$312,341.10 for the Silverman Family Partnership land development for mini storage units located on Rt. 313. Further, a Holding Tank Maintenance Agreement to provide for the guarantee of maintenance for the non-residential holding tank on the property is required. A \$1,000.00 escrow deposit along with a \$300.00 filing fee has been paid to the Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to accept the land development/financial security agreement for the Silverman Family Partnership land development.

6. Last Thursday evening, the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority held a public meeting during which time they called an Executive Session in order to discuss the proposal offered by the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority. The determination of the Hilltown Authority was to reject the agreement as offered, and a second motion was made and passed by the Authority to prepare a revised counter agreement. The counter agreement was then to be forwarded to the Supervisors and all members of the Authority for review. If the language in the counter agreement was deemed satisfactory, Solicitor Grabowski explained the agreement would be sent to other parties involved in the litigation. Some of the items in the counter agreement relates to the issue of capacity and the cost to Hilltown sewer customers.

During discussions, it was determined that all members of the Authority agree with paragraph 5 of the agreement offered by P.W.T.A. relating to the restructuring of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority. Historically, when P.W.T.A. was incorporated, it had unequal representation of all member communities, with Perkasie Borough with three voting members, Sellersville Borough with two voting members, and Telford Borough, East Rockhill Township, Silverdale Borough, and Hilltown Township with one voting member each. Solicitor Grabowski advised there was a paragraph in the 1975 agreement which provided that upon the physical connection of East Rockhill Township to the regional system, P.W.T.A. would be restructured so that each community would have one vote. There was litigation involving that particular issue many years ago, yet re-structuring never took place. The Hilltown Township Authority recommends that the Supervisors take whatever appropriate action is necessary in order to restructure P.W.T.A., along with the guidelines as set forth in the agreement. Solicitor Grabowski read portions of the agreement, which follows "All parties to this agreement, Page 9 Board of Supervisors May 26, 1998

including the incorporating municipalities, shall take all steps necessary and required under the Municipalities Authority Act to restructure the membership of P.W.T.A. on or before the first regular meeting of P.W.T.A. in the year 2001. It is the intent of this paragraph that each municipality shall have one representative on P.W.T.A, and that each members municipality vote shall be weighted in direct proportion to the total EDU's connected as of the date of any weighted vote. The weight of each member's vote shall reflect their percentage of the total EDU's actually connected to the treatment plant, and any member may call for a weighted vote on any issue at any time. In the event that a weighted vote issue is called at a meeting at which a member municipality is unrepresented due to illness, vacation, or otherwise, the weighted vote issue shall not be final until it is ratified at the next available P.W.T.A. meeting; or until 30 days have passed, whichever is later." Solicitor Grabowski noted this is not the same language that existed in the 1975 agreement. The Hilltown Authority recommends that the Board of Supervisors take whatever appropriate action might be necessary to suggest that they are interested in the restructuring of P.W.T.A. along these lines. Solicitor Grabowski stated this can be done without the Supervisors signing any agreement, and suggested that the Supervisors ask P.W.T.A. to prepare the appropriate Ordinance including this language for review.

Supervisor Bennington has never been opposed to the representation issue as much as he was to other issues, however he feels the Township Solicitor should be directed to contact P.W.T.A. to prepare the appropriate Ordinance including the language as stated by Solicitor Grabowski. Supervisors Grasse and Bennett agreed.

## G. PLANNING - Mr. Steve Baluh, Township Engineer's Office -

1. <u>Hidden Springs Garden Center (Waiver Request)</u> - Mr. James Dietrich was present at the Planning Commission meeting to request a waiver of land development submission for construction of canopies for plant display areas. The request for land development was made pursuant to the recently adopted submission procedures and included a waiver request fee of \$750.00. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended waiver of the land development submission.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to approve the land development waiver request for the Hidden Springs Garden Center, as noted above.

2. <u>Calvary Church Land Development (Preliminary</u>) - The preliminary plan for Calvary Church Land Development was recommended for conditional approval by a majority vote of the Planning Commission, with the following conditions: Page 10 Board of Supervisors May 26, 1998

- Approval must be received from PennDot for proposed cartway widening/ improvements and driveway access onto Rt. 113.
- In order to mitigate traffic impact at the intersection of Bethlehem Pike/ Rt. 113 intersection, a contribution should be made by Calvary Church for future intersection improvements which may be constructed/ coordinated with future development of properties around and adjacent to the intersection.
- Planning Module approval must be received from the Bucks County Department of Health, Hilltown Township, and PADEP, for proposed sanitary sewer facilities, unless waived by PADEP.
- Plan must be revised to identify water service location proposed to be extended by Telford Borough Authority along Rt. 113 (within Hilltown Township fee simple right-of-way).
- Gravel access drive to the rear of the church addition must be expanded from 15 ft. to 20 ft. wide in accordance with recommendations by Fire Chief Coll.
- Verification of approval must be received from the Bucks County Conservation District for proposed erosion and sedimentation control facilities included in Earth Disturbance Permit, if applicable. Additionally, appropriate permits for proposed wetland crossing and encroachments must be received from Bucks County Conservation District and PADEP.
- Staging of earthmoving activities included on Sheet 5 of 22 must be revised to include reference to the installation of all stormwater management piping within the first phase of development.
- Financial security and development agreements must be executed between Calvary Church and the Township to guarantee installation of required improvements.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to table the Calvary Church Land Development Plan, pending determination of the extent of the improvements Exxon may make to the intersection of Rt. 113 and Bethlehem Pike, and the total cost of revising that intersection. Page 11 Board of Supervisors May 26, 1998

3. <u>Vasturia Subdivision (Final)</u> - This lot line adjustment subdivision located on Upper Church Road was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to the following conditions:

- Parcel "A" must be consolidated with TMP #15-28-213-1 into a single deed with a common outboundary description to prevent creation of a lot non-conforming to area requirements of the Zoning Ordinance
- Note #3 on the plan which identifies iron pipes to be placed at property corners should be revised. Pursuant to Section 522, all new property corners must be defined by concrete monuments which must be installed prior to plan recordation and be certified in writing by the responsible surveyor.
- Wetland delineation shown on the plan must include a reference identifying the responsible soil consultant and date delineation was made.
- General Note #1 must be corrected from "Said plan entitled..." to read "Said plan titled...".

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to approve the Vasturia Subdivision plan, pending completion of all outstanding items as noted above.

4. <u>Hilltown Square Land Development (Preliminary)</u> - The preliminary land development plan for construction of a restaurant within the PC-2 Zoning District at the northwest corner of Broad Street and Rt. 313 was unanimously recommended for denial by the Planning Commission. No plan revisions have been received since September 2, 1997, with the exception of Planning Modules which were submitted on October 10, 1997 (found incomplete). The Planning Commission recommendation for denial is due to non-compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance requirements as itemized in the engineering review dated September 22, 1997 and the Bucks County Planning Commission review dated September 18, 1997.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to deny the Hilltown Square Land Development due to non-compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance requirements, as noted above. Page 12 Board of Supervisors May 26, 1998 Pg. 3806

#### H. ENGINEERING - Mr. Steve Baluh, Township Engineer's Office -

1. <u>Country Roads Phase I (Extension)</u> - A request has been received from the developer to extend the time for completion of Phase I from June 1, 1998 to July 31, 1998. The main issue is the removal of sediment and restoration of the detention basin. As the site is not yet entirely stabilized, this work could not proceed this spring.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to approve the extension of time for completion of Phase I of Country Roads from June 1, 1998 to July 31, 1998.

2. <u>Silverman Family Partnership (Mylars)</u> - All requirements have been completed with the exception of execution of the Development Agreement and Holding Tank Agreement. Mylars have been submitted for signature.

### I. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE:

- 1. Culp Lot Line Adjustment
- 2. Silverman Family Partnership

### J. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mrs. Helen Satelle was in attendance in support of appointing Lt. Kerry Trauger as the next Chief of Police of Hilltown Township. Mrs. Satelle, who is a committeewoman, had a petition signed by voters on election day at the polls. At this time, there are still petitions circulating throughout the Township on a door to door basis. Mrs. Satelle believes the residents of Hilltown Township feel Kerry Trauger is the best man for the job. Last month, the entire Police Department was in attendance at a public meeting to show their support for Lt. Trauger, and at that time, Mrs. Satelle feels it was a slap in the face to those officers when the Supervisors moved to advertise for the position of Chief of Police. It is Mrs. Satelle's opinion that an "outsider" should not be brought in to manage this police department, as was done when Mr. Singley was hired as Township Manager. Mrs. Satelle appealed to the Board to name Lt. Kerry Trauger as the Chief of Police of Hilltown Township.

2. Mr. Tom Linke of 2118 Hilltown Pike grew up in Hilltown Township, and feels it would be an injustice to Township residents if an outsider is chosen as the next police chief. Mr. Linke supports the appointment of Lt. Trauger to the position of Police Chief.

3. Ms. Sandy Poust of 107 Brighton Court has been a friend and neighbor of Lt. Kerry Trauger and his family for over twenty years. Ms. Poust had not experienced

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the professional side of Lt. Trauger's life until October of 1991, when she received a phone call from a friend's co-worker, who asked if she knew why that friend had not reported to work that morning. Ms. Poust went to her friend's home to see if she was ill, when she discovered Louise Hoopes, and her two sons, Danny and Doug, who has been brutally murdered. Ms. Poust's first phone call after arriving on the scene was to the hospital where Mrs. Hoopes worked, to summon an ambulance. Ms. Poust's second call was to the Hilltown Police, who arrived within minutes of the phone

call. A young detective arrived first, followed by Detective Leyden, and then the ambulance. The fourth person to arrive was Lt. Trauger. From that time on, Lt. Trauger took care of the investigation and the procedures that followed in a professional, courteous, and reassuring manner. Ms. Poust would like to offer her support of Lt. Trauger, who has been a friend, neighbor, and true professional; and who she believes deserves the opportunity to continue to do an excellent job as Chief of Hilltown Township Police.

4. Following the Board's last meeting, Mr. John Snyder attended a Zoning Hearing training session where he learned some valuable information concerning procedures and the Municipalities Planning Code, which is constantly changing. The main topic of discussion included mobile homes (or modular homes) and the issue of intense housing.

### K. <u>SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:</u>

1. Supervisor Grasse stressed the importance of rectifying the situation with P.W.T.A. in an amicable manner for the future of Hilltown Township.

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

M. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously, the May 26, 1998 Supervisor's meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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