

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
August 28, 1989

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors 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
Clarence J. Myers, Zoning Officer
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary

At this time, a special presentation was made by the Supervisors to Mr. Charles Murdoch, a resident of Hilltown Township, who was named the "1989 Volunteer of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Health Care Association. In presenting Resolution #89-28 to Mr. Murdoch, Chairman Grunmeier stated "we are privileged to have Mr. Murdoch as a citizen and resident of Hilltown".

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the 8/14/89 Supervisors' meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Billing in the following amounts was approved by the Board: General Fund \$12,710.17; Street Lighting Fund \$96.53; and State Highway Aid \$6,325.37 (\$6,094.81 to be released from an escrow account). Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to pay bills when due; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly; Chairman Grunmeier abstained from voting. Motion carried 2:0.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the report as follows: General Fund \$79,282.01; Street Lighting \$1,699.70; Fire Hydrant \$3,222.39; Capital Projects \$345.03; Highway Aid \$91,998.54; Police Pension \$45,696.97; Non-Uniform Pension \$25,602.53; Federal Revenue \$3,696.45; Fire Protection \$77,127.31; Escrow \$12,228.59. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept the Treasurer's Report as read subject to audit, motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Ken Steigelman - not present at this time.
2. Michael Toth - Mr. Toth was present to discuss a problem regarding driveway encroachment on the Hawk Ridge development. The Board tabled discussion until the next Supervisors' meeting of 9/11/89 when the Township Engineer will be available for comment. (Mr. Toth will be scheduled as the first confirmed appointment)

3. Vincent Pileggi - Mr. Pileggi asked the Board's direction regarding installation of 17 additional parking spaces and asked that he be allowed to install those spaces at this time. The Board advised Mr. Pileggi to present this to the P.C. since this is a deviation from the original plan.

4. Wally Rosenthal, Curtis Furniture - Mr. Rosenthal requested the Board's direction regarding the creation of display booths (with non-load bearing walls/partitions) throughout his store. Mr. Rosenthal indicated he is not increasing present floor space. The Board agreed to refer this plan to the P.C., Fire Marshall and Township Engineer for their input prior to making a decision.

5. Jackie Walker, Bypass Road - Ms. Walker asked what could be done to reduce speed limit on Bypass Road and stated she would like to see a 35 mph limit posted. She expressed concern over school children traveling the road. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to allow the Hilltown Police Department to perform a speed survey on Bypass Road; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

8:00 P.M. - Advertised hearing for State Street Ordinances

Ordinance #89-7 - Changing the street name of State Route LR09118 within the boundaries of Hilltown Township from "State Street" to "Blooming Glen Road"

Public Comment:

1. Lloyd Overholdt, 139 E. State Street, Blooming Glen
Mr. Overholdt stated he would like to see the street name remain "State Street"; he indicated the problem in locating residences appears to be locating the village of Blooming Glen.

2. Bob Rose, 124 E. State Street, Blooming Glen - Mr. Rose indicated that he agrees with Mr. Overholdt; he also expressed concern over whether this change would affect the kinds of traffic. Mr. Grabowski replied that it would not affect the type of traffic; however, the next proposed ordinance would address speed limit.

3. Gerald Gulick, Blooming Glen - Mr. Gulick indicated he is in favor of the change to "Blooming Glen Road". (He also remarked on the noise level at that location).

4. Mr. Singley read two letters which were sent to the Township: Mrs. Grace Detweiler, 95 State Street - would like name to remain "State Street". Ms. Jean Kutzler-Chubb - in favor of changing name to Blooming Glen Road. Owners of TP #15-19-59-1 approved the change in name to Blooming Glen Road.

Supervisor's Comments:

Mr. Bennett stated he is in favor of the change in name to Blooming Glen Road to make it one continuous road.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Ordinance #89-7; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett. Chairman Grunmeier stated that the township maps do not recognize the name of State Street; only Blooming Glen Road. A vote was taken; motion carried unanimously.

8:15 P.M.

Ordinance #89-8 - Reducing the speed of motor vehicles on Blooming Glen Road from 55 mph to 45 mph. (Based upon a traffic survey performed by the Hilltown Police Department.)

Public Comment:

1. Lloyd Overholdt, 139 E. State Street - Mr. Overholdt indicated he is in favor of the reduction to 45 mph.
2. Bob Rose, 124 E. State Street - Mr. Rose indicated he also is in favor of the speed reduction and asked if it would be posted. Chief Egly stated that State posting criteria would be followed.

There being no further comment, a motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Ordinance #89-8, Reducing the Speed Limit on Blooming Glen Road; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Singley suggested that, for the next few months, the street name be listed with the new name of "Blooming Glen Road" with "Formerly State Street" listed underneath. The Chief indicated this could be accomplished. All fire companies and emergency personnel will be notified of the change.

8:20 P.M. - Meeting called back to order.

CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS (continued):

6. Ken Steigelman was present to request the Board's direction regarding an Act 537 amendment for a sewer line installation by the owners of the Swartley Road Shopping Center. The Board advised Mr. Steigelman to present a plan to the Planning Commission to be reviewed by them and the township engineer.

7. Texas Longhorn - Mr. Longhorn was present to request a follow-up on his suggestion regarding posting of emergency signs within the township. Chairman Grunmeier suggested that Mr. Longhorn view the Emergency Management Plan and directed him to contact the township office during business hours to do so. The Board agreed.

8. Virginia Hunsicker - not present.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Happy Viking - Letter received from PennDOT advising that the township does not need PennDOT's approval to erect "no parking" signs at the Happy Viking location on Route 309. This information will be forwarded to the Chief of Police, Township Engineer and Township Roadmaster.

2. Quotes received for a line striping machine from the following:

Loder & Sharp, Inc. \$2,485.00
Municipal Supply Co. \$2,800.00

Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to purchase a line striping machine from Loder & Sharp, Inc. at a cost of \$2,485.00; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. Rt. 113 and 313 Traffic Signal - received letter from Judith Kulp, Secretary/Treasurer of Bedminster Township explaining an invoice for major repairs made to this signal. Due to problems with the light, the controller was replaced at a cost to Hilltown of \$2,410 (1/2 of total cost). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to allow payment to Bedminster Township for \$2,410; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

4. Nob Hill III - received three sets of linens and paper prints with adjustment made to property lines on Lots #51 and #52 -- this will require Supervisor's signatures and re-recording of plans. Tabled for township engineer's review.

5. "Overview of Solid Waste Planning & Recycling in Bucks County" - forwarded by BCPC for township's review.

6. Comprehensive Plan Revisions - received July '89 draft, revised 8/14/89 - will be sent to Planning Commission, Park & Recreation Board and Water & Sewer Authority.

7. Community Development Application received for 1990 funding - received \$77,000 this year; \$3,500 remaining balance. Mr. Singley and Mr. Jack Fox met with Mr. Michael Perlstein of the Office of Community Development last week to discuss the Thomas Musselman barn restoration.

8. Kollar Subdivision - Letter received from Strothers Associates requesting modifications and/or waivers for this project. The Board tabled discussion until township engineer's recommendation has been received.

9. Park & Recreation Board - Letter received from James L. Strohm, Committee Chairman of Boy Scout Troop 67, thanking the Township for allowing them to use the old township building and asking for rules and regulations regarding the building's use. This letter will be forwarded to the Park & Rec. Board.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Resolution #89-29 - Authorizing the execution of the consolidation of three parcels of land in the Blooming Glen area to be used as public recreation uses for Hilltown Township residents. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-29, Joinder and Consent of the Township, requesting the court to approve the conveyances of this land; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Grabowski requested a personnel meeting to discuss matters of pending litigation.

G. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Mr. David Crouthamel, Captain of the Hilltown Volunteer Fire Company, presented the August report. There were four calls within the township during this time. This report is on file at the township office.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Ludlow Subdivision Preliminary Plan - Discussion tabled until next Supervisors' meeting to receive Township Engineer's input.

2. Gubelman Act 537 Revision for proposed spray irrigation system to service property located at Callowhill and Twin Brook Roads. The Board agreed to table action, as requested by Strother's Associates in their letter, until additional test probes have been completed.

3. At this time, a film entitled "Fire Power" was shown. Chairman Grunmeier indicated he spoke with the Fire Commissioner Representative in Harrisburg and they are trying to circulate this film throughout the Commonwealth. Chairman Grunmeier stated that this may be beneficial for future planning to be considered in the Comprehensive Plan Zoning Update. (The film depicted an average middle-class family home and the short amount of time it would take to destroy the home by fire, and demonstrating what action and preventive measures, such as sprinklers and smoke alarms, could be taken to survive a fire.)

I. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. John Snyder, President of Hilltown Fire Company and a township resident, stated that the cost of the "sprinkler-type" system is approximately \$3500. Mr. Snyder asked that consideration be given to this system when updating the Comprehensive Plan and other ordinances. Chairman Grunmeier stated that the sprinkler systems are geared for new construction on a public water system; and that he attended meetings in Montgomery Township regarding same. Mr. Grabowski reported that Warrington Township adopted an ordinance several months ago - the Board agreed to obtain a copy of this ordinance for their review.

2. John Walsh, a resident of 205 Broad Street, asked that the Board consider a reduction of speed limit on that street. Chief Egly stated that the speed limit was recently reduced to 45 mph (the limit determined by a speed study). Chief Egly will look into the posting of speed limit signs in this area.

J. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Hilltown Volunteer Fire Company report received.
2. Copy received of appeal of Kevin & Diane Carney (residence) to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier reported that he and Mrs. Kelly attended a seminar sponsored by DCA entitled "How to Conduct an Effective Municipal Meeting" on 8/24/89.

2. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he and Mrs. Kelly also attended the Upper Bucks Consortium meeting held at the Hilltown Township building on 8/17/89. Mr. Robert Moore, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission, was present to discuss the formation of a committee to begin planning for future roads in Bucks County. Mr. Grunmeier asked that Mr. Singley pursue this matter with the Consortium. Mr. Moore indicated that the BCPC would work with the Consortium, under the ABC program, at no cost.

3. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he would be attending a four county conference on 8/31/89 in Chester, PA.

4. The Supervisors will be attending a national convention (NATaT) in Washington, DC from September 5 through September 8, 1989.

5. Regarding the house numbering ordinance, Chairman Grunmeier suggested that the township building address number be posted as soon as possible.

6. Resolution #89-28, resolution presented earlier in the meeting to Charles Murdoch. A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #89-28; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

L. 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 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary