

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, March 25, 1996
7:30PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:35PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action on the minutes of the February 26, 1996 Board of Supervisors meeting: Chairman Bennett advised the Legion Baseball Team has withdrawn their request for use of the Civic Park baseball field. They have decided to continue using their baseball field in Perkasio.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 26, 1996 Board of Supervisors Meeting, as written.

Action on the minutes of the March 6, 1996 Joint Meeting of the Supervisors and the Fire Prevention Bureau: Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 6, 1996 Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Fire Prevention Bureau, as written.

Action on the minutes of the March 11, 1996 Joint Meeting of the Supervisors and the Water and Sewer Authority: Supervisor Fox noted the following corrections:

- The Township Solicitor was present at this meeting, however he is not mentioned as being in attendance.

- Supervisor Fox asked for clarification of the following - pg. 2, first paragraph, 19th line down, which states "The Authority has offered to connect public water and sewer to the building, resolve the drainage problem at the park, and waive the rental fee for the Authority property located behind the municipal building which presently contains the 129 ft. Comcast tower."

Supervisor Fox asked which building the Authority has offered to connect to public water and sewer; and questioned the claim that the Authority owns the property located behind the municipal building which presently contains the 129 ft. Comcast tower.

The Supervisors agreed to table approval of these minutes until the tape can be reviewed for clarification.

Action on the minutes of the March 11, 1996 Supervisor's Worksession Meeting: Supervisor Fox noted the following corrections:

- pg. 3, second paragraph, seventh sentence, should read "Supervisor Fox stated the Zoning Hearing Board is supposed to follow the Comprehensive Plan **and the Zoning Ordinance**, not rewrite the Ordinance."

- pg. 8, second paragraph from the bottom of the page, should read: "Therefore, if any box is being requested for change for any reason that involves more than one fire company, each fire chief for **those companies** should approve it prior to Bucks County making that change."

- pg. 9, last paragraph, third sentence, should read "The development of Cedar Hill Road is currently **on** a water system owned by the North Penn Water Authority, which is an independent system."

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 11, 1996 Board of Supervisor's Worksession Meeting, as corrected.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List, dated March 26, 1996, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$11,794.61; Fire Protection Fund payments in the amount of \$5,834.23; Debt Service Fund payments in the amount of \$102.71; and State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$5,652.48; for a grand total of all funds in the amount of \$23,384.03.

Supervisor Fox asked for a clarification of the bill from Bahpco in the amount of \$728.00. Mr. Horrocks explained Bahpco is the firm who maintains the Township building's keypad security system.

Chairman Bennett questioned the bill from Grim, Biehn, Thatcher and Helf for legal services for the Zoning Hearing Board in the amount of \$517.40. Mr. Horrocks noted that bill was for one Zoning Hearing held for the Hilltown Crossings project.

Supervisor Bennington questioned the payment in the amount of \$5,800.00 due to Debt Service Fund from the Fire Protection Fund. Mr. Horrocks explained this payment reverses an incorrect deposit made to the Fire Protection Fund, in lieu of Debt Service, during 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List, dated March 26, 1996, subject to audit.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report, with the following balances as of March 22, 1996:

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| General Fund Checking Account | \$ 57,960.74 |
| Payroll Checking Account | \$ 247.76 |
| Fire Fund Checking Account | \$ 20,268.96 |
| Debt Service Investment Checking Account | \$ 54,674.97 |
| State Highway Aid Checking Account | \$ 168,930.46 |
| Escrow Fund Checking Account | \$ 107,756.96 |

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated March 22, 1996, subject to audit.

D. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS ONLY: None.

E. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Christianson - Stormwater Concerns - Mr. Ed Christianson and his wife, Mrs. Nancy Christianson, of 306 Rt. 152 are 22 year residents of Hilltown Township. Mr. and Mrs. Christianson first appeared before the Board in August of 1995, presenting photographs of the stormwater runoff problems they have experienced. Mr. Christianson advised the problem is getting worse, citing the last major storm they experienced in January of this year. Mr. Christianson presented photos of the most recent storm and its effects on their property. Mr. Christianson does not believe the detention basin at the Hilltown Hunt Subdivision is working properly. It seems that the basin releases the stormwater at a greater volume. Prior to the placement of the detention basin, Mr. Christianson noted his swale was able to contain and control the runoff. A recent storm caused the water to flow across their driveway, into their garage, and eventually into their home. Fortunately, there was no damage done to the first floor of the Christianson home, however there was damage done to their basement. There appears to be additional runoff flowing down Rt. 152 for some reason, and the detention basin across the street is not doing its job. Mr. and Mrs. Christianson are seeking the Township's assistance in possibly slowing the water which flows out of the detention basin at the Hilltown Hunt Subdivision.

Chairman Bennett apologized for not returning Mr. Christianson's recent phone call, stating he received misinformation concerning who had phoned.

From previous discussions with Mr. and Mrs. Christianson, Mr. Wynn understands this is not a new problem, though it may appear to be aggravated at present. Mr. Wynn and Mr. Horrocks visited the site last summer, discovering that the home was actually constructed in what was once a drainage way. The drainage channel was relocated to construct the Christianson home. Mr. Wynn noted the home is built very low. When the stream overflows its banks, the way the property is graded, the Christianson property receives the brunt of the runoff. When Mr. Horrocks and Mr. Wynn visited the site, they identified a number of steps to be taken to effectively reduce the frequency of the problem, or to eliminate it totally. These suggestions included re-grading, building a berm, and removing a tree. Ideally, Mr. Wynn feels the homeowner should remove their driveway pipe. Mr. Wynn explained that when the water flows down the road, it makes a 90 degree turn into a driveway pipe which is set high. Straight on, if the water does not make the turn, it will flow directly into the Christianson home. That is the area Mr. Wynn believes should be filled so that more of the flow will run beneath the driveway pipe. Mr. Wynn does not feel the photographs Mr. Christianson presented from the January storm points to problems with the retention basin, rather that particular flow was caused by the large amount of melting snow and the rain received, and also the fact that the entire site across the street is currently disturbed for construction. Mr. Wynn noted this is a condition that will only improve now that spring has arrived.

Mr. Christianson asked if the water emitted from the detention basin can be slowed down. He believes that if the flow can be retained long enough to allow the major flow of water coming down Rt. 152 to continue its course, it would help the situation greatly. At present, it appears that both the Rt. 152 flow and the retention basin flow are released simultaneously. Mr. Wynn considered this suggestion last fall, and stated this particular basin design does not have excess capacity. In order to do that, the berm of the basin would have to be raised.

Mr. Christianson stated the water flowing into the detention basin only fills to a few inches, then flows out. There is no water retention. If the basin could accept a few feet of water before slowly releasing it, Mr. Christianson believes his problem would be greatly reduced. Mr. Wynn noted retention basins are designed for a series of storms - including storms that are experienced every year to storms that are expected only once every 100 years. Therefore, most times basins do not retain a great deal of water. If the control on the outlet pipe would be tightened, it would mean that the basin would function better during frequent storms, but would fail to the point where the water would go over the top during very large storms. Mr. Christianson asked what he would have to lose by doing that. Quite frankly, Mr. Wynn does not know because the Christianson property is taking water flow from many

different directions, including the flow from both sides of Rt. 152, from the development across the street, and from the drainage ditch on the Godshall property. At one time, Mr. Wynn advised there were standards to design basins for up to 25 or 50 year storms, rather than the 100 year storms which are more infrequent. This could be something that might provide some relief in this case, and is something that is easy to do from the standpoint of modification of the outlet from the basin. In years past, Mr. Christianson noted the water would flow to Godshall's pond from the field, where it would be retained for a certain length of time. At that time, Mr. Christianson's property was not inundated like it is now.

Mr. Wynn stated the problem has been exacerbated due to the construction across the street, and also due to the combination of an unusual amount of snow and rain during the storm in January. Mr. Horrocks noted Mr. Wynn's office inspected the Christianson property that particular day in January, and it was reported that the retention basin did not fail. As a matter of fact, Mr. Horrocks stated the retention basin was almost at capacity and doing its job.

Out of curiosity, Mr. Christianson asked if this Township building has a detention basin. Mr. Wynn replied that it does not. This fact bothers Mr. and Mrs. Christianson, and they wondered why this building could be constructed without a detention basin. There are many homes being constructed along Rt. 152 which will create additional runoff. Mr. Christianson is very concerned that there will be even more flow down Rt. 152, not to mention the flow from the Hilltown Hunt Subdivision.

Mr. Wynn would like to look at reducing the flow from the basin, recognizing the fact that it means the basin, under certain circumstances, will likely overflow. There is also the possibility of raising the berm somewhat to give the basin greater capacity to allow reduction of the outflow. Mr. Wynn believes he can get an initial reaction from the developer of Hilltown Hunt within a week. Supervisor Bennington encouraged Mr. Wynn to work as quickly as possible so that the homeowners do not experience another bout of flooding. Mr. Wynn commented that when he visited the site in August, it was his understanding that the Christiansons were going to contact an excavator for input and do some of the things that were discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Christianson thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

2. Mr. Rumer - Lot #1 Hawk Ridge - Mr. Rumer is seeking a temporary waiver of constructing the cement culverts in his development until after the homes have been constructed. Mr. Rumer noted some of the builders he has spoken to have expressed concern regarding the heavy equipment traveling over and breaking up the

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culverts. Mr. Rumer asked to have the linens signed with a stipulation that the cement culverts will be installed after the construction of the homes.

Mr. Wynn explained any of the lot owners seeking a building permit would also have to apply for a driveway permit and could then be obligated to install a driveway pipe, or in this case, trench boxes, which were designed for this particular development. Normally in developments with a great deal of lots, Mr. Wynn advised they are installed ahead of time, however a temporary entrance is constructed next to the trench boxes for access to the site. The Supervisors agreed to delay the construction of the cement culverts.

Supervisor Fox noted that the linens should not be signed until the culverts are installed. Mr. Rumer advised he can not obtain a permit from the Board of Health for sewage without recorded linens. Mr. Wynn reminded the Board that Mr. Rumer is asking that the driveways not be required to be installed before recordation of the subdivision plan, and that it be the responsibility of whoever builds on the property. Mr. Wynn noted this is similar to the situation where someone would purchase a single lot in the Township and would have to obtain a driveway permit. Supervisor Fox realizes that, however he recalls incidents in the past where linens were recorded but delayed work is never completed. Supervisor Bennington asked how the Township can be sure the work will be completed. Mr. Wynn replied these are driveways and a permit is required to occupy a Township road. The Board was agreeable to Mr. Rumer's request to delay the installation of the culverts.

Mr. Rumer is also requesting that he not be required to replace the existing pipe which runs under Mill Road. Mr. Rumer noted that the new pipe the Township asked to be installed will carry no more volume of water than the existing pipe presently carries. Half of the existing pipe under the roadway was replaced in 1989 when the road was widened. If the existing pipe is carrying the same volume of water, Chairman Bennett asked why its replacement was a requirement of plan approval. Mr. Wynn explained the Board may recall that there were certain other issues waived at the time, such as curbing. One of the issues the Planning Commission and Township Engineer carefully review is the drainage structure in the area; and whether or not it requires any improvements. In this particular case, there is very little cover because it is round and is also very shallow. Replacing it with an upgraded reinforced concrete pipe is preferable and is what is shown on the plan as approved by this Board. Supervisor Fox asked if it was necessary to replace the pipe. Mr. Wynn believes the existing pipe has many more years of life to it, yet it would probably never need to be replaced if it were replaced now with a reinforced concrete pipe.

Supervisor Bennington asked if the existing pipe could be reinforced so that Mr. Rumer does not have to install the more expensive elliptical pipe. Mr. Wynn stated the problem is that whether the existing pipe remains or a new similar pipe is installed, there is not enough cover involved because of the deterioration of the roadway. Based on the survey information, Mr. Wynn noted there is currently 6/10ths of a percent grade between the pipe, the outfall from the retention area, and the culvert. It was proposed to increase it over 1% by dropping the pipe approximately 2 1/2 inches. There is a bit of ponding there, and there will be a tendency for that to occur more so because it is flatter. Mr. Wynn believes the Supervisors could waive the installation of the new pipe without any adverse impact. Supervisor Fox noted the plan will have to be revised.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to waive the installation of the elliptical pipe for the Rumer Subdivision; and to delay construction of the driveway entrances until application for building permit is submitted.

3. Mr. Bruce Allen - A & T Chevrolet - The applicant was not present at this time.

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

1. Mr. Horrocks presented five escrow releases for the Board's approval, all of which are bank held letters of credit:

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| Bricks Villa | Voucher #15 | \$ | 1,084.12 |
| Country Roads Phase II | Voucher #21 | \$ | 244.07 |
| Deerfield | Voucher #11A | \$ | 93.96 |
| Deerfield | Voucher #12A | \$ | 3,583.79 |
| Hilltown Hunt | Voucher #13 | \$ | 298.61 |

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

2. Mr. Horrocks presented linens for signature following this meeting for Bricks Villa Phase II.

3. Mr. Horrocks asked the Board to consider adopting Resolution #96-13 which notifies Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency that he, as Township Manager, will be authorized to execute for and on behalf of Hilltown Township, the snow relief monies from the Federal government.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #96-13, notifying**

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the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency that Mr. Horrocks is authorized to execute for and on behalf of Hilltown Township, the snow relief monies from the Federal government.

4. A request has been received from two fire chiefs to attend a seminar, along with Mr. Horrocks. The seminar will be held in Harrisburg and deals with consolidation of fire departments. Mr. Horrocks requested the Board to authorize \$933.00, which will be the total cost for the attendance of all three individuals.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the expenditure of \$933.00 for the attendance of two fire chiefs and the Township Manager at the fire department consolidation seminar to be held in Harrisburg on May 16th and 17th.

5. The Park and Recreation Board has presented Recommendation #96-2, which follows:

"At their meeting on March 14, 1996, the Park and Recreation Board voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they fund the installation of the lights at the baseball field at the Civic Park."

Supervisor Fox asked what the cost will be. Mr. Horrocks does not have an exact figure at this time, however he knows the poles are approximately \$4,800.00. At the last Park and Recreation meeting, Mr. Lupinacci advised there was an estimate discussed in the amount of \$12,000.00 for installation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the Park and Recreation Recommendation #96-2, to fund the installation of the lights at the baseball field at the Civic Park.

6. A sub-committee of the Park and Recreation Board met with Mr. George Spotts of the Bucks County Planning Commission concerning revisions to the Hilltown Township Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. It was strongly recommended that a citizen survey be sent to residents in order to strengthen the plan. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board's authorization for the cost of a bulk mailing. Supervisor Bennington suggested the survey become part of the newsletter so that only one bulk mailing is required. The Board was agreeable.

7. Mr. Horrocks recommended that the Board approve switching employee medical insurance coverage from Trustees Insurance Fund to Blue Cross/Blue Shield (with prescription plans). Mr. Horrocks noted the employees will receive better medical coverage, and the

Township will save over \$10,700.00 per year. One hundred percent of the employees have opted to switch medical insurance coverage pending Board approval.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize switching the employee medical insurance coverage from Trustees Insurance Fund to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Personal Choice with prescription plan for medical insurance coverage.

Further, Mr. Horrocks asked the Board to sign amendments concerning the change in employee medical insurance coverage to two labor agreements, including the 1996-1997 agreement with the Public Works Department, and the remaining 1996 agreement with the Police Benevolent Association.

8. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization to investigate upgrading the Township employees dental plan. The potential cost to the Township for the upgrade is approximately \$1,400.00 per year. The Board was in agreement to allow Mr. Horrocks to investigate this possibility.

9. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization to bid on the construction of a salt storage building and a seasonal storage building. Also included in that authorization would be permission to allow the Township Engineer's office to assist in preparation of specifications for those bids.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Manager to go out on bid for the construction of a salt storage building and a seasonal storage building, with the assistance of the Township Engineer in the preparation of specifications for those bids.

10. Mr. Horrocks requested Board authorization to bid on the installation of exercise stations at the Civic Park, at a cost of up to \$5,000.00. Funds for this project were provided by a legislative initiative grant the Township received late in 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the Manager to go out on bid for the installation of the exercise stations at the Civic Park at a cost of up to \$5,000.00.

11. The Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority has agreed to upgrade the line along Rt. 313 in Dublin. Hilltown Township Ordinance #92-2 states that the priority of water systems will go to the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board direction as to who will own and operate the Dublin T.C.E. water system when it becomes operational.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint the operation and the ownership of the Dublin T.C.E. water system to the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority.

12. The Township has received interest from 10 individuals to participate on the Open Space Committee. Mr. Horrocks is seeking direction as to who the Board would like to appoint to this committee. Supervisor Bennington feels it is important to appoint members to the committee this evening so that a meeting can be scheduled in the near future. Further, Supervisor Bennington believes a representative from a municipality who previously approved this referendum, as well as a representative of Bucks County, should attend the first meeting of the Open Space Committee. Supervisor Fox agreed, stating he feels Mr. Lupinacci should be the chairman of the Open Space Committee, since he is also the chairman of the Park and Recreation Board. Supervisor Bennington felt Mr. Horrocks, as the Township Manager, should be a non-participating moderator of the Open Space Committee.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint the ten Hilltown Township residents who expressed interest to serve on the Open Space Committee and to schedule meeting dates as soon as possible.

13. The Township has received a preliminary, unofficial revised copy of the Second Class Township Code which will take effect on May 9, 1996.

14. Mr. Horrocks advised the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer have been working on an amendment to a Sewage Treatment Agreement for the Reblock family. The site is located on Broad Street. Mr. Horrocks believes the Reblocks established the first stream discharge agreement with the Township. Since that time, the Township has reduced the escrow amount required. Mr. and Mrs. Reblock have requested that the Township consider reducing the escrow amount involved.

Solicitor Grabowski explained that over the years, the Township has required that an appropriate amount of money be placed in escrow in order to insure that these alternate types of systems are maintained properly. This money remains indefinitely so that if the property is ever sold or transferred to someone else, the escrow fund is available. With the Reblock system, the Township estimated that \$5,000.00 should be the required sum to provide for a suitable escrow for maintenance and operation. Since that time, there have been many other systems placed into operation in Hilltown Township. When Mr. and Mrs. Reblock requested that their escrow be lowered, Mr. Horrocks asked Mr. Wynn for his expertise in the matter to see if the amount could be reduced. It is Mr.

Wynn's recommendation that the amount can be lowered, and in fact, it has been lowered to the amount of \$2,500.00 in other instances and has proven to be a sufficient amount. The question before the Board is whether they would consider decreasing the escrow amount from the sum of \$5,000.00 to a sum of perhaps \$2,500.00. If the Board decides to approve this request, an agreement must be executed by the applicant and by the Township, which is then recorded with the Recorder of Deeds office. This is done so that future owners are obligated to insure that the system is maintained properly. Since the original agreement was recorded in 1991, Solicitor Grabowski advised the Township must make an amendment which must be recorded at the Recorder of Deeds office. If the Board decides to allow for a different amount, Solicitor Grabowski suggested that it is done by amendment that is recorded, and that the cost be borne by the applicant.

Supervisor Fox asked if \$2,500.00 for a system that will fail is enough to correct the problem. Mr. Wynn advised \$2,500.00 is the escrow amount of all the other Sewage Treatment Agreements. That amount of money is provided in the event that there is a problem with the system so the Township could take whatever action is necessary to correct the problem. For a small flow treatment facility, Mr. Wynn noted the Township could take action to shut down the entire system. The Township would also notify the Bucks County Health Department to involve them with violations for not maintaining the system. Mr. Wynn explained the escrow fund is not established to mechanically replace the system.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to reduce the escrow amount from \$5,000.00 to a sum of \$2,500.00 for the Reblock Sewage Treatment Agreement, with the stipulation that the recording fees be paid by the applicant.

G. CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. Correspondence has been received from the Telford Fire Company advising they have agreed to remain as members of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

2. Correspondence was received from the Chief Deputy District Attorney and the Senior Deputy District Attorney commending a Hilltown police officer.

3. Mr. Horrocks provided the Board with a copy of the Bucks County Planning Commission review letter regarding a proposal for a new junior high school which will be located in Silverdale Borough.

4. Mr. Horrocks presented a list of proposed resolutions for the 1996 State Convention.

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

1. Solicitor Grabowski presented a Declaration of Easement for road frontage for the subdivision of John and June Pellow, and Michael and Deborah Purdy. The site located on South Perkasio Road. This proposal is a two lot subdivision which provides for a previous parcel that was restricted by a covenant under a plan from the 1960's. The request was to allow for the parcel to be used for a single family residence. Solicitor Grabowski advised there were some Department of Environmental Protection permits required, because there will be a stream crossing for water and sewer services.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #96-14 to accept the Declaration of Easement and to Declare Public Purpose for the Pellow Subdivision.**

I. PLANNING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer - Due to the lengthy agenda this evening, Chairman Bennett advised the five minute time limit for speaking on each item will be enforced.

1. St. Philip's Church (Preliminary/Final) - Mr. Wynn advised the Planning Commission unanimously recommended this proposal for preliminary/final approval conditional upon the following:

- Execution of an escrow agreement in a manner satisfactory to the Township to permit the proposed parking lot to be installed as stone at this time while providing for installation of paving within two (2) years.

- Verification of approval must be received from the North Penn Water Authority and Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority relative to public water and sewer facilities.

- Verification of approval must be received from the Bucks County Conservation District for proposed erosion and sedimentation control measures.

- The nine parking lot trees proposed to be installed pursuant to Section 523 of the Land Development Ordinance must be accomplished prior to issuance of an occupancy permit for the proposed addition.

- Zoning dimensional requirements contained under Note #3 on the plan must be revised to reflect current lot width and yard requirements for the CR-2 Zoning District.

In addition, Mr. Wynn noted the Planning Commission unanimously recommended waiver of installation of sidewalks along the frontage of the site as may be required by Section 513 of the Land Development Ordinance.

Mr. Wynn advised the Bucks County Planning Commission review has not yet been received, and recommended that the Board table this plan until receipt of the review.

2. Country Roads Phase III & IV (Final) - The Planning Commission unanimously recommended final approval conditional upon the following:

- Resolution of the Telegraph Road bridge design and guarantee for completion in a timely fashion. The Planning Commission suggested that the subdivision agreement require that construction of the Telegraph Road bridge must be completed prior to issuance of any building permits for what was Phase IV; specifically, the agreement would provide that not more than thirty-two building permits be issued within Phase III and IV before completion of the bridge. Twenty seven permits were to be issued after bridge completion.

- Execution of appropriate agreements between the applicant and the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority for public water and sewer facilities.

- Execution of appropriate right-of-way/easement documents as required by the plan.

- Plan must specify that Phase II and IV construction traffic must access the site utilizing Fieldstream Drive via Telegraph Road. No construction traffic will be permitted within the Phase I portion of Country Roads and Wheatsheaf Lane.

- An escrow agreement must be executed between the applicant and Township to guarantee "public" improvements.

- Final plans must be signed and sealed by the responsible surveyor and professional engineer.

- Engineering/drafting details contained within the February 21, 1996 review must be accomplished in a manner satisfactory to the Township.

Mr. Wynn advised the site is located on Walnut Street near South Perkasio Road. Phase I and II are under construction at this time. The total number of units in Phase III is 32, and the total number of units in Phase IV is 27. The applicant is seeking final plan approval this evening for Phases III and IV.

The first condition, in Mr. Wynn's opinion, is the most unusual condition and goes back to the agreement that was executed between the developer and the Township for Phase II. This agreement required that the bridge on Telegraph Road along the frontage of the site, be designed prior to the commencement of construction of Phase III, and actually be built during Phase III. To that, Mr. Wynn advised the Planning Commission recommended the plan be approved but the Subdivision Agreement for Phases III and IV required that the escrow for the bridge, and the bridge design must be completed by the time 32 building permits are issued. Also, the final 27 building permits for Phase IV should not be issued until the bridge has been accepted as completed by the Township. Mr. Wynn suggested that the agreement also provide that the developer will work diligently towards securing final approval from D.E.P. and the Township, and commence with construction within thirty days of receipt of that approval. Mr. Wynn believes this is necessary so that the developer has an agreement that says he will proceed with the bridge, regardless of whether or not the sale of the units slows down.

Solicitor Grabowski asked how many agencies must review permit applications or the bridge designs. Mr. Wynn replied the developer needs the approval from D.E.P. and from the Bucks County Conservation District. Solicitor Grabowski asked how long Telegraph Road might be closed for bridge construction. Mr. Wynn imagines the road will be closed for a minimum of three months, though possibly more, depending on the contractor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to approve the final plan of Country Roads Subdivision with the conditions as specified above.

3. Orchard Glen - The Planning Commission unanimously approved a motion to recommend that the Orchard Glen Subdivision be permitted to be reviewed as a revised final plan for the purpose of Zoning Ordinance requirements, on the condition that the plan be submitted and reviewed under the new Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. John Van Luvanee was present at the Planning Commission meeting and indicated this was acceptable to his client, recognizing that they will be seeking several waivers from the new Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance.

Mr. Van Luvanee also committed to complete the off-site road improvements along Orchard Road as designed on the original Elysian

Fields Subdivision plan, however indicated that this would be accomplished only if the easements were acquired by the Township at Township cost. While not a part of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Mr. Wynn recommends that in the event the Board considers permitting the plan to be reviewed under the prior Zoning Ordinance, the applicant should commit to not only the prior Orchard Road improvements, but also all costs associated with acquisition of necessary easements for the installation of those improvements as was offered by the prior developer.

The Township has received an extension in the review period to June 30, 1996 on the submitted preliminary plan application.

Mr. George Collie was in attendance to present the plan. Mr. Collie understands the Planning Commission has recommended that the Board allow the developer to submit the plan as a revised final plan, meeting the old Zoning Ordinance conditions and the new Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance conditions as best as possible, showing any waivers the developer feels they might need.

Mr. Wynn noted that Mr. Van Luvanee had indicated the above conditions were acceptable to the developer. Mr. Collie agreed, however he advised that he would do the improvements on Orchard Road that were proposed under the former Ordinance, from the upper road closest to Walnut Street down to Hillcrest Road, but he has not agreed to purchase any easements that might be necessary. The developer will do all the work as required on the former Elysian Fields plan. Chairman Bennett and Supervisor Bennington felt this issue was a bit of a stumbling block. Supervisor Bennington had no difficulty with the Planning Commission's recommendation to use the former Zoning Ordinance and the new Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance. Supervisor Bennington also has no problem with Mr. Collie agreeing to do all the improvements that Mr. Raphael was going to do, however Mr. Raphael was willing to purchase those easements on Orchard Road. Supervisor Bennington will have great difficulty in approving this change unless Mr. Collie continues with Mr. Raphael's agreement to purchase the easements on Orchard Road. Mr. Collie feels there is one significant difference between Mr. Raphael's plan and his plan, which is approximately 24 units. Supervisor Bennington commented no one has disagreed with that point, however Mr. Collie had a final approved plan where the former developer, Mr. Raphael had agreed to the conditions for Orchard Road and agreed that the easements would be executed. Supervisor Bennington strongly feels the Orchard Road easements should be purchased by the developer. Mr. Collie is not prepared to purchase those easements. Supervisor Fox noted the easements being discussed are nothing more than construction easements. Mr. Wynn explained the actual road improvements, including the curb, are within the legal right-of-way of the street. The easement is necessary to feather the yards

back to meet the curb height. When Mr. Raphael was ready to proceed, Mr. Wynn staked the curb line and met with most of the residents involved, and they were very receptive to the idea. The actual improvements are not on those resident's property, what is needed is a construction easement in order to taper the yard to the curb height. Mr. Collie asked how much this might cost, and asked if the Board is willing to cap that cost with a not-to-exceed number. Mr. Wynn believes there was a cap cost in the prior agreement. Solicitor Grabowski indicated there were agreements prepared approximately 2 years ago which did have a cap, however he does not recall what that figure was. Solicitor Grabowski believes those figures may need to be reviewed because the agreement was executed several years ago. Solicitor Grabowski noted that the agreement also included the applicant paying the cost for the Township Engineer to attempt to procure the easements from the residents. Mr. Collie trusts Mr. Wynn explicitly to work in everyone's best interest.

Mr. Kerry Kramer asked what waivers Heritage Building Group is asking for from Hilltown Township in order to construct this subdivision. Mr. Wynn replied the Township has not yet received waiver requests from the developer. Mr. Wynn explained the developer is asking to have their plan reviewed under the prior Zoning Ordinance, which was in effect at the time that the Elysian Fields plan was before the Board. Mr. Kramer asked if street lights, trees, and sidewalks, etc. will be required for this development. Mr. Wynn noted all those items are land development requirements, which the developer has indicated to the Planning Commission that they will seek certain waivers from. The developer has not actually obtained any waivers, nor have they formally sought any waivers at this point. Mr. Kramer asked what waivers the developer has discussed with the Township. Mr. Wynn replied the new Subdivision Ordinance has increased the width of the right-of-way required on internal streets. The applicant has asked to be able to maintain a 50 ft. right-of-way, rather than a 56 ft. right-of-way. Also, sidewalks which are required in both Ordinances, would be installed in an easement area rather than within the right-of-way area. Mr. Wynn believes the applicant will also be requesting a waiver to reduce the number of installation of street lights as required by the new Ordinance. The applicant would rather install a number of street lights such as those in the Pleasant Meadows Subdivision, which are located only at the intersections. Further, the applicant is requesting that their plan sheets be larger than those required in the new Ordinance. There is currently a limit on how many dwelling units can be served by a cul-de-sac street. There are only twelve dwelling units allowed, but the applicant will be proposing 14 on that cul-de-sac street. Street grades are now required to be .75%, and the former Ordinance required 1/2%. The applicant's plan shows 6/10ths of a percent, which is more than the prior Ordinance, but less than the

current Ordinance. Mr. Wynn explained there is also a problem with the driveways as well. The new Ordinance requires that the distance of a driveway from an intersection is now required to be 60 ft., yet the applicant has proposed a few driveways which do not meet that requirement. Supervisor Bennington commented all these issues are a moot point because this plan has not even been reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Fox wondered why the Township should pay for the easements when they were not going to pay for them during the previous Elysian Fields Subdivision. Supervisor Bennington asked how many homes along Orchard Road will have to give construction easements. Mr. Wynn believes there were approximately 14 homes involved. Mr. Wynn noted all of the easements are located within what is the ultimate right-of-way of the street, an area which obviously can not be utilized for building purposes. It does not affect the setback or alter the use of the property. As Mr. Collie understands it, the easements just cover any damage to someone's property while construction is taking place. Since a final decision is not required this evening, Solicitor Grabowski suggested that he and Mr. Wynn review their files to determine what the dollar amount of the cap was in the prior agreement for the Elysian Fields plan. Mr. Collie would appreciate a decision as soon as possible so that the plan can move forward.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously that the Orchard Glen Subdivision Plan be permitted to be reviewed as a revised final plan for the purpose of Zoning Ordinance requirements, on the condition that the plan be submitted and reviewed under the new Subdivision Ordinance; and that the applicant complete all the improvements along Orchard Road as previously agreed upon, as well requiring the applicant to purchase the construction easements for the 14 properties along Orchard Road, without a specific dollar value, but comparable to what was agreed to for the former Elysian Fields Subdivision.

4. Keystone Estates (Preliminary) - Mr. Wynn advised this proposed five lot subdivision is located between Mill Road and Hilltown Pike. All lots are to be served by public water supply by the North Penn Water Authority and on-lot sewage disposal. This preliminary plan was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to the following:

- Wetland certification included on the record plan, Sheet 1 of 7, must be executed by Mr. Jimmy D. Kemmerer prior to plan recordation.

- Planning modules for septic disposal must be submitted and receive approval from the Township, Bucks County Health Department, and P.A.D.E.P..

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- Basin easement, stormwater management easements, and snow storage easements must be granted to the Township.

- Rights-of-way of Gina Circle and Keystone Drive should be dedicated to the Township.

- Site is proposed to be served by public water facilities from the North Penn Water Authority. Written verification of approval of design and availability of capacity should be received from N.P.W.A.. Additionally, plan should be submitted to the Fire Marshall for comment on site accessibility and fire fighting facilities.

- Verification of approval of erosion and sedimentation control measures should be received in writing from the Bucks County Conservation District.

- Proposed street name of "Gina Circle" is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, verification should be received from the Postmaster indicating that the proposed name does not conflict with existing street names within the Postal Service District.

- Property pins and monuments around the site outboundary should be installed and certified by the responsible surveyor prior to plan recordation. Balance of pins and monuments should be included within the financial security/development agreements.

- Financial security and development agreements should be executed between the applicant and the Township to guarantee installation of "public" improvements. Costs associated with preparation of agreements is the responsibility of the applicant.

- Outstanding engineering/drafting details as addressed in the engineering review dated March 11, 1996 must be accomplished.

- Additionally, the Planning Commission recommended approval of waivers as requested by the applicant relative to installation of curb and sidewalk on the interior street and along Keystone Drive, maximum basin depth of 30 inches, and street lighting.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant preliminary approval to the Keystone Estates Plan, subject to completion of all outstanding items as specified above.

5. Off-the-Wall (Preliminary) - The Planning Commission unanimously recommended preliminary plan approval subject to completion of any outstanding items as contained within the

engineering review letter dated February 22, 1996. The plan proposes a three phase building expansion for Off-the-Wall Company located on Bethlehem Pike. The existing building is served by public sewer facilities by Telford Borough Authority and an on-site well.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant preliminary plan approval to the Off-the-Wall Land Development Plan, subject to completion of all outstanding items in Mr. Wynn's engineering review letter, dated February 22, 1996.

6. Calvary Church (Final) - This is a final plan for a lot line adjustment at Calvary Church located on Rt. 113. This plan was unanimously recommended for final plan approval conditional upon the following:

- Plan should be revised to indicate the right-of-way area of Rt. 113 was dedicated as an easement to Hilltown Township on June 8, 1995.

- Note #6 on Sheet 2 of 2 advising that the applicant shall not apply for any State approval to use the property access to Bethlehem Pike should be added to Sheet 1.

- Zoning data for the CR-II Zoning District should be revised to current requirements.

- Lands of Calvary Church and the parcel to be obtained from the adjoining lands of D&V Associates should be consolidated into a single deed with a single outboundary description.

- The details of the Zoning Hearing Board variance granted for this site on January 18, 1996 should be noted on the plan.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant final plan approval to the Calvary Church plan, subject to completion of all outstanding items as listed above.

7. Bricks Villa Phase II (Final) - Mr. Wynn advised Phase I of Bricks Villa (now known as Hilltown Woods), is presently under construction, and the final plans for Phase II have been submitted. Phase I consists of those properties between Schultz Road and Rt. 113, and the roadway has been constructed to this point in binder and improvements are being done, such as widening along Schultz Road. A retention basin has been constructed near Diamond Street, and the water and sewer facilities have been run to serve this phase. Phase II is to the west of Phase I, and includes a new street off Schultz Road which accesses directly onto Rt. 113.

The Planning Commission recommended final plan approval by a majority vote (6-0-1), with one member abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest, conditional upon the following being accomplished:

- Receipt of a PennDot Highway Occupancy Permit for the intersection of Briarwood Drive and Rt. 113.
- Verification of approval of public water and sewer facilities by the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority.
- Note should be included on the plan regarding the disposition of the two areas of property along Briarwood Drive at the intersection with Rt. 113 advising that these areas are offered to adjoining property owners and, in the event same were not accepted prior to dedication of public improvements, the areas will be conveyed to the Township as "excess" right-of-way.
- Financial security and development agreements must be executed to guarantee installation of public improvements.
- Internal street rights-of-way must be dedicated to the Township.
- Engineering/drafting details as contained within the engineering review dated March 11, 1996 must be accomplished.

Supervisor Fox was concerned about the Township accepting the excess right-of-way, which will have to be maintained, in the event the adjoining property owners choose not to accept it. If that is the case, Supervisor Fox recommended that land is given back to the developer to be maintained along with their open space area. Mr. Wynn noted there is no open space area in this development. Discussion took place concerning the excess right-of-way. Supervisor Fox suggested that if the Township accepts the excess right-of-way area, the developer provide a sufficient amount of money in escrow which would cover the maintenance.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to grant final plan approval to the Bricks Villa Phase II plan, subject to completion of the outstanding items as noted above, and to require that the developer provide a sufficient escrow for a perpetual maintenance fund for the maintenance of the excess right-of-way area, if it is not accepted by the adjoining property owners.

8. Zoning Ordinance - Buffer Yard Amendment - The Planning Commission unanimously approved a motion requesting the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare a draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment relative to buffer yards. John Van

Luvanee, Esq., was present at the Planning Commission meeting to discuss Orchard Glen as well as the possible development on the Finkelstein property and the Jager property all located within the C-1 Zoning District. During discussion, it became apparent that some of the current provisions within the Zoning Ordinance relative to buffer yards may be vague and should be revised to clearly specify when buffer yards are required. The Planning Commission felt that revisions should proceed at this time, especially in consideration of the proposed development on both the Finkelstein and Jager properties.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to prepare a draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment relative to buffer yards and open space to be presented to the Planning Commission for their review.

J. ENGINEERING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer -

1. Deerfield - Completion of the 18 month maintenance period for the Deerfield Subdivision was accepted in the spring of 1995, with the exception of eight street trees which required replacement. Cash funds were retained until installation by the developer. Recently, those trees were satisfactorily replaced.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the completion of the 18 month maintenance period for the Deerfield Subdivision.

2. Hilltown Hunt Subdivision - Mr. Wynn presented a status report on the West Creamery Road work. The developer of Hilltown Hunt has removed what was left of the asphalt surface on West Creamery Road. There has been some difficulty with the stability of the roadway. Weather permitting, the developer will provide a curb machine within the next three to four days. Once the curb is installed, the road base will be excavated, fabric will be installed due to the clay conditions which are causing all the problems, and then stone base and binder will be installed. The stormsewer has been completed and the water line was installed, though it had to be lowered which caused some delay. There was also an underdrain installed in a portion of the roadway.

Mr. Kerry Kramer mentioned the horrendous road conditions of Callowhill Road, which is a State road, from Perkasio through Hilltown Township. Discussion took place concerning the construction of most State roads by PennDot. Mr. Wynn noted the fastest, easiest way to repair a road such as Callowhill Road, is to pave it which should hold up for a few years. In the long term, however, it is not cost effective. Further, the Board discussed the proposed gas tax and its effects on future State road maintenance.

Supervisor Fox asked if any work has been done on Mill Road. Mr. Horrocks replied the Public Works Department is presently working on the lower end of Mill Road. On Wednesday, Mr. Horrocks, Mr. Wynn, and Mr. Buzby will meet to identify three different areas of the Township requiring extensive road work.

3. Hilltown Crossings - Mr. Wynn explained a revised traffic signal permit has been issued by PennDot to include preemption on the traffic signals at the shopping center.

K. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. A group of residents from Country Roads development were in attendance to discuss several safety issues that have not been addressed since they moved into their homes in July of 1994. One of the issues is that there is a hill behind their homes which was to be graded at 3 to 1, however it has never been done. Another problem is that directly across the street from these homes is an open area deemed as a nature preserve, where the developer continues to pile dirt and rocks. During the last three days alone, the developer has piled an additional eight to twelve feet of rock on top of the existing eight to twelve feet of rock. This area runs adjacent to a walking trail which winds through the nature preserve. The residents of Country Roads feel this is a very dangerous situation and are seeking the Board's assistance. Occupancy Permits require that these matters must be addressed within 60 days, however these residents have lived in their homes for 19 months and none of the conditions of Occupancy have been met by the developer. Chairman Bennett asked if the residents have brought this matter to the attention of the developer. The resident replied they have spoken to the developer but the developer has done nothing to correct the situation. Two of the residents have retained lawyers. One resident had a mowing accident on the hill outside his home, and lost three and a half toes because of it. To Chairman Bennett's knowledge, this is the first time any complaints have been brought to the Board's attention concerning the Country Roads development. The residents present this evening live on Lots #7, #8, and #9 of Phase I of the development.

Supervisor Bennington asked Mr. Wynn what the Township can do to require the developer to meet all conditions of occupancy. According to the language on the Occupancy Permit, a resident advised their Occupancy Permits are void because they were not fulfilled by the Township's requirements for grading. This resident stated he is actually living in his home illegally because the builder did not fulfill the occupancy requirements of the 3 to 1 grade or the construction of a retaining wall. One resident has fallen down his hill several times, as have other neighbors, and it has presented a very dangerous situation. The residents have

tried, on several occasions to contact Mignatti Ventures, however their calls are not returned.

Solicitor Grabowski noted there is a provision in the Municipalities Planning Code under the new amendment which allows the Township to tie in existing violations.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington to amend his original motion for approval of Phases III and IV of the Country Roads development, to take into consideration all of Phase I of this development to insure that the problems which have been highlighted this evening are resolved before proceeding with any of Phases III and IV.

Solicitor Grabowski asked why Use and Occupancy Permits are being issued with these types of contingencies. Mr. Wynn does not see why they should be issued. Generally, there are certain circumstances where certain requirements can not be executed due to the weather, however these particular residents moved into their homes during the summer months when conditions were ideal to meet the requirements of occupancy. Mr. Wynn asked the residents to understand that the Township is sometimes "between a rock and a hard place" because people are anxious to move into their new dwellings, even though at times not all the requirements for occupancy have been met. One resident commented that they certainly understand that and that is not the issue with this matter. The issue is that it has been 18 months since they moved into their homes, yet the situation has not been rectified. A resident stated he and his neighbors hold no fault with the Township for this problem, however they hope that the Township can assist them with the developer. There is a homeowner's association in Country Roads, but only one meeting has been held. The developer retains control of the homeowner's association until 75% of the homes are sold. There are many difficulties with the open space area as well.

Supervisor Bennington amended his original motion to approve Phases III and IV of the Country Roads Subdivision to state that the re-grading of Phase I, as well as the dumping as noted this evening, will cease immediately before the developer can progress to Phases III and IV of the Country Roads development. Further, the developer will provide satisfactory completion of these outstanding conditions of Use and Occupancy Permits, and the developer will finish grading and seeding the open space area as acceptable to the Township. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bennington directed Mr. Wynn to contact Mr. Steve McKenna of Mignatti Ventures to advise how emphatic the Township is regarding this particular motion.

2. Chief George C. Egly advised oral testing for police officer applicants was held this past Saturday. Five applicants will be psychologically tested this Thursday, March 28, 1996 at 10:00AM. Chief Egly thanked Mr. Horrocks, Mr. Gerner, and Mr. Snyder for their assistance with the initial testing. It is standard procedure to keep applications on file for up to one year, however Chief Egly would like to retain the list of applicants for up to two years.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to retain police officer applications/test results for up to two years.

3. Mr. John Snyder commented the Zoning Hearing Board has been working with the new Zoning Ordinance of 1995 since it was first advertised in mid to late 1994. There have been a number of issues before the Zoning Hearing Board on a repeat basis. Rather than discuss these issues this evening, Mr. Snyder presented a list in letter form for the Board's review.

4. Mr. Kerry Kramer feels the Board of Supervisors are doing a good job, however he asked the Board to carefully consider waiver requests by developers. Mr. Kramer feels sidewalks, street lights, fire hydrants, buffer trees, and road widths are extremely important requirements that should not be waived. Mr. Kramer urged the Board to pay attention to waiver requests by developers.

Mr. Kramer asked if the Township could contact Mr. Carl Tosi of PennDot concerning the potholes on State roads in Hilltown Township. Mr. Horrocks can not speak for Mr. Tosi, however he is aware that Mr. Tosi's office is very understaffed at this time, and he knows that PennDot will not be in this area of Hilltown Township for a number of weeks.

Chairman Bennett met with Mr. Tosi last week, who spoke at great length about the fact that Pennsylvania had the same amount of State roads as the six New England states, New Jersey, and New York combined. In those eight states, a high percentage of the roads are maintained by local municipalities. Chairman Bennett was very angry about the condition of State roads in Hilltown Township, particularly since there was a death on Church Road a short time ago. Chairman Bennett admits Mr. Tosi has an impossible job, from what he can see. Just before the new governor came into office, Mr. Tosi lost two work crews and is now down to eight crews. Mr. Kramer asked if the Township is interested in taking over all the State roads. Chairman Bennett replied the Township is definitely not interested in taking over the State roads in the condition they are in today. Mr. Horrocks advised the Public Works Director would not be willing to take over State roads for the price per mile that PennDot will offer. Mr. Kramer noted the Township Public Works

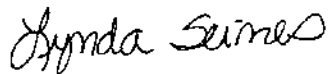
Department does a fine job in maintaining our roads, and if he was privy to the budget process, he would have highly recommended a pay increase for the Public Works Department. Chairman Bennett stated Hilltown's Public Works Department is second to none in Bucks County.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

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

N. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the March 25, 1996 meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 10:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

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