

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
Tuesday, January 3, 1995  
7:30 P.M.**

The 1995 Hilltown Township Reorganization Meeting began at 7:35PM.

A. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor William H. Bennett, Jr. as Temporary Chairperson.

B. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Lynda Seimes as Temporary Secretary.

C. CALL TO ORDER: The Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 1995 was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Supervisor William H. Bennett, Jr., Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington, Supervisor Jack C. Fox, Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager, and Ms. Lynda Seimes, Secretary.

D. OFFICER ELECTIONS: Nominations were made for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor William H. Bennett, Jr. as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 1995.

E. OFFICER APPOINTMENTS: Nominations were made for the positions of Township Secretary and Treasurer for 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Lynda Seimes as Township Secretary for 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Treasurer for 1995.

F. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: The following motions were made by the Board of Supervisors for the positions as stated:

1. Township Manager - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Township Manager for 1995.

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2. Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. George C. Egly as Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety for 1995.

3. Director of Public Works - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Thomas A. Buzby as Director of Public Works for 1995.

4. Code Enforcement Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Michael Gardner, East Rockhill Township, as Code Enforcement Officer for 1995.

5. Assistant Code Enforcement Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for 1995.

6. Zoning Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Warren L. Nace as Zoning Officer for 1995.

7. Assistant Zoning Officer - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as Assistant Zoning Officer for 1995.

G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

1. Township Solicitor - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington and seconded by Chairman Bennett to appoint the firm of Grabowski, Eberle, and Rice as Township Solicitor for 1995. Supervisor Fox abstained from the vote.

2. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Grim, Biehn, Thatcher and Helf as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 1995.

3. Township Engineer - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint C. Robert Wynn Associates as Township Engineering for 1995.

4. Township Certified Public Accountant - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Niessen, Dunlap and Pritchard as Township Certified Public Accountant for 1995.

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5. Township Depository - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Union National Bank as the Township Depository for 1995.

H. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

1. Planning Commission - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. H. Franklin Rice to the Planning Commission for a five year term.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Alice Kachline to the Planning Commission for a five year term.

2. Zoning Hearing Board - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Joel Ward to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term.

3. Water and Sewer Authority - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. John Bender to the Water and Sewer Authority for a five year term.

4. Park and Recreation Board - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Les Lombardi to the Park and Recreation Board for a five year term.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Nick Lupinacci to the Park and Recreation Board for a five year term.

With the resignation of Ms. Susan Kell, Supervisor Bennington noted there is a vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board for a one year term. This vacant position has been advertised.

5. Vacancy Board - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Feryl Spanniger to the Vacancy Board for a one year term.

6. Emergency Management Coordinator - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. William V. Devlin, Sr. as the Emergency Management Coordinator for a one year term.

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7. Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Robert H. Grunmeier, II, as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator for a one year term.

8. Agricultural Officer/Emergency Management - Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Kevin Bishop as the Agricultural Officer/Emergency Management for a one year term.

I. RECOMMENDATION OF TREASURER'S BOND LIMIT: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to recommend the Treasurer's Bond Limit of \$750,000.00 for 1995.

J. EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION TO PENSION FUND: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #95-1, resolving that Hilltown Township will not require any pension contribution from the Hilltown Township Police for the year 1995 and to adopt Resolution #95-2, resolving that Hilltown Township will not require any pension contribution from the Non-Uniform Employees for the year 1995.

K. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES FOR 1995: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #95-3, accepting the Board of Supervisors meeting dates for the year 1995, including worksession meetings where the Board may take action as required.

L. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 1995: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #95-4, accepting the Planning Commission meeting dates for the year 1995, including regular and worksession meetings, with the changes as noted.

M. NON-UNIFORM HOLIDAYS FOR 1995: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #95-5, establishing the following holidays for 1995:

Monday, January 2	New Years Day
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Day
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Tuesday, May 16	Primary Election Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Monday, July 3	Floating Holiday
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Tuesday, November 7	Election Day

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Thursday, November 23  
Friday, November 24  
Monday, December 25

Thanksgiving Day  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Christmas

N. ADOPTION OF THE 1995 FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING, ZONING AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #95-6, establishing a fee schedule for building, zoning and miscellaneous items for 1995.**

O. ADOPTION OF 1995 TAX RATES: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #95-7, establishing Tax Rates for the 1995 year, which are as follows:**

Real Estate	9 mills
Earned Income	1/2%
Per Capita	\$10.00
Real Estate Transfer	1/2%
Amusement Tax	10%
Fire Protection Tax	2 mills
Occupation Priv. Tax	\$5.00
Fire Hydrant Tax	1 mill
Debt Service	6 mills

P. ADOPTION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #95-8, accepting and authorizing the 1995 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$300,000.00.**

Q. ADOPTION OF COLLECTION OF MEMO FEES: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #95-9, establishing collection of memo fees from tax services and mortgage companies by the Tax Collector.**

R. ADOPTION OF BERKHEIMER EARNED INCOME: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #95-10, to appoint Berkheimer Associates as Earned Income Tax collector and to adopt Resolution #95-11, to appoint Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks as the authorized representative to request and receive any tax information/records from Berkheimer Associates, relative to the collection of taxes for Hilltown Township.**

S. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION: Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **appoint Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. as voting delegate to the Annual State Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania.**

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Chairman Bennett thanked those volunteers who were appointed this evening to various boards/commissions for their important contributions to the Township.

T. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. Mr. Horrocks requested authorization to attend the Annual State Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania in 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize the attendance of Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks at the Annual State Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania in 1995.

2. Two bids were opened for the new marked police vehicle. One bid was from Faulkner Ford-Mercury of Quakertown for a Crown Victoria in the amount of \$15,404.00. One bid was from A & T Chevrolet in the amount of \$16,834.00, pending GM Bid Assistance Approval. In speaking with Mr. Bruce Allen of A & T Chevrolet this afternoon, Mr. Horrocks was advised that GM was apparently not back in business today after the holidays and therefore, Mr. Allen was not able to determine a confirmation on their Bid Assistance Program for this year. Mr. Horrocks recognizes that there is a large difference in bid prices, however he wished to note that the Township currently does not have any Ford vehicles in stock. Items such as the rear seat, glass panel, etc., would not "fit" the new Ford vehicle from any vehicles the Township currently owns. Discussion took place. Supervisor Bennington noted the Board will be meeting jointly with the Planning Commission on January 9, 1995, and the bid could be awarded at that public meeting. The Supervisors were in agreement to authorize Chief Egly and Mr. Horrocks to compare bids for the one marked police vehicle. No action taken this evening.

U. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

V. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Bennett advised Sellersville Fire Company is constructing a new fire hall/banquet facility, and has requested the Board's support in the amount of \$3,000.00 per year for the next five years. Chairman Bennett noted Sellersville Fire Company is one of the seven fire departments who service Hilltown Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize a \$3,000.00 contribution to the Sellersville Fire Company for their building fund for the 1995 year, to be reviewed on an annual basis for the next four years.

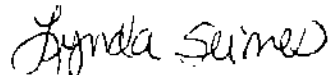
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2. Supervisor Bennington read a prepared statement, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, declaring his intention to seek re-election for a second term as Hilltown Township Supervisor.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the January 3, 1995 Reorganization Meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes  
Township Secretary

For Immediate Release

Kenneth B. Bennington

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January 3, 1995

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It is hard to believe that six years have passed since I announced my candidacy for Hilltown Township Supervisor. It has been an interesting and often tumultuous six years, and upon reflection one of the most satisfying periods of my life.

Many people have urged me to run for a second term and, quite frankly, it is not an easy decision to make. First and foremost a candidate must consider his or her family. Monthly meetings are just a small part of being a Township Supervisor. The job also requires many hours of time spent at home reading through voluminous materials and, as you can imagine, many telephone calls. However, if you truly care about your community, you find it is worth the commitment.

After I first took office in 1990, Betty Kelly, Bill Bennett and I put in many hours trying to correct problems that were years in the making. I do not exaggerate when I say that the Township was in danger of going belly up financially -- you remember the headlines! However, with hard work we managed to put Hilltown Township back on the road to financial stability. Just last week when we adopted the 1995 budget with no tax increase, we were happy to also report a modest surplus. By watching every penny, the Supervisors believe that Hilltown Township will be a model of fiscal responsibility.

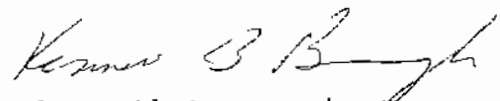


In the Brochure which I sent to Hilltown voters six years ago, I listed a number of issues that needed to be addressed. I have never wavered in my full support of the below-listed issues:

- (1) Financial stability;
- (2) Hiring the best qualified personnel to run the day to day operations of the Township;
- (3) Controlled Development based upon the guidelines of Hilltown Township plans;
- (4) Full support of all seven volunteer fire companies;
- (5) Open communication between Boards and Authorities;
- (6) Providing Parks to Hilltown Township residents; and
- (7) Implementation of a recycling program.

Being a Township Supervisor requires honesty, an ability to listen to all sides of an issue and, above all, to always consider the people whom you represent. As a Supervisor you are required to make decisions which may not please everyone. I have always been straightforward in the decision making process, and I have always had the township residents' best interests at heart.

With all of the above in mind, I have decided to seek re-election for a second term.

  
Kenneth B. Bennington