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**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, October 11, 1993
7:30PM**

The Worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:45PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
John Friel, Zoning Officer

Chairman Bennett announced that the Supervisors, the Township Manager, and the Township Solicitor met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss police contract negotiations, Telford Borough Authority litigation, and a recent land acquisition donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Finkelstein.

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

At the last Board meeting, Solicitor Grabowski had mentioned that the last hearing involving the Telford Borough Authority law suit was held on September 3, 1993 before Judge Scott. During a break in the hearing, the parties involved negotiated a tentative settlement of the lawsuit. Solicitor Grabowski presented documents to the Board which essentially provide the language for the compromise that was drafted that day. The document is broken down into two parts, including a proposed Water and Sewer Service Agreement, as well as a proposed Ordinance. The Ordinance was advertised in the Doylestown Intelligencer for possible adoption this evening. The proposed Ordinance effectively repeals the provisions of Ordinance #68-1 and Ordinance #92-2. The proposed Ordinance provides for the ability of Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority, in Section II, to have priority in providing public water service to those areas of the Township within which it can reasonably and economically extend such water service to Township residents, except that Telford Borough Authority shall have exclusive water rights in an area of Hilltown Township known as "Water Region I", as set forth in an agreement dated September 3, 1993. This is the proposed agreement that will also be considered this evening.

Solicitor Grabowski explained the proposed Ordinance is approximately 1 1/2 pages long, though the agreement is a bit more lengthy at 8 pages, effectively amending the 1973 agreement between Hilltown Township and the Telford Borough Authority. The proposed 1993 agreement provides for several changes, including that Telford Borough Authority is relinquishing a certain area of Water Region

I, as was originally established in the 1973 agreement. Effectively, it recognized the Southern District which had been delegated to the Hilltown Authority some time ago. The new service area includes that area north of Pheasant Hill Road, where Quiet Acres Mobile Home Park is located, and traveling north to West Rockhill Township. That same area also includes seven lots, or portions thereof, which are situated south of Pheasant Hill Road, between Pheasant Hill Road and the Sewer Region A boundary. Solicitor Grabowski stated the proposed agreement is a three party agreement including Hilltown Township, Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority, and the Telford Borough Authority. The paragraphs relating to the Hilltown Authority are those which provide for payment by the Hilltown Authority to Telford Borough Authority in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the change in the boundary lines. The payment is to be made without interest and is to be paid in four equal installments, particularly found in paragraph 4 of the agreement.

In addition, the other change from the 1973 agreement is found in paragraph 10, which states "In the event that the Delaware River Basin Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, or the Bucks County Board of Health declares either a draught emergency or determines that there is groundwater pollution of a substantial nature affecting existing residents of Water Region I, Telford Borough Authority shall have 30 days from the date of received written notice from Hilltown Township of such emergency repletion to develop a plan for response. If, after the expiration of such 30 day period, Telford Borough Authority determines that it is unable to respond thereto, and so notifies Hilltown Township in writing, Hilltown Township or Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority shall be authorized to install water lines in Water Region I in order to alleviate the emergency situation. If the Township or the Authority extends water lines into Water Region I under the forgoing circumstances, the Township or the Authority shall convey, assign, transfer, sell, and turn over such water lines and customers to Telford Borough Authority upon written request, and upon payment by Telford Borough Authority of the cost of such lines, without interest or allowance for depreciation. Costs are defined in the agreement as construction costs, including materials, labor, engineering, land acquisition, legal fees, and permit fees necessitated by the emergency measures. There shall be no transfer of customers or territory in Water Region I to Hilltown Township or Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority as a result of any action taken by either of them to respond to such emergency or pollution situation."

Solicitor Grabowski advised the agreement includes several paragraphs that were contained in the previous 1973 agreement. The parties were before Judge Scott on September 3, 1993, following a discussion of the entire matter, and Judge Scott entered a court

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order agreeing to the settlement, contingent upon all three parties executing the Water and Sewer Service Agreement, and Hilltown Township adopting the appropriate Ordinance, which was advertised for this evening.

In addition to the discussion which took place at the last public meeting, Solicitor Grabowski reviewed the material with the Supervisors following that meeting. The Board and Solicitor Grabowski also discussed the issue before the meeting this evening.

***PUBLIC HEARING to consider the possible adoption of an Ordinance, repealing Ordinance #92-2, clarifying the rights and obligations of all authorities providing water service under the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, and clarifying the exclusive service area of Telford Borough Authority within Hilltown Township.**

Chairman Bennett opened the floor for any public discussion on this issue:

Supervisor Fox stated the new Ordinance was written after negotiations before Judge Scott, which were agreed upon by the Chairman, who was at the court, without Supervisor Fox's consent. Basically, Supervisor Fox advised, the Ordinance itself is close to what it was the last time.

Supervisor Fox read one section of the agreement, which states "The agreement dated September 3, 1993 between Hilltown Township, Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority, and the Telford Borough Authority....". Supervisor Fox noted the Board of Supervisors never voted to accept this agreement, so therefore it could not have been made on September 3, 1993. Supervisor Fox takes umbrage with a certain part of the proposed Ordinance, which is Section 2 - Priority of Public Water Systems, Part B, which states "All municipal authorities operating within the corporate boundaries of Hilltown Township who intend to construct, extend, or abandon any water lines may do so upon written notice to the Township." Supervisor Fox noted this section does not require approval of the Township, just that written notice is received. Supervisor Fox commented Ordinance #92-2, which is being repealed by the proposed Ordinance by request of the Telford Borough Authority, states "All municipal authorities operating within the corporate boundaries of Hilltown Township may extend public water service within the Township upon written approval by the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to those rights retained by the Township under the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended in the Second Class Township Code". In Supervisor Fox's opinion, what the Township is doing is allowing any water and sewer authority, (and there are approximately six in Hilltown Township) to move the lines without approval of Hilltown Township. This means the Township is allowing authorities to rip up brand new roadways and cause

problems that they will not clean up, because they do not have to do what the Municipality Planning Code states under Section 509L.

Supervisor Fox read Section 509L of the Municipality Planning Code, which states "If water mains or sanitary sewer lines are both, along with apparatus or facilities related thereto, to be installed under the jurisdiction and pursuant to the rules and regulations of a public utility or a municipal authority, separate and distinct from the municipality, financial security to assure proper completion and maintenance thereof shall be posted in the courts with the regulations of the controlling public utility or municipal authority and shall not be included within the financial security as otherwise required by this Section." Supervisor Fox stated the bottom line is that authorities may move their lines into another territory and notify the Township. Authorities can even move them into Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority's territory, even though this Ordinance by itself does not take away from the Township the right to decide who connects and where those water lines go. With that in the record, Supervisor Fox is willing to vote or hear other comments.

Supervisor Bennington takes great offence that Supervisor Fox has insinuated that on the day of the hearing before Judge Scott, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors contacted him about the agreement, because that did not take place. Supervisor Bennington would like the Township Solicitor to explain Section B of this Ordinance in order to comfort Township residents and the other members of the Board that it does not mean that Telford Borough Authority can extend lines without the explicit approval of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Fox noted Section B of the proposed Ordinance does not address that issue, it states that other municipalities may move their lines with just a notice. Supervisor Bennington asked Solicitor Grabowski how Hilltown Township will be adversely affected by the proposed Ordinance. Solicitor Grabowski does not believe Hilltown Township will be impacted at all by the adoption of the proposed Ordinance. If the issue is broken down into sewer and water, Solicitor Grabowski explained for any sewer extension, an Act 537 approval application must come before the Board of Supervisors for prior approval before being submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. Secondly, there are construction permits required which form the second step of that process for sewer, giving the Township every right to oppose any interested municipal authority from doing something the Township may not desire to do. The same holds true for water, in terms of the requirement that construction permits must be issued by DER. The language concerning "written notice" to the Township contained within Section 2.B parallels the Municipality Planning Code. The Municipality Planning Code does not contain language that states "prior written approval is necessary", which was one of the big arguments when discussion took

place regarding the revision to the Ordinance. The discussion was that the amendment should parallel the language contained within the Municipality Planning Code, which states "written notice".

In addition, Solicitor Grabowski advised, if any extension of water or sewer were to take place within Hilltown Township, the Township has a process in place by which roadway occupancy permits are necessary. Those applications are reviewed by the Township, the Director of Public Works, and the Township Engineer to insure that Township specifications are followed, unless the Board chooses to waive them.

Solicitor Grabowski does not believe the section of the Municipality Planning Code that Supervisor Fox quoted earlier is applicable. Section 509 speaks of need for escrow funds and security when construction has occurred. For example, when the Township approves a private development, either by way of a subdivision or land development process, a financial security agreement to secure funds for construction is appropriately required. Section 509, however, speaks in terms of the fact that all municipal authorities also have that ability to secure the cost of required improvements, if done by a private concern. Solicitor Grabowski knows this to be true because when the Township approves projects, either by way of subdivision or land development, one of the conditions of approval is that copies of the agreements relating to water and sewer service be forwarded to the Township. This is a condition precedent to all plan approvals and those documents are always received by the Township. Therefore, Solicitor Grabowski is hard pressed to see how Section 509L applies in this instance at all.

By way of re-phrasing Solicitor Grabowski's last statements, Supervisor Bennington stated no Township resident will be affected by this Ordinance by having a water line extended without the express approval of the present or future Board of Supervisors. Solicitor Grabowski stated that is correct. Supervisor Bennington asked if it is also a correct assumption that when a judge orders two parties to reach an agreement, it behooves both parties to reach an agreement, and if one side decides they do not wish to compromise, the other party will have priority in the judge's opinion. Solicitor Grabowski replied that is correct, and explained that during the process of discussing a compromise, there were two issues which appeared to be the biggest hurdle in terms of the agreement and the provisions involving Hilltown Township. There was a worksession meeting held in which Solicitors Grabowski and Rice met with the Board of Supervisors prior to the September 3, 1993 hearing. During that meeting, proposed ordinances were reviewed, and discussion took place concerning the possibility of settlement of the case, though no one present knew whether or not that would occur. In fact, Solicitor Grabowski noted, those

present were of the opinion that there would not be a compromise and that the hearing would be held as scheduled. One of the things the Board of Supervisors told the Township Solicitor was that they wanted some opportunity to be able to take care of any water emergency in the event that Telford Borough Authority, for whatever reason, decided not to. That became paragraph 10 of the proposed Water and Sewer Service Agreement. When the Township made that proposal to Telford Borough Authority on September 3, 1993, they were not very agreeable to that particular paragraph for many reasons, including that they were somewhat upset to think the Township would believe they would not take care of water problems in their Water Region I. A frank and full discussion took place concerning the reasons for paragraph 10 and the intent of that paragraph. Telford Borough Authority then agreed that they would allow paragraph 10 to remain if they could have a new paragraph added in the settlement agreement, by which Hilltown Township would adopt a Mandatory Water Connection Ordinance, and a Mandatory Sewer Connection Ordinance. Solicitor Grabowski advised Telford Borough Authority that Hilltown Township presently has a Mandatory Sewer Connection Ordinance in existence, and has for some time. Solicitor Grabowski also advised TBA that the Township has a Water Conservation Ordinance containing paragraphs stating that new construction or an increased intensity of use may require a mandatory water connection, but that there was no blanket Mandatory Water Connection Ordinance, and that the Township would not be interested in adopting that type of an ordinance. It is Chairman Bennett's opinion that the Township would not adopt such an ordinance, and the remaining obstacle at that point seemed to be that one particular paragraph. Telford Borough Authority then said that if the Township would allow paragraph 8 to remain, which is contained within the 1973 agreement, they would appreciate that and would have some comfort that Hilltown Township will not try to fight them through the entire process. Due to the fact that paragraph 8 was presently contained in the 1973 agreement, the Supervisors agreed to allow the same paragraph to be placed in the new 1993 agreement. With that, Telford Borough Authority agreed to accept paragraph 10, which was the last obstacle in discussions. At that point, all parties went back into the court room. Supervisor Bennington asked if there is a problem since the agreement was dated September 3, 1993, since that is not the date that the actual agreement was signed off by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Bennington asked if that should be changed to correctly reflect the actual agreement date. Solicitor Grabowski replied it is dated September 3, 1993 in order to coincide with the court hearing date on which all parties agreed, before Judge Scott who then entered her court order. Solicitor Grabowski advised the agreement will be known as the September 3, 1993 agreement, even though all three parties may sign on different dates. Supervisor Bennington asked if the Ordinance must reflect the actual signing date of the agreement, and Solicitor Grabowski

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replied that it does not. Supervisor Fox commented all three Boards did not agree on that date, since only the Chairman of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was present, without having any proxies for Supervisor Bennington and himself. If it is correct that they may move their lines upon written notice, and it does not say when or where, Supervisor Fox feels what was originally written by the Township Solicitor's office for the 1992 Ordinance must be incorrect. Solicitor Grabowski replied ordinances are the art of compromise. At the time the 1992 Ordinance was adopted, Solicitor Grabowski believes there was discussion about making it stronger or making it weaker, though that was the language that was adopted at the time. It didn't parallel the Municipality Planning Code, however it was adopted as an Ordinance in 1992. This is a result of the adoption of that Ordinance, and other things, including the law suit. Rather than continue on with the hearing, not really knowing where it would end, and the possibility of there being three "losers" at the end, Solicitor Grabowski noted there was a compromise reached, which is before the Board this evening.

Supervisor Bennington asked if the proposed 1993 Ordinance is effectively "weaker" than the 1992 Ordinance, and asked if it will take away any authority that the Board of Supervisors might have had in 1992, as opposed to now, if the new Ordinance is passed. Solicitor Grabowski replied it will not take any authority away from the Board of Supervisors, based upon the fact that Hilltown Township must follow the Municipality Planning Code, and the municipal authority must follow the Municipal Authorities Act. It also must go through the permit process for Act 537 for sewer construction, and applications for water and road occupancy must be followed.

Based upon direction of Judge Scott, as well as the opinion of the Township Solicitor, Supervisor Bennington made a motion **to adopt Ordinance #93-4 as stated, with comments in the record from himself and the Township Solicitor. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bennett. Supervisor Fox was opposed. Motion passed: 2:1.**

Since he did not know that the agreement would be discussed this evening, Supervisor Fox requested the issue be tabled until the October 25, 1993 Board of Supervisor's meeting. If Supervisor Fox is not prepared to discuss the agreement tonight, Supervisor Bennington is willing to wait until the next meeting to discuss the agreement.

Solicitor Grabowski stated Judge Scott is anxious to have this matter settled and has called once to see whether action has been taken by the Township. Judge Scott was advised that Hilltown Township would be holding a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the Ordinance, and that the agreement might possibly be approved

this evening. Solicitor Grabowski does not know whether two weeks makes any difference to Judge Scott. Even though Supervisor Bennington does not agree with Supervisor Fox's opinion, he believes he should have the right, as a Supervisor, to prepare himself before voting on the issue. Chairman Bennett does not agree with delaying the vote, however in view of the opinion expressed by the remaining Board members, he will agree to table the issue of the agreement until the October 25, 1993 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

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

1. Mr. Horrocks asked the Board to consider a date for the semi-annual road inspection, suggesting Saturday, October 30, 1993 at 7:30AM. The Board agreed.

2. Mr. Horrocks requested authorization for himself and Officer Dilworth to attend a half-day seminar concerning municipal pensions. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Horrocks and Officer Dilworth to attend a half day seminar concerning municipal pensions.

3. Mr. Horrocks presented information with regards to the Foreign Fire Insurance payment which was received on September 23, 1993. The Board has 60 days in which to distribute funds to the seven fire companies who service Hilltown Township. The issue was tabled until next meeting to allow the Supervisors time for review.

4. A proposal has been received from Hi-Way Maintenance and Supply Company to present a new product called "Ice Stop". This is a liquid product, distributed from equipment mounted on the rear of the public works truck as it is spreading cinders and/or salt. Mr. Horrocks explained "Ice Stop" will make the salt and cinders more efficient to melt ice and to keep the roadway surface from re-icing, thereby using less salt and cinders in the process. Mr. Horrocks is mentioning this publicly because it is not a budgeted item for 1993. Though the equipment to utilize the project can be purchased with Liquid Fuels monies, the liquid itself can not be purchased with those funds. The estimated grand total to purchase "Ice Stop" for three years is \$3,800.00.

Mr. Buzby, Director of Public Works, explained the tank and the pump to store and pump into the pre-wet systems are free, as long as the material is purchased from Hi-Way Maintenance. The pre-wet system itself, which is mounted to the truck tailgate is not free, however under the Hi-Way Maintenance and Supply agreement, the Township may use it for a year. If the equipment is not damaged,

and if the Township is not satisfied with the product, Hi-Way Maintenance and Supply will refund 100% of what was paid to purchase the units. Supervisor Bennington asked how much the units cost. Mr. Buzby replied the total for four installed units is \$5,127.00. That cost will include the tank to store the liquid material, and the pump to pump it. Mr. Buzby has attended several different seminars, learning that Washington state, and California has banned salt, and it appears the same may hold true for Pennsylvania in the near future. The systems being offered by Hi-Way Maintenance not only utilize the "Ice Stop" product itself, but can also use Urea and Calcium Chloride. Therefore, the systems installed on the trucks could still be used, even if the Township were to abandon the "Ice Stop" system Hi-Way Maintenance and Supply is proposing.

Supervisor Bennington asked if Mr. Buzby is requesting that \$5,127.00 be budgeted for 1994 in order to purchase the four product spreaders. Technically, Mr. Buzby replied, the spreaders can be purchased with Liquid Fuels funds, however he would need \$3,800.00 from the General Fund for the liquid "Ice Stop" itself. Supervisor Fox asked how long that amount of product might last. Mr. Buzby replied the amount quoted should be enough to get through an entire season of a normal winter. Mr. Buzby noted PennDot is now testing "Ice Stop", although other states have been utilizing this material for quite some time. Chairman Bennett asked if PennDot must approve the material before Hilltown Township can use it. Mr. Buzby replied PennDot must approve it before the material can be purchased with Liquid Fuels funds. Chairman Bennett felt the literature presented concerning the material is very impressive, but asked if Mr. Buzby has spoken to any municipality in eastern Pennsylvania who has actually used the product. Mr. Buzby advised Upper Macungie and Lower Macungie, as well as several other municipalities have been using the product. Upon reviewing the documentation, it appears "Ice Stop" does work, and tends to eliminate the second and third run with the spreaders. Mr. Buzby commented the material would not be delivered until November, and funds to pay for it could come from the 1994 budget. As of the end of September, Mr. Horrocks advised the General Fund budget is in a positive surplus, and he believes Hi-Way Maintenance and Supply would allow the billing to carry out to early January, 1994.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of the product and equipment needed from Hi-Way Maintenance and Supply, to be paid for in the 1994 budget, as specified above.

5. Mr. Horrocks is still reviewing the modification of the agreement between Hilltown Township and Haines and Kibblehouse. Mr. Horrocks met with Mr. Haines, one of the owners, and has begun drafting a letter of agreement, addressing more of the issues

mentioned at the Public Hearing concerning the quarry. Mr. Horrocks expects to present an agreement signed by H and K Quarry for the Board's approval at their October 25, 1993 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

6. Correspondence to residents of the Hickory/Oak Street/Northview Road area concerning septic systems was mailed on September 30, 1993. The Township has requested Telford Borough Authority to begin their preliminary plans for the Board's review.

7. Mr. Horrocks advised no bids were received for the guiderail proposal recently advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Horrocks and Mr. Buzby believe the reason might be because the total went over the Prevailing Wage Rate number, thereby forcing bidders to run Prevailing Wage and the paperwork involved with that. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization to re-bid the exact same work, but only approximately one half to be done this year, and one half to be done in 1994. By doing that, the dollar amount comes down below the Prevailing Wage Rate limit, and should be easier to bid.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize re-bid the 1993 portion of a reduced guiderail project.

C. CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks -

1. The Penridge Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4, 1993. If the Board is interested in participating in the parade, notification must be made to the organizers of the event as soon as possible.

2. Correspondence has been received from a resident, who is a former officer of a fire company, concerning the Fire Tax Reserve, which is currently holding at \$50,000.00. Mr. Horrocks advised the letter mentions some interesting scenarios of what could possibly be done with that money.

3. Correspondence was received from the Township Solicitor's office, alerting the Board that the Cable TV Act of 1992 is changing local cable television companies. The new Act permits the municipality to actually set the rates of the cable company, however Mr. Horrocks noted, there is a catch with that. Currently, Hilltown Township has an agreement with Suburban Cable Television, though it could be to Hilltown's benefit to allow other municipalities to deal with the matter first. If Hilltown Township has any interest in doing this, application for certification to the FCC prior to the end of November must take place. There is a fairly lengthy, though simple form to complete, and if the Board feels Hilltown Township should certify itself in this, Mr. Horrocks

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does not believe there is any cost involved. In other words, if Hilltown Township certifies itself as a franchising authority with the FCC, when the current agreement with Suburban Cable Television expires, a new agreement would be approved with Hilltown Township establishing cable television rates.

D. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas Buzby - Mr. Buzby presented the Public Works Report dated September 5 through October 2, 1993, which is on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Bennington asked if a leaf drop off site will again be located at the Township building. Mr. Buzby replied the Township is required to supply a designated leaf drop off, located in the side parking lot of the municipal building.

E. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief George C. Egly - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of September, 1993, which is on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Bennington asked the difference between "Burglaries" and "Thefts", and why there are two separate categories for Commercial and Residential. Chief Egly replied burglaries are considered the breaking and entering of a closed business or a locked home, and thefts are considered stolen goods from a garage or from someone's property. Chief Egly explained the reason for the breakdown between Commercial and Residential is basically the way the UCR report is handled, asking for different categories.

Chief Egly noted Mr. John L. Snyder, a Hilltown Township resident, was honored this past Friday by the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency, receiving the Governor's Crime Prevention Volunteer Recognition Award for his work as McGruff the Crime Dog and for assisting the police department in the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program. Mr. Snyder was nominated by Sgt. Ashby Watts for this award. Mr. Snyder was one of 25 people in the state of Pennsylvania, with 411 volunteers nominated by police officers for this prestigious award. Chief Egly congratulated Mr. Snyder on a job well done.

Chief Egly advised he impounded an overloaded trash truck today for traveling over a 3 ton weight limit bridge.

F. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT - Due to Mr. Applegate's absence this evening, Mr. Horrocks read the Code Enforcement Report for September, 1993, which is on file at the Township office.

With regards to total revenues to date, Chairman Bennett noted the Building Department continues to be significantly behind in all areas of permits, as compared to last year. At this time in 1992, Hilltown Township had collected approximately \$112,000.00 for

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permits, yet in 1993, only approximately \$60,000.00 in revenues have been collected.

G. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT - Mr. John Friel - Mr. Friel read the Zoning Officer's Report for September, 1993, which is on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Bennington mentioned that during the Primary Election campaign, the Township faced some problems with regards to political signs, and asked if the issue of political signs will be addressed in the near future. Mr. Horrocks replied that must be reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to be addressed in the Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Fox advised there has been some activity on the State level, because the Planning Commission feels every municipality's Ordinance should be the same when it comes to political signs in Pennsylvania.

H. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. Robert H. Grunmeier - Mr. Grunmeier was not present this evening.

I. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier - Mr. Grunmeier was not present this evening.

J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Fox noted that the Township Solicitor, in his reasoning for the 1993 Ordinance, stated that authorities may move the lines with "written notice". Solicitor Grabowski further stated that the Municipality Planning Code does not allow the Township to seek approval from other municipalities, and yet in the 1992 Ordinance, Supervisor Fox advised it states ".....upon written approval of the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to those rights retained by the Township under the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, as amended in the Second Class Township Code".

Supervisor Fox is very confused by these conflicting statements, and asked which time the Township Solicitor was right, either now or the last time the Ordinance was written.

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

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M. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously, the October 11, 1993 Board of Supervisors Worksession meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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