

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, July 26, 1993
7:30 PM

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:40PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Lynda Seimes, Township Secretary

Chairman Bennett announced Mr. Horrocks and Supervisor Bennington are both on vacation, and would not be in attendance this evening.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action on the minutes of the June 28, 1993 Board of Supervisor's Meeting:

Supervisor Fox noted a correction on Page 18, which should read "Reviews have been received from the Bucks County Planning Commission, Bucks County Health Department, the Hilltown Township Planning Commission, and the **Pennsylvania Historical Commission**."

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 28, 1993 Board of Supervisor's Meeting, as corrected.

Action on the minutes of the July 12, 1993 Board of Supervisor's Worksession Meeting:

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 12, 1993 Board of Supervisor's Worksession Meeting, as submitted.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented two Bill's List for approval this evening:

The first Bill's List is dated July 8, 1993 and includes \$57,916.65 of General Fund payments, \$50,162,82 of State Highway Aid payments, and \$2,276.05 of Escrow payments, for a grand total of \$110,355.52. Supervisor Fox questioned the payment in this Bill's List to Waste Management of Indian Valley for removal of contaminated soil in the amount of \$3,941.73, and an accompanying payment in the second Bill's List in the amount of \$4,977.70, which is for the disposal of special waste. Supervisor Fox wondered why the Township is being charged twice for the removal of contaminated soils. Mr. Wynn has not had the opportunity to review those bills. Chairman Bennett advised that is all part of the original estimate of \$24,000.00 to remove the contaminated soil. Mr. Wynn agreed,

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however he is not certain the amounts charged are accurate, and asked to review the invoices.

Supervisor Fox also questioned the many bills for gasoline from Brinker's Fuels, and asked Chief Egly if there was some reason for the increased usage of gasoline. Chief Egly replied the amount of mileage has been remaining approximately the same recently. Chief Egly advised the gasoline tank holds 1,000 gallons of fuel, and possibly the vendor decided to fill it to the maximum.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills due July 8, 1993, subject to audit.

The second Bill's List is dated July 21, 1993 includes \$16,465.22 of General Fund payments, with State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$360.00, for a grand total of \$16,825.22. Supervisor Fox noted that it appears the video camera has been mounted in the police vehicle, and Chief Egly agreed that it has.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills due July 21, 1993, subject to audit.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT - Chairman William H. Bennett -

Chairman Bennett presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of July 26, 1993:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 78,172.56
Payroll Checking Account	\$ 98.36
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 107,950.28
Debt Service Investment Checking Account	\$ 121,512.75
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 161,888.01
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 124,488.20

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 26, 1993, subject to audit.

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

E. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

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F. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Wynn presented six Escrow Releases for the Board's approval:

Ander's Carpets	Voucher #02	\$ 390.35
Jerry's Auto Body	Voucher #01	\$ 327.30
Country Roads Phase I	Voucher #12	\$ 1,414.65
Country Roads Phase I	Voucher #13	\$ 6,430.00
Country Roads Phase I	Voucher #14	\$ 6,570.00
Deerfield	Voucher #39	\$ 1,217.20

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to release the six Escrows as specified above.

G. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Chairman Bennett advised the Army Corp. of Engineers has finally approved the alternate access to Pleasant Meadows. Mr. Wynn confirmed the permit has been received for the Pleasant Meadows Box Culvert, however it is not valid until after signatures have been obtained from the Township, and the permit is returned to the Army Corp. of Engineers for their signature. Mr. Wynn spoke with Mr. Glenn Garis, who will be advising of a schedule for construction. The DER permit has been in the Township's possession since last fall. Mr. Wynn noted one of the special conditions of the permit from the Army Corp. of Engineers is that there will be construction of a wetland area, which will encompass approximately a 1/2 acre in area, and the restoration of another 4/10ths of an acre of wetlands, which has been filled. The permit requires that for the next five years, upon creation of this wetland, the Township must monitor the wetland site and submit, for the first two years, reports twice a year, and then for the next three years after that report, submit reports once a year, containing information as to the surface and groundwater elevation. The Board may not recall, since this project has been ongoing for such a long time, that the wetland area will have a short section of perforated pipe, which is called a "well", that must be monitored for the depth of surface water or groundwater at various times of the year. In addition, Mr. Wynn explained the Township must advise the Army Corp. of Engineers as to which of the wetland plants have died, their survival rate, and take photographs of the site. The site, of course, has to be maintained forever, but for the first five years, it must be monitored. Mr. Wynn mentions these facts because the special permit is not only a requirement for the Township to continue monitoring, but it will be something from which the Township might be seeking some type of compensation from the applicant, Mr. Glenn Garis, to fund for the next five years.

Chairman Bennett asked if the project will be completed before the end of this year. To Mr. Wynn's knowledge, Mr. Garis would like to have the project completed before the end of the year, since the Township is still holding \$109,000.00 of his money in a cash escrow. Mr. Garis estimates that the project will cost approximately \$75,000.00 to complete.

Mr. Wynn noted the last items to be approved were the archaeological and historical resource study, which Mr. Garis was required to do. Mr. Garis hired an individual to conduct the study, and nothing was found, which was reported to the Army Corp. of Engineers, who then issued the permit.

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Francis Grabowski, Township Solicitor: Solicitor Grabowski had nothing to report at this time.

I. PLANNING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer:

1. Blooming Glen Quarry (Final) - Mr. Wynn stated this is the final land development plan for the Blooming Glen Quarry Maintenance Building. The applicant is proposing to remove an existing laboratory and storage building, which are old farm buildings on the site. The applicant is then proposing to construct a 80 ft. by 90 ft. maintenance building, which will contain those facilities currently housed by the two older structures. The plan received numerous land development waivers because of what is actually being constructed within a permitted quarry area, and replacement of existing buildings. All plan issues have been accomplished satisfactorily and the Planning Commission has now recommended a final plan approval subject to only two items to be accomplished. Those items consist of the written verification of approval of the need (or not) for an Erosion Control approval from the Bucks County Conservation District for this activity. The reason it is not clear whether this is required is because the quarry has an ongoing permit for all activity within their permitted area, and since the proposal is within the permitted area, the applicant might not need a separate approval for the construction of the building. The second item is the approval of the Bucks County Health Department for revisions to the septic system. The applicant is not actually revising the drain field, but rather relocating lines to the drain field by connecting to the new building.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the final plan for Blooming Glen Quarry Maintenance Building, subject to the verification of approval from the Bucks County Conservation District and verification of approval for modification of the septic system from the Bucks County Board of Health.

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2. Pizza Hut (Preliminary) - Mr. Wynn advised this plan has been on the Board's agenda several times within the past year. The plan proposes an addition to the Pizza Hut, and was submitted in August, 1992, in non-compliance with requirements of the Land Development Ordinance, because the format was incorrect. Since that time, the Township has received and accepted numerous extensions, three months at a time, yet again the latest extension is expiring.

The Planning Commission recommended the plan be denied for non-compliance with requirements of Sections 302.8 of the Land Development Ordinance which is format requirements, as had been specified in the initial engineering review letter dated August 31, 1992. The Planning Commission also recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize that if a revised preliminary plan is received within 90 days, that the denial action is voided. Specifically, Mr. Wynn explained, the Planning Commission's recommendation is that no more extensions be accepted unless revised plans are submitted with the extension.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to deny the preliminary land development plan for Pizza Hut unless they respond within 90 days with a revised preliminary plan.

3. WaWa - This plan is a request for consideration of full land development submission of the WaWa site located at the intersection of Rt. 113 and Rt. 313. This is the site that had previously been through three land development plans, and is part of a larger tract of land that totals 26 acres, including the WaWa, the Hilltown Garden Center, and another 2 1/2 story stone building. The plan proposes relocation of the retention basin to the rear of the building, the relocation of landscaping to the rear, construction of a truck parking area, and installation of curbing along the entire parking area. At present there is only curbing along the entrance and along the roadway. The site experiences a large amount of truck traffic from the quarry, and the original design does not provide for any truck parking. Because of the present location of the septic system facilities, they must also be relocated. The applicant has requested relief of the land development process, from the standpoint of showing the entire site on the plan, going through the Bucks County Planning Commission review, and the other issues which are normally associated, since they are not proposing any additional building on the site or any additional entrances to the site. Rather the applicant is proposing improvements to the site and the parking, which has resulted in the relocation of some items. The applicant is also proposing construction of a private well to serve the WaWa site alone. WaWa is presently using the same well that is servicing the other buildings on the site.

By a 6:1 vote, the Planning Commission has recommended a waiver of full land development requirements conditioned upon certain things occurring. One is that the curbing and the parking lay-out be reviewed and conform to all requirements of zoning and land development. The stormwater report and basin reconstruction has been submitted, reviewed and found satisfactory. The Bucks County Health Department approved the revisions to the septic system and the proposed well has received Township approval through issuance of a well permit. The owner of the property, Mr. Joseph Pileggi, must indicate, in writing, that he concurs with what is proposed and it is satisfactory to him. Also, an escrow must be established to guarantee the basin and landscaping be re-installed as required by Ordinance. Mr. Wynn also recommended that WaWa be required to pay the basic land development fee to the Township in the amount of \$800.00. Chief Egly asked if the Board could require "No Parking" signs to be erected on Rt. 113 near the traffic light. Chief Egly explained that tractor trailers are parking in the right hand turn lane, which is obstructing the flow of traffic.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the site improvements for WaWa, including curbing, truck parking, the stormwater detention basin being relocated, approval from the Bucks County Health Department, that the proposed well to be installed conforms in all aspects to the requirements of the Ordinance, verification from the owner, Mr. Joseph Pileggi, that he approves of the modification of his property, establishment of an escrow agreement, submission of the \$800.00 land development fee, and installation of "No Parking" signs along Rt. 113, with PennDot approval.

4. Jager Subdivision - This proposed six lot subdivision is located on Diamond Street, with four lots proposed as building lots on Diamond Street. Lot #5 is a lane lot containing an existing farm, and Lot #6 is a lane lot containing approximately 42 acres of open area which is located on Victoria Lane in the Orchard Station Subdivision. The Planning Commission's recommendation included a number of items which were discussed at the last Supervisor's meeting, including identifying wetlands on the plan, approval from PennDot for the proposed driveway accesses and Diamond Street improvements as required by the Township, approval of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority for water and sewer facilities, Planning Module approval by DER, and dedication of the right-of-way area of Diamond Street. The Planning Commission recommended a waiver of stormwater management facilities, due to the relative lack of development on the site, and the fact that it all drains into a large flood plain area. The applicant has agreed to add a note to the plan that further development of the larger tract will require the impact of these four lots to be included in stormwater management. Approval from the Bucks County Conservation District for Erosion and

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Sedimentation Control measures, installation of property pins and monuments, and an escrow agreement to guarantee public improvements is also required. The Planning Commission recommended, by a 4:1:1 vote, that improvements including widening and curbing along the frontage of Lots #1 through #4 be installed, however they did recommend a waiver of sidewalks and had indicated during their recommendation that the Supervisors may wish to accept funds in lieu of those improvements.

By date of July 26, 1993, the Township has received correspondence from the applicant requesting that the Township accept an offer of \$18,500.00 in lieu of installation of curbing and widening along the frontage. Mr. Jager has come to that amount by multiplying the frontage of the first four lots of 642 feet by \$32.00 per foot, which was the contribution made by the applicant for the Finkelstein Subdivision, which is located adjacent to this site. The total amount is \$20,554.00, of which Mr. Jager subtracted the cost of installation of parabolic grass swale, instead of the roadway widening, which he estimates to be \$2,000.00, for a net contribution of \$18,500.00. As noted in Mr. Jager's letter, and from Mr. Wynn's conversation with him, the actual frontage along the site is 692 feet, 50 ft. of which is existing frontage along Lot #5.

Mr. Wynn's recommended that the Board either require the installation of the improvements of curbing and widening, or to be consistent with the adjoining subdivision, accept the contribution of \$32.00 per ft. for 692 ft. of frontage, less the \$2,000.00 for the installation of the swale. Mr. Wynn noted that would increase the contribution from \$18,500.00 to \$20,144.00.

To be consistent with the Finkelstein Subdivision, Supervisor Fox feels the Planning Commission preferred installation of the improvements, and he personally feels the same way. However, as in the Finkelstein Subdivision, if Mr. Jager wishes to contribute the finances for future road improvements, it would be acceptable to Supervisor Fox. Chairman Bennett agreed.

In reading the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Jager read a statement indicating that what is proposed on the plan is some right-of-way regrading, stormwater management improvements, and the installation of an inlet. Mr. Jager noted the funds that are to be applied in the amount of \$2,000.00 only included the construction of the swale, and it's proper seeding. The installation of the inlet was not included in that \$2,000.00 figure. Upon review of the previous Supervisor's meeting minutes, Mr. Jager feels that inlet is very important, and can be used in conjunction with building a swale, as part of the roadway improvements. Mr. Wynn is not sure what Mr. Jager's point is because the inlet must be installed whether the roadway is curbed

or not. If the swale does not have to be constructed, Mr. Jager asked why there would be an inlet. Mr. Wynn replied if the applicant completes the improvements, including widening and curbing, the inlet must be installed. At this time, Mr. Jager reluctantly agreed to abide by the Board's recommendation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to accept donations for roadway improvements from the Jager Subdivision, in the amount of \$20,144.00, based upon 692 ft. of site frontage.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to conditionally approve the preliminary plan of the Jager Subdivision, based upon the conditions cited by the Planning Commission and Mr. Wynn.

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

1. Deerfield Subdivision - Mr. Wynn explained this subdivision has been under construction for the past several years, and the letter of credit will expire at the end of this month. The developer has requested that the Township accept substantial completion of the improvements and commence the 18 month maintenance period, effective today. The developer has tendered to the Township, a maintenance bond which requires minor language modification, in the amount of 85% of the required retainage of \$48,759.00. In addition, the developer has provided the Township with a cash escrow in the amount of \$8,781.00, representing the remaining 15% of the retainage requirement for the 18 month time period. The applicant has also provided the Township with a check for the pro-rated amount of school taxes on the open space for 1993. In addition, Mr. Hassan has provided the Township with a letter indicating that he is currently finishing some items including curb patching, installation of property pins, and the replacement of two pieces of sidewalk. Mr. Hassan expects those items to be completed by the end of this week, but has also provided a letter indicating that should he default on any of these items, the Township may use the maintenance fund, whether it be cash or bond, to complete them, in addition to any maintenance purposes. The open space area, which is approximately 10 acres in area, has been graded and hydroseeded, and the grass is growing, though it is sparse. Mr. Hassan has been advised that it may be necessary this fall to re-seed or over-seed the areas within the open space which do not germinate satisfactorily. The open space area was inspected by Mr. Wynn and Mr. Horrocks last Friday, and it was noted that landscaping has been installed, though there are some dead plantings which must be replaced during the maintenance period. The area that was wooded and at one time contained junk cars, a broken down barn and foundation, has been cleaned up, re-graded and seeded. Speed limit signs of 25 m.p.h. have been

installed, and the Township will eventually need to pass an Ordinance to enforce those speed limits.

The Township has received a complaint from a property owner within the subdivision, concerning the backstop which was installed by the developer. On October 28, 1991, when the developer had requested continued use of the open space for storage during it's construction activities, the Supervisors approved a revised grading and planting schedule for the open space and also advised the developer that he would be required to install a backstop in the open space to provide an informal playing field for children living in the development. Mr. Wynn indicated to the resident that the backstop was not intended for little league play, but was only for informal baseball games by residents of that development. The resident indicated he did not want children playing in the open space and did not want the backstop erected in the open space. Mr. Wynn noted the backstop was installed by the developer as requested by the Township in 1991.

At this point, Mr. Wynn recommends that the Township accepts substantial completion of the improvements, recognizing that there are going to be some "clean up" items ongoing, especially with the weather conditions being as they are.

Supervisor Fox asked if all the trees that were installed are still alive. Mr. Wynn replied that some of the trees have only been planted within the last two months, and some will need to be replaced. In fact, some of the trees have already been replaced and will need to be replaced again.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to accept substantial completion of the maintenance period for the Deerfield Subdivision, subject to resolution of the maintenance bond with the Township Solicitor, and completion of all outstanding items.

2. North Penn Water Authority Reservoir - Mr. Wynn explained the North Penn Water Authority had a reservoir on Cherry Road, between Bethlehem Pike and County Line Road. It was an old, cement reservoir, of which the Township had previously received complaints of stagnant water. This past spring, the North Penn Water Authority removed the reservoir and graded the lot. The property is now for sale and is commercially zoned. The site will be served by North Penn Water Authority for water, however there is no public sewer in the street. The nearest public sewer is at the intersection of Cherry Lane and County Line Road. Because the site is commercially zoned, and the applicant is hoping to market the property, they are seeking correspondence from Souderton Borough stating that they have the ability to serve the property with sewer, since public sewer is required for a commercially zoned

property. Before Souderton Borough will give North Penn Water Authority that confirming letter, they require a letter from Hilltown Township advising authorization for Souderton Borough to serve that particular site. Similar to what has been done in the past, Mr. Wynn would like the Supervisors to provide acknowledgement that Souderton Borough may serve that site with public sewer, subject to land development approval and Planning Module approval, as well as all the other requirements of the Township. For the record, the Tax Map Parcel number of this site is 15-08-25.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to direct Mr. Wynn to draft a letter to Souderton Borough advising of authorization for them to serve the North Penn Water Authority site on Cherry Road.

K. LINENS FOR SIGNATURE:

1. Anders Carpets Land Development.

L. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Larry Derby made comments concerning the Hilltown Township Zoning Hearing held on July 15, 1993 for the Deep Run Valley Sports Association. Mr. Derby would like to note that 75% of the neighboring residents of Deep Run Valley Sports Association feel very strongly and strenuously object to their request for a variance of the front yard setback requirements. This variance request is now being reviewed by the Zoning Hearing Board and the neighboring residents would like it mentioned at a Township Supervisor's meeting that they are against this variance. Mr. Derby presented a petition signed by twelve of the neighboring property owners, disapproving of the variance request.

Supervisor Fox noted that the Board of Supervisors have no control over the Zoning Hearing Board and that they are a separate, independent body.

2. Mr. Al Rojinski's property on Callowhill Road adjoins the Deep Run Valley Sports Association, at the driveway to the site. Mr. Rojinski feels that Deep Run Valley Sports Association is growing and they now appear to be running out of room since they are asking for space within the boundary. If the site could be held at it's present development, Mr. Rojinski feels it would be great. At present, at the corner of Mr. Rojinski's property, approximately 22 ft. away, there are two outhouses placed on the Deep Run property. Two weeks ago, one of them was knocked over, and he constantly experiences trash in his woods. The applicant is now attempting to erect a building behind Mr. Rojinski's property, and he feels his property will be totally enclosed and

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surrounded by Deep Run Valley Sports Association. Mr. Rojinski would like the same privileges that other property owners in Hilltown Township experience, and he would like a bit of privacy as well. Mr. Rojinski asked if it was possible to put a moratorium on future development of the Deep Run Valley Sports Association property.

Chairman Bennett asked if the applicant has appeared before the Zoning Hearing Board yet. Mr. John Snyder, Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, replied he can comment on this matter because he will not be a voting member during this hearing, since his wife is employed by the applicant's attorney. Mr. Snyder explained a zoning hearing was held July 15, 1993, which was continued until August 19, 1993. On July 19, 1993, the Zoning Hearing Board members inspected the Deep Run site and all interested parties were invited to attend. Additional testimony will be heard from the applicant as well as those opposed to the proposal, at the August 19th continuance hearing.

Supervisor Fox noted the applicant must appear before the Zoning Hearing Board to be relieved of the Zoning Ordinance requirements. Deep Run Valley Sports Association must show hardship by requesting construction of the proposed building within the setback lines. Mr. Rojinski feels there is no guidance on the Deep Run site and believes they do as they please, as far as development. Chairman Bennett commented the Hilltown Civic Association donated a 12 acre parcel on Rt. 152 to the Township for Park and Recreation use, which is being developed now to be ready for use in the spring of 1994. There are two baseball fields and one soccer field proposed at this site. Chairman Bennett assumed that those fields will be utilized by Deep Run Valley Sports Association, and therefore should somewhat relieve the use of the fields at the Deep Run site. Chairman Bennett is no longer active at Deep Run, however he believes there are approximately 58-60 softball teams and 58-60 soccer teams at present. When Chairman Bennett was involved in the early 1960's there was not even a ball field for the organization's use. In retrospect, Chairman Bennett feels the Deep Run Valley Sports Association has done a wonderful job since the late 1960's that they can now handle approximately 1,000 children. It is unfortunate that Mr. Rojinski lives next door to this very busy site. Mr. Rojinski advised that on opening day at the site, he has had vehicles park on his lawn and in his driveway, therefore creating difficulty for himself and the neighboring property owners. If there is anything at all that the Board of Supervisors can do, Mr. Rojinski would certainly appreciate it. Chairman Bennett commented the Board will take these complaints under advisement, to what extent they can, however the immediate decision would be made by the Zoning Hearing Board.

3. Mr. John Snyder commented one week ago, he attended a trip sponsored by the Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board to Baltimore, Maryland to see a Baltimore Oriole baseball game. The weather was perfect, and Mr. Snyder felt the entire trip was very enjoyable. Solicitor Grabowski, who also attended, and complimented the Park and Recreation Board on a wonderful trip.

4. Chief George Egly updated the Board with regards to the two used police vehicles recently up for bid. Mr. Ted Covington will be removing the vehicles by the end of this week.

Chief Egly also noted that Holly Farms Kennels discontinued their service of taking stray animals from Hilltown Township, due to an irate Hilltown resident creating a disturbance at the kennel recently. Arrangements have been made with Rockhill Veterinary Clinic to take stray animals from Hilltown Township from this point on. Holly Farms Kennels will still be taking strays from Penridge Regional and Perkasio Borough police departments.

5. Chairman Bennett mentioned Bunny's Animal Shelter recently submitted a quarterly report stating that as of June 30, 1993, the total of remaining dogs is 159.

M. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Fox quoted a recent report which shows that Hilltown Township Police Department has solved more serious crimes and offenses than any other police department in this area, including the State Police. Supervisor Fox believes the Hilltown Township Police Department deserves accolades for their accomplishments.

2. Supervisor Fox noted the Local Government Committee in the 144th District, headed by Representative Tom Druce, advised of a Bill being presented by Representative Tom Teak of Luzerne County amending Act 111 to require arbitrators to review and consider certain financial criteria prior to making a final award with regards to residents living outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh paying the Philadelphia tax completely and not paying the home municipality. This Act would allow the home municipality and the school board to receive 1%, since people living outside the city pay less than the residents of the city of Philadelphia. It was determined that last year, Hilltown Township lost \$35,100.94 of our portion of that tax. Chairman Bennett noted this would amount to 3% or 4% of our Occupation Tax. Chairman Bennett believes we are budgeted for Occupation Tax in the amount of approximately \$875,000.00.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to send correspondence to Representative Tom Druce, stating that Hilltown Township supports the amendment to Act 111.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously, the July 26, 1993 Board of Supervisor's meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary