

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1994
7:35pm

The worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

Chairman Bennett announced the Supervisors, the Township Manager, and the Solicitor have just completed a one hour meeting with Public Financial Management, concerning the possible refinancing of the outstanding Bond Issue for Hilltown Township and Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority. The Solicitor was present representing the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority. No decisions have been made at this time.

Chairman Bennett said as one of the Board's economy measures, the Township Solicitor used to attend both of our monthly meetings and the Board decided to limit the Solicitor to one meeting per month because the regular meeting was the time when the Board of Supervisors would have legal matters to be discussed.

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

1. Mr. Horrocks requested authorization to advertise for Bid #94-6 for ID2 Wearing Course. The work would be located on Broad Street, between Middle Road and Upper Church Road. Also another section of Broad Street from Hilltown Pike to the back entrance of H & K, which is at the corner of Broad Street. This is all coming out of liquid fuels money and Mr. Horrocks would like a motion authorizing the advertising for bid.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize the advertising of a bid for ID2 Wearing Course.

2. Mr. Horrocks requested authorization to advertise for Bid #94-7 from the Board for one 1990 Chevrolet Caprice police vehicle for sale which is the former Zoning Administrative Vehicle.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the sale of one 1990 Chevrolet Caprice police vehicle.

3. On August 18, 1994 at the Zoning Hearing Board, an application was received concerning a place of worship. Mr. Horrocks asked the Board of Supervisors to advise him if the Board wants legal representation, or if the Board wants Mr. Horrocks to relay to the Zoning Hearing Board any opinions concerning this matter. Mr. Horrocks asked if the Board of Supervisors would like to express a Township opinion to the ZHB. Chairman Bennett questioned Mr. Horrocks on the Greek Orthodox Church. Mr. Horrocks said in 1986 the Greek Orthodox Church went to the Zoning Hearing Board and received a Variance.

Supervisor Fox said he sees problems arising due to the traffic. Green Street is a speed street and when Dublin shuts down, we will have even more traffic using Hilltown Pike, Callowhill Road and Green Street. Mr. Fox is not against the church, but he is against the traffic. There is a steep hill located in the area without much visual clearance. Mr. Fox suggested the Zoning Officer should state that Hilltown Township is concerned about the traffic. Chairman Bennett and Supervisor Bennington agreed with Supervisor Fox on the dangers of the increased traffic in the area. Mr. Horrocks will take the opinion of the Board of Supervisors to the Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman Bennett advised Mr. Horrocks there was no need for the Solicitor to be at the ZHB.

4. Mr. Horrocks has a request from Chief Egly for some hardware updating on the police department's computer which handles their software package. The software package handles all the traffic accident reporting. Remaining in the Chief's capital budget is well over the \$1,500.00 cost. One of the problems now with the old system is when the system searches it takes a good length of time to get to the result. According to the Chief the hardware update will increase the speed tremendously.

Supervisor Bennington questioned whether Mr. Horrocks was talking about memory increase or changing from a 386 to a 486. Mr. Horrocks replied it was more like changing from a 286 to a 486.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of the software package as stated above.

5. Mr. Horrocks received a request from Hilltown Township Fire Department to utilize the Township Building for their Annual Fire Prevention Program on October 15, 1994.

B. CORRESPONDENCE: None

C. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - Mr. Thomas Buzby -

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Mr. Buzby was not in attendance tonight. Mr. Horrocks read the Public Works Report dated July 10, 1994 through August 6, 1994, which is on file at the Township office.

Chairman Bennett asked Mr. Horrocks about opening the pipe on Cherry Road. Mr. Horrocks replied in Mr. Buzby's and Mr. Bollman's opinion the water runs fine on Cherry Road. Chairman Bennett said the pipe is definitely crushed. According to Mr. Buzby and Mr. Bollman the water turns down both sides of Cherry Road. Mr. Horrocks will speak to Mr. Buzby again.

Supervisor Bennington referred to an article in the paper where the federal government was going to supply refunding to the township municipalities for the snow and was wondering where Hilltown stood with this. Mr. Horrocks replied it was in FEMA. Supervisor Fox has read a report listing the Townships to be paid for snow. Hilltown was not one of them. Mr. Horrocks will try to find out more information concerning this matter.

D. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - CHIEF GEORGE C. EGLY -

Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of July, 1994, which is on file at the Township office.

E. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT - Mr. Warren Nace read the Zoning Officer's Report for the month of July, 1994, which is on file at the Township office.

F. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Deputy Chief William Devlin, read the Hilltown Fire Department report for the month of July, 1994 which is on file at the Township office.

G. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Mr. William Devlin said he has been updating phone numbers and getting personnel up to date. No major incidents to report.

Mr. Horrocks said we will be looking at a combination of the move in and move out permits and the Ordinance we now have. Mr. Horrocks suggested adding a couple questions concerning handicapped problems to the Tenant ID Ordinance, and come up with a new Ordinance and a new plan that could also be directly tied in to all building permits.

H. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS - Supervisor Bennington stated he has not heard anything from Mr. McHose on Narathon Drive. Chairman Bennett said Mr. Wynn suggested moving earth around. The best time

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to do this was in September or October. Mr. McHose came back to a meeting after the original visit and it is Mr. Horrocks' understanding that both Mr. McHose and Mrs. McConnell are probably still waiting for an answer.

Supervisor Bennington questioned Mr. Horrocks if was correct to say the revenue verses expenses for the year to date July 31, 1994 is a +\$54,000. in revenues to expenditures, not counting any possible revenue refunds coming in from the federal government for the winter months. Mr. Horrocks said in the balance sheet the general fund may owe either Escrow and or Fire and Debt Service. Mr. Horrocks will furnish a complete updated report for the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Horrocks said considering the early part of this year and the amount of overtime plus the amount of materials that had to be paid, even though most of that money was coming out of liquid fuels the overtime was not. To be in any kind of a surplus state at this point is very good. Supervisor Bennington said he is very pleased we are showing a positive with all the expenditures the Township had. Mr. Horrocks said on August 22, 1994 he will have a complete update on expenditures for first six months of this year and a projection for the remaining six months for the Board to review.

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

K. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to adjourn the August 8, 1994 Board of Supervisor's Worksession Meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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