

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, July 14, 1997
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 7:35PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
~~Gregory J. Lippincott, Zoning Officer~~

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Action on the minutes of the June 23, 1997 Board of Supervisors Meeting: Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 23, 1997 Board of Supervisors meeting, as written.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of June 30, 1997:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 418,960.17
Payroll Fund Checking Account	\$ 515.43
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 34,732.76
Debt Service Investment Checking Account	\$ 131,736.61
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 258,878.96
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 243,461.94

Upon reading the Manager's written report, Chairman Bennett advised there is an \$81,000.00 surplus in terms of revenues received to date, and expenses are running approximately \$166,000.00 under budget. Therefore, it appears the Township may have a possible surplus in the amount of \$248,000.00 at the end of the year. Mr. Horrocks cautiously agreed that the General Fund is in a healthy financial state at this time, however he reminded the Board that the year is only half over.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 1997, subject to audit.

C. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List dated July 15, 1997, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$58,037.22, State

Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$81,174.68 and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$319.52, for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$139,531.42.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated July 15, 1997, subject to audit.

D. HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT - Mr. James C. Groff, Operations Manager - Mr. Groff read the Hilltown Authority Report for the month of June 1997, which is on file at the Township office.

E. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of May 25, 1997 through July 5, 1997, which is on file at the Township office.

The recently purchased Trackless mower is presently being repaired due to a bent boom. Mr. Buzby explained the vendor is claiming operator error for the problem, however the operator disagrees with that assessment. It was agreed that the cost of repair will be equally divided between the Township, the vendor, and the manufacturer.

Mr. Horrocks advised bids were opened at 1:00PM this afternoon for Bituminous Seal Coat (59,981 sq. yds.) and ID-2 Wearing Course (2,315 Tons - in place). Bid results are as follows:

Bid #97-5 - Bituminous Seal Coat (59,981 sq. yds.)
Shore Slurry Seal, Inc. of Coopersburg, Pennsylvania - \$46,605.24.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to award Bid #97-5 for Bituminous Seal Coat (59,981 sq. yds.) to Shore Slurry Seal, Inc. in the amount of \$46,605.24.

Bid #97-6 - ID2-Wearing Course (2,315 tons in place):
Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. of Blooming Glen - \$69,612.05
M & M Stone Company of Telford - \$ 73,478.10
Reid Paving Contractors, Inc. of Gilbertsville - \$83,687.25

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to award Bid #97-6 for ID-2 Wearing Course (2,315 tons in place) to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$69,612.05.

F. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief George C. Egly, Jr. - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of June 1997, which is on file at the Township office.

Chief Egly is seeking Board approval to hire Mr. Wayne A. Moyer as police officer for Hilltown Township, to fill the position recently vacated by Sgt. Ashby Watts who retired on June 30, 1997.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Wayne A. Moyer as a Hilltown Township police officer, beginning July 21, 1997.

G. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT - Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott, Zoning Officer - Mr. Lippincott presented the Zoning Officer's Report for the month of June, 1997, which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Lippincott recently attended a U.S. Census Seminar which was very informative. The Census Bureau is seeking municipality and community group involvement in an effort to alleviate census problems. The Census Bureau will be scheduling a meeting with Upper Bucks municipalities in the very near future.

Mr. Lippincott also attended the Bucks County Commissioners meeting held on Saturday, June 28, 1997 where discussion took place concerning the open space program. Mr. Michael Stokes of Montgomery County spoke about problems and concerns with the Montgomery County Open Space Program. Mr. William Mitchell, the director of the Bucks County Recreation Plan advised a plan would be made available to all Bucks County municipalities early this fall.

Mr. Lippincott is seeking Board permission to forward a zoning violation for a property located at 1722 Fairhill Road to the District Magistrate.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to direct the Zoning Officer to forward a zoning violation for the property located at 1722 Fairhill Road to the District Magistrate.

H. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier, Chief - Mr. Grunmeier read the Hilltown Fire Company report for the month of June, 1997 which is on file at the Township office.

I. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier - Mr. Grunmeier had nothing to report at this time.

J. SILVERDALE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. John Gillespie - Mr. Gillespie presented the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of June, 1997, which is on file at the Township office.

If the drought continues, Mr. Gillespie asked that the Zoning Officer enforce the weed ordinance. Discussion took place.

K. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT - Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairman - Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of June, 1997 which is on file at the Township office.

At the last Park and Recreation Board meeting, a local company called Opportunity Investors made a presentation concerning the placement of a soda vending machine at the Hilltown Civic Park. The Park and Recreation Board agreed to consider other options, in addition to the one presented by this company. In doing so, two options were considered - one was for the Township to purchase their own vending machine, and one was to request proposals from large soda companies, such as Pepsi or Coke, which could take several months to complete. Mr. Lupinacci presented a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board for the Board's authorization to allow Opportunity Investors to install one soda vending machine at the Hilltown Civic Park on a trial basis until October 31, 1997. If authorized, Supervisor Bennington asked where the vending machine would be located. Mr. Lupinacci believes it would be placed against the building, facing Rt. 152. Discussions with the vendor indicated that the light on the machine itself would go out during evening hours in the hopes that it would not attract the attention of vandals.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board to allow the installation of a soda vending machine by Opportunity Investors at the Hilltown Civic Park, on a trial basis, until October 31, 1997.

The Park and Recreation Board is considering scheduling a bus trip in the fall or winter, possibly to Longwood Gardens or New York City, to be offered to Township residents. Further, Jane James of the Park and Recreation Board has volunteered to be a liaison with Deep Run Valley Sports Association during discussions concerning the possibility of recreational use of vacant Township owned property by Deep Run at no cost to the Township.

L. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

M. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks -

1. Mr. Horrocks presented five authorization vouchers for the Board's approval, two of which are cash held by the Township:

Country Roads Phases III and IV	Voucher #27	\$ 1,397.80
Hilltown Hunt Subdivision	Voucher #28	\$ 1,452.12
Orchard Glen Subdivision	Voucher #15	\$ 5,639.21
Quiet Acres	Voucher #2B	\$ 190.56
Waste Management of Indian Valley	Voucher #09	\$ 760.61

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

2. A request was received from the Police Department for the adoption of an ordinance dealing with the transportation of open containers or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places and the penalties involved. ~~Mr. Horrocks asked the Supervisors to authorize the Township Solicitor to review a model ordinance from Telford Borough and draft a proposed ordinance for Hilltown Township.~~

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Solicitor to research and draft an ordinance dealing with the transportation of open containers and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places, as noted above.

3. At the July 28, 1997 meeting, Mr. Horrocks will be presenting a resolution for the Board's consideration dealing with the Hilltown Township referendum question concerning the two additional mills for the Fire Tax.

4. Due to the very sound financial state that the Township is in at present, Mr. Horrocks advised the total of all funds held by the Township has begun to go beyond one million dollars at any given time. The current Treasurer's Bond is for \$750,000.00. Niessen, Dunlap and Pritchard suggested that the Treasurer's Bond might be increased. Mr. Horrocks advised that Mrs. Leslie, the Township Treasurer, does not sign any withdrawal checks. According to Niessen, Dunlap, and Pritchard, Mr. Horrocks and each of the three Supervisors should be carried with that bond amount, and not the Treasurer. Mr. Horrocks will discuss this matter further with Mr. Gruver of Niessen, Dunlap and Pritchard, and will report to the Board with any further information at the July 28, 1997 meeting.

5. Correspondence has been received from Waste Management requesting a waiver of the overlay on Progress Drive for their land development. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting when the Township Engineer is present.

N. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

- O. PLANS FOR SIGNATURE:
1. Stephenson/Sine Lot Line Change.
- P. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- Q. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.
- R. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.
- S. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the July 14, 1997 Worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

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