

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
October 23, 1989

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were: Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman
Betty J. Kelly, Vice Chairperson
William H. Bennett, Jr., Supervisor

Others present were: James H. Singley, Township Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary
George C. Egly, Jr., Chief of Police
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
Clarence Radcliff, Building Inspector

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the 10/9/89 Supervisors' meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund \$17,751.01; Street Lighting Account \$101.30; State Highway Aid \$2,847.27. Mr. Bennett questioned the following bills: PA Police Supply (Handcuffs/Firearms) \$523.70 (included in the budget); Wampole Traffic Signal Service \$307.50 (for signal repairs - location should read Hilltown Pike & Rt. 309); and Engineering Services \$4,115.62 (Mr. Singley explained that this included subdivision fees). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the October 1989 report: General Fund \$44,912.27; Street Lighting \$1,325.22; Fire Hydrant Fund \$3,284.27; Capital Projects Fund \$371.68; Highway Aid Fund \$67,959.08; Police Pension Fund \$111,133.31; Non-Uniform Pension Fund \$65,831.92; Federal Revenue Sharing \$3,728.26; and Fire Tax Fund \$20,720.75; Escrow Fund \$1,403.14. In answer to Mr. Bennett's question, Mr. Singley reported that pension monies (approx. \$106,000) were received from the Commonwealth within the last month; checks will be mailed to PMRS this week. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept the Treasurer's report as given, subject to audit; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Randy Miley, Habitations - Mr. Miley submitted an alternate proposal dated 10/3/89, requesting that they be allowed to proceed (based on INTEX proposal) with testing of 2 additional wells (total of 3 wells) 2 times over the daily rate (24 hrs.) for an 8 hour period with monitoring of neighbor's wells. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow Mr. Miley to proceed with the testing procedure as proposed by INTEX dated 10/9/89 pertaining to the Habitations' Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

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2. Steve Bennett, County Line Plaza - Mr. Bob Rivesso was present on behalf of Strouse Greenberg for Souderton Associates. Mr. Steve Bennett of Cowan Associates, presented a sketch plan and explained that Souderton Associates is attempting to upgrade and modernize the County Line Plaza Shopping Center, including landscaping, improvement of parking and driveways, and traffic flow. PC has indicated they are in general agreement with access changes and parking lot configuration. Chief Egly noted that removal of barriers (proposed on this sketch plan) behind McDonald's could encourage congregation of youth. Regarding parking requirement, Mr. Bennett indicated his client would apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance on required number of spaces.

8:00 P.M. Hearing for Park & Recreation Board Ordinance #89-9

Mr. Grabowski explained that this ordinance, which has been advertised in the Perkasie News Herald, amends previous Ordinance #79-7, correcting the name of the commission and increasing membership from five to seven members. There being no public comment or Supervisor's comments, a motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Ordinance #89-9, amending previous Park & Recreation Board Ordinance #79-7; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

8:07 P.M. - Meeting called to order.

CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS (continued)

2. Michael Toth - Ms. Laurel Mueller, Soils Scientist, was present on behalf of Mr. Toth. Mr. Wynn explained that the proposed arrangement of buffer yard trees along the streets and on lots has been endorsed by the PC with recommendation of approval subject to: (1) Final verification of Soil, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan; (2) approval by BCHD and DER; (3) an escrow agreement be provided to guarantee public improvements; (4) acceptance of \$10,000 donation to Park & Recreation Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to grant final plan approval to the Pheasant Ridge Subdivision with stipulations stated by Township Engineer; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

3. Tom Grass/Kaminski Subdivision - Mr. Andy Moyer was present on behalf of Mr. Kaminski and explained that after discussion with the PC, plans were revised to propose a 3 lot subdivision (two 5 acre lots and the existing parcel). Discussion followed regarding possibility of allowing a 325' long private road to be built to township cartway specifications and maintained by a Homeowner's Association. PC directed Mr. Kaminski to Supervisors for decision on waiver of subdivision regulations regarding private streets. All lots are to be deed restricted against further subdivision. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the concept of a proposed private paved roadway (325') on the Kaminski Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Park & Recreation - DCA has turned down the township's RIRA grant application; Mr. Singley stated that he would include the township's share (\$50,000) in next year's budget for upgrading of the old township building. Mr. Singley advised he will be in contact with DCA regarding the township's position for possible resubmission next year.

2. Salt Bids - Bids for rock salt were advertised through the Upper Bucks Consortium and opened on October 19, 1989. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept the bid from Cargill Salt, Inc. at \$34.38/Ton for supply of rock salt; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. Bucks County Waste Management Plan - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-36 approving the Waste Management Plan of Bucks County; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Safety Committee - The following complaints were received by the committee (members of committee are Mr. Singley, Chief Egly and Tom Buzby):

(1) Pleasant Meadows - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow installation of 25 mph speed limit signs in the Pleasant Meadows' subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

(2) Bypass Road - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve installation of 40 mph speed limit signs on Bypass Road; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

(3) Rickert Road - speed study is underway.

(4) Upper Stump Road - letter has been sent to Mr. Bender, Township Manager of New Britain Township, requesting their cooperation in performing the speed study on Upper Stump Road.

(5) Calvary Church - following recommendations made by the Safety Committee: a) traffic markings be done (by township road crew) at Rt. 113 and Old Bethlehem Pike per PennDOT approved plan; b) require Church to designate lower driveway "right turn only" and upper driveway "left turn only"; c) request that the Church ask their parishioners take the left at McDonald's to get on Rt. 309, rather than old 309; d) letter will be sent to PennDOT to add a third lane at Sernoff's Seafood between Sernoff's and Frederick's and have a "left turn" signal installed at that intersection. The Board unanimously agreed to these recommendations.

(6) Blooming Glen Road - Road crew signed the road with 45 mph speed limit; however, PennDOT has directed the township to remove said signs since they will be responsible for their installation. PennDOT has advised they will perform their speed study from Rt. 113 to Dublin Road (as stated in the township ordinance). Regarding handicapped bus stop signs requested by Mrs. Blanche Mallon (Hilltown Pike and Callowhill Road), permission received from Mr. Donald Fine, PennDOT to erect these signs.

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5. Personnel - Park & Recreation Board appointments will be made at the November 13th Supervisors' meeting. Zoning Hearing Board alternate may be made at this meeting (see Solicitor's report). Letter received from Mr. G. Jay Francis, advising he will be resigning as township auditor on December 31, 1989 since he will no longer be a resident of the township. The Board agreed to send a letter to Mr. Francis, thanking him for his service to the township (letter to be signed by Supervisors). Also, Mr. Singley will advertise for the vacancy position according to the Second Class Township Code.

6. Fire Panel - public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 P.M. in the township building to receive input from the general public and fire companies.

7. Community Development - Hearing will be advertised for the next Supervisors' meeting of Monday, November 13th at 8:00 P.M.

8. Personnel - Mr. Singley requested the Board recess for discussion of a personnel matter.

Meeting recessed; called back to order at 8:22 P.M.

F. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Pritz Subdivision - 60 day extension granted (10/17/89).
2. Steigelman Subdivision - 30 day extension granted (10/18/89).
3. Coleman Land Development - Rt. 309, south of Mill Road (formerly West Dairies). Denied in May 1988 (insufficient acreage for shopping center) and again in May 1989 (denied for lack of response from applicant). Plan resubmitted; PC has recommended approval subject to: 1) PennDOT final approval for access; 2) Public improvements escrow; 3) Verification of BCHD approval for holding tank (Township was not involved in original permit application; BCHD approval to be resolved between applicant and Health Dept.) Public water -- proposed to be connected to North Penn Water Authority. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Coleman Land Development Preliminary Plan, subject to stipulations stated by Township Engineer; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.
4. Schultz Subdivision - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to return balance of monies held in escrow (\$15,422.83) to the developer provided an agreement be signed by the developer, indicating that this amount will be accepted as full settlement (no interest to be paid); motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

5. Broderick Subdivision - (Developer was found in default) Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to authorize the bank to release escrow monies for payment of bills for regrading and site improvement work on the Broderick Subdivision (approximately \$10,000 plus cost necessary for replacement of street trees and swale construction); motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

6. Hawk Ridge Subdivision - Swartley Road. The Board directed the Township Engineer and Township Manager to seek a right-of-way agreement from the property owner on this development.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Harry Hersh/Kollars Subdivision - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-37, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication of Road Frontage, and Resolution #89-38, Declaration of Public Purpose; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Blooming Glen Playground Association - Mr. Grabowski reported that a hearing was held in Bucks County Court last Thursday, October 19th, to approve transfer of two vacant parcels behind the old municipal building. The land transfer was approved; both organizations must now execute deeds and tentatively plan to appear before the Supervisors with a formal presentation at the 11/13/89 meeting.

3. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett nominating Mr. Joel Ward, Rt. 113, Sellersville, PA as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-39, appointing an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board (pursuant to Act 170); motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

H. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Kenneth Bennington, Walnut Street - Mr. Bennington asked status of negotiations to determine final market price of the land on which the new township building has been constructed. Mr. Grabowski answered that a verbal agreement has been accepted by both parties (Hilltown Water & Sewer Authority and Roach Brothers) subject to execution of an agreement. Mr. Bennington also questioned the decision (at the last Supervisors' meeting) to advertise for the position of Assistant Manager. Chairman Grunmeier answered that this was a decision made by the majority of the Board; he also stated that, in his opinion, the size of this township warrants an Assistant Manager to aid the Township Manager

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in order to provide better service to the residents. Mr. Bennett indicated that his reason for voting against this position was to wait until budget meetings are held to determine if it could be afforded. In answer to Mr. Bennington's question, Chairman Grunmeier replied that budgeted monies for this position would be included in the 1990 budget.

2. John Snyder, Mill Road - Mr. Snyder requested status of the Ice City development on Rt. 309 (old Adventure Park location). Mr. Wynn replied that this development received final plan approval from the township; however, is currently on hold until approvals have been received from PennDOT. Mr. Snyder also noted that there has been waste debris left by the contractor on the Coleman Land Development and also noted that they are in violation of the weed "nuisance" ordinance; the Township Engineer will investigate. The Board also requested an update from the Code Enforcement Officer who previously was involved with this matter.

3. Jack Hetherington, Hilltown Pike - Mr. Hetherington noted that Mr. Kenneth Schuenemann was honored by the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce and the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, for his service as a volunteer fireman for over 50 years. Mr. Schuenemann was recognized by Hilltown Township at a previous Supervisors' meeting.

4. Irene McConnell, Lot #9, Schultz Subdivision
Mrs. McConnell complained of a flooding problem on her lot caused by an erosion problem on the Ziegler property (farmland) to the rear of her lot (photographs were presented to the Board). The Board directed the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to review this situation and draft a letter to the property owner in an attempt to resolve the problem.

5. William Godek, Broad Street - In answer to Mr. Godek's question regarding public input with respect to the Habitations Development, Chairman Grunmeier advised that resident's comments will be welcome after receipt of test results. Mr. Godek was also told that the method of testing approved at this meeting would be more stressful than the previously required test. Discussion followed regarding testing procedures.

6. Samuel Pierce, Rt. 152, Silverdale - Mr. Pierce requested that the Friends of the Library be allowed to paint (at no charge to the township) the area prior to moving in; also Mr. Pierce stated that there are several items of used furniture which they could use (a black table and a counter); he also asked permission to set up a "drop off" area at the entrance to the basement. Mr. Singley reported that he is in receipt of the agreement and request; the lease agreement would begin on 10/23/89 at \$1.00/year to the Friends of the

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Congressman Kostmayer has volunteered his assistance for any further help the township may require regarding postal facilities.

2. Fire reports received from Perkasio, Hilltown and Sellersville Fire Companies.

3. Park & Recreation Board correspondence regarding the old municipal building has been copied to the Supervisors

4. Chairman Grunmeier read a letter to Chief Egly from Chief David King, Perkasio Police Department, commending Detective/Lieut. Kerry Trauger and Detective William Leyden for the excellent job they performed in assisting their department with firearms training.

5. Chairman Grunmeier read a letter from DER advising that Hilltown Township must implement a curbside program by 9/26/91 in accordance with Chapter 14 of Act 101; grants are available.

J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Kelly stated that school children from the three local elementary schools are working on posters "What Recycling Means to Me" (10/16/89 to 10/31/89). Winners will be selected from each grade and monetary prizes will be awarded.

2. Mrs. Kelly also reported that the week of 10/22/89 to 10/29/89 has been designated as "Red Ribbon Week" (Drug Free Campaign). Residents of Pennridge area will wear red on Wednesday 10/25/89.

3. Chairman Grunmeier had the following comments:

(1) Regarding tipping fees discussed at last meeting, Mr. Grunmeier stated that Dennis Livrone of Bucks County Planning Commission has advised that trash transfer stations do not come under the \$1/Ton host municipality tipping fee; only landfills.

(2) Agricultural Security will hold a meeting on October 24th in the County Courthouse at 8:00 P.M.

(3) Mr. Grunmeier attended the awards presentation of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce for Kenneth Schuenemann for 50 years of service as a volunteer fire fighter.

(4) Regarding logging of street address numbers into the computer, Mr. Singley advised that the program is not yet complete.

(5) Mr. Grunmeier requested that a letter be sent to the Upper Bucks Consortium regarding their consideration of forming a committee consisting of three local officials, one member of the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce and one member of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce to investigate regional planning of roads within Upper Bucks in conjunction with the BCPC and state officials -- the Board agreed.

(6) Recycling has begun in the township building.

(7) Regarding status of joint meeting between the PC and HTWSA, Mr. Fox advised that it is in progress.

(8) Regarding budget meetings, Mr. Singley advised that a schedule will be set up prior to the next meeting.

(9) Mr. Grunmeier asked that Mr. Singley look into cost of a sign which could be placed on the Administrative side of the Township building, advising residents of meeting dates.

(10) The Board agreed to Mr. Grunmeier's suggestion that a letter be sent from the Supervisors to the Police Review Board asking that Sgt. Watts be recognized for his service with the Youth Aid Panel and the DARE Program.

(11) North Penn Reporter is still listing the old telephone number for Police Emergency.

(12) The Board agreed to allow the home base fire company chief and Silverdale Fire Company Chief to work on a fire plan for the township building (Mr. Singley advised that the plans for the township building have been submitted to Silverdale Fire Company).

(13) Mr. Grunmeier stated he spoke with Rep. Heckler regarding Senate Bill 403 (Volunteer Fireman Retirement Benefits) and asked that the fire companies advise if they are in favor of this bill. Mr. Bennett agreed and stated that this could be discussed at the Fire Panel Meeting this week.

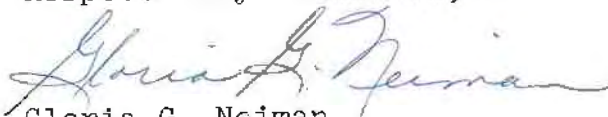
(14) The Supervisors held a road inspection on 10/18/89.

(15) Mr. Grunmeier asked Mr. Begley if he wished to make a comment; Mr. Begley asked that a public water fountain be placed in the foyer. He also asked that street signs be placed on all township streets; the Township Roadmaster has advised that all street signs have been installed; Mr. Scott Lear, Foreman, was present and confirmed this statement.

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

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 9:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary