

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 24, 1989**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:35 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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Bennett to approve the minutes of the 7/10/89 Supervisors' Meeting as written; motion carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund - \$34,191.21; Street Lighting Fund - \$95.29; and State Highway Aid - \$1156.40. Mr. Bennett questioned the following bills: American Office System (copy machine repair); A & T Chevrolet (\$100 deductible); Vehicle Repairs and Parts (repairs contracted through Rodgers Garage, parts are billed directly to township at wholesale price); Motor Oil (high quality oil recommended by GM for use in cars); Office Equipment (billing for items ordered in April). 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 July '89 report: General Fund \$121,771.15; Street Lighting \$2,157.93; Fire Hydrant Fund \$3,215.19; Capital Projects Fund \$331.57; Highway Aid \$106,977.63; Police Pension \$45,473.07; Non-Uniform Pension \$25,497.05; Federal Revenue Sharing \$3,680.39; Fire Protection \$74,402.92; Escrow Fund \$12,180.72. 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:

John Snyder, Mill Road, Perkasio - Mr. Snyder spoke on behalf of the DARE Program operated by Sgt. Ashby Watts, Hilltown Township Police Department. On behalf of Nationwide Insurance (provider of township insurance through Mr. Snyder's office), Mr. Snyder presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Chief Egly and Sgt. Watts to be used for the Hilltown Township 1989-1990 Dare Program.

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Chairman Grunmeier and the Board expressed their appreciation and agreed to review the DARE program in their budget discussions.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Telford Borough - Request received from Mr. Charles Feindler, Borough Manager, for waiver of fees from Hilltown Township for construction of a water supply well east of Rt. 309 Bypass. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to waive all permit fees for this well; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Extensions:

a. Hellwarth Subdivision - Motion made by Mrs. Kelly to grant a 90 day extension (to 10/24/89) to the Hellwarth Subdivision escrow agreement; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

b. Mehl/Bridle Run - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant a 90 day extension to the Bridle Run Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. Finklestein/R & M Paving - Letter from Attorney Larry Grim copied to Tom Wynkoop/HTWSA. Regarding incomplete regrading work, the Board agreed to direct this letter to the Water & Sewer Authority.

4. Fire Panel - Met on July 12th with Silverdale and Dublin fire companies. Next meeting to be held Tuesday, August 1st with Telford, Souderton and Perkasio.

5. Park & Recreation Board - Meeting held July 18th. Hilltown Alumni Association and Blooming Glen Playground Assoc. have elected officers and will be advising their decisions on disposal of land. Mr. Grabowski indicated the revised petition should be received any day and a resolution could be adopted at the next Supervisors' meeting.

6. Post Office - Mr. Singley stated he received a call from Carmen DeLorenzo of South Jersey Division. Mr. DeLorenzo advised that, in order to have one central post office in Hilltown, the township must deal with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Division. Mr. DeLorenzo will contact Southeastern and will advise Mr. Singley. Chairman Grunmeier remarked that it is important to emphasize that the Board will personally meet with the postal authorities.

F. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Plechner Final Plan - The Board unanimously agreed to table this plan (at Mr. Wynn's suggestion); Mr. Wynn will send a letter to the applicant requesting written status of negotiations with the Telford Borough Authority.

2. Brick's Way Subdivision - Mr. Wynn advised that the 18 month maintenance period has elapsed and all public improvements appear adequate. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to advise Mr. Hackett and the bank that the 18 month maintenance period has been successfully completed; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:00 P.M. - Hearing for Orchard Road Speed Limit Ordinance

Mr. Grabowski explained that this ordinance was advertised in the Perkasie News Herald on July 12, 1989. The ordinance provides for a 35 mph speed limit on Orchard Road from its intersection at Keystone Drive to its terminus at Walnut Street. (It was noted that the newspaper ad indicated that it was for a portion of Orchard Rd. westward to Walnut Street -- this should read eastward - the original ordinance is worded correctly). Chairman Grunmeier opened the hearing for public comment - there was no public comment. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Ordinance #89-3, Orchard Road Speed Limit; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

8:05 P.M. - Hearing recessed, regular meeting called to order.

ENGINEERING/PLANNING (continued):

3. Garges Subdivision Final Plan (6 single family homes on 12 acres) - Tabled from June meeting pending input from New Britain Township. Correspondence received from New Britain indicating no objection to approval subject to the following conditions: (1) Hilltown Township confirm suitability of stormwater management facilities; (2) Improvements on Stump Road within New Britain Township be consistent with Hilltown; and (3) The developer offer a hold-harmless agreement to New Britain Township prior to recording of linens. Mr. Wynn noted the following conditions stated by Hilltown PC: (1) Verification of approval from PennDOT for driveway access and drainage swale work on Callowhill Rd. (in hand); (2) Right-of-way, dedication and escrow agreements; and (3) Verification of final approval from Bucks County Conservation District for erosion, sedimentation control procedures. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the Garges Subdivision Final Plan subject to stipulations stated by the Township Engineer; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Phinney Subdivision and Longview Subdivision - letter received from Mr. Phinney requesting additional time to resume work as weather conditions permit. Rain has delayed work on regrading of basin and swales.

5. Broderick Subdivision - Roadway has been paved and curb partially repaired; retention basin is incomplete and replacement of trees is necessary. Mr. Kemmerer has indicated he would like to be present at the next Supervisors' meeting.

6. Orvilla Road - Proposed rezoning presented to Hatfield Township - copy of location plan forwarded to Hilltown for comments. Located at Orvilla Road and Rt. 309, southwest from Ice City. Proposed to rezone from Commercial and Rural Residential to "Shopping Center" to permit construction of several stores, restaurant and bank. PC indicated their concern for intersection improvements and need for a traffic light at Orvilla Road.

8:15 P.M. - Hearing for House Numbering System Ordinance

Mr. Grabowski explained that this ordinance was advertised in the News Herald on July 12th. This is an ordinance regulating the numbering of houses and buildings (any structure used or intended to be used as a dwelling or place of business or industry, including any public buildings, religious and institutional buildings.) The ordinance requires that all buildings be numbered within sixty (60) days after enactment; numbers to be at least three inches (3") in height, color of number to be in contrast to the immediate background, numbers shall be visible from the street, either on the house, mailbox or at the end of a private drive. (Mr. Grabowski read the entire ordinance).

Public Comment:

1. John Bolger asked who would decide whether a number was contrasted to the background; Mr. Grabowski answered that the Zoning Officer would make this decision. Mr. Bolger also questioned the 3" size of letters and asked that 'approximately 3"' be considered; Mr. Bennett stated that "approximate" could mean 2" or 2 1/2". Mr. Bennett illustrated samples which he purchased and stated that 3" is the most common and will also be visible from the street. Chairman Grunmeier agreed that these numbers are necessary for emergency personnel. Mr. Bolger also questioned which addresses would be changed; Mr. Singley stated that approximately 30 addresses will be changed but this would be determined by the Zoning Officer. Mr. Bennett proposed that the Township make available several sizes of letters and provide them to residents at cost. Chief Egly stated he would like to see reflective lettering, no less than 3". Discussion followed regarding size of letters; Chairman Grunmeier stated the Board will take this under advisement.

2. Jack Fox, Hilltown Village - Mr. Fox asked if there is a minimum height standard for those homes which cannot be seen

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from the street and without mailboxes; Mr. Grabowski answered that this would be at the discretion of the Zoning Officer.

3. Bill Godek, Broad Street - In answer to Mr. Godek's question, Mr. Grabowski stated that the post is regarded as part of the mailbox. He also questioned fines - Mr. Grabowski stated the fine would be the standard fee allowed by the Second Class Township Code.

8:00 P.M. - The Board recessed to individually reflect on the resident's comments. 8:35 P.M. - Hearing called back to order.

Supervisor's Comments:

1. Mr. Bennett stated that this ordinance is being enacted for the benefit of the residents - for fire protection, police protection and emergency services. He stated that 3" is the proper height for these letters to be clearly visible.

2. Chairman Grunmeier agreed that this ordinance is to benefit the public. Mrs. Kelly concurred.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Ordinance #89-4, House Numbering System for Hilltown Township; motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

8:40 P.M. - Regular meeting called back to order.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Kozitsky Subdivision - Maron Road: Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-24, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for the Kozitsky Subdivision and Resolution #89-25, Declaration of Public Purpose; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Grasse Subdivision - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-26, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for the Grasse Subdivision and Resolution #89-27, Declaration of Public Purpose; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. State Street - Mr. Grabowski asked the Board's direction regarding authorization to inform residents of State Street of a proposed hearing for adoption of an ordinance changing the name of State Street to Blooming Glen Road. The Board unanimously agreed to hold the hearing for this ordinance at the second Supervisors' meeting of August (8/24/89), and authorized the Township Manager to send notification to all affected residents.

4. Mr. Grabowski requested a 10 minute recess for discussion of pending litigation. Meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

5. Chief Egly asked if Blooming Glen Road was ever legally changed to State Street. Mr. Grabowski stated that this would require extensive research and it would probably be more cost effective to write up a new ordinance.

H. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Bill Gartner, 922 Green Street - Mr. Gartner indicated he has made several requests to have his neighbors cut their grass; nothing has been accomplished to date. Mr. Gartner presented photographs to Mr. Singley to be given to the Zoning Officer. Address of property in question is 830 Green Street; Mr. Singley stated that certified letters have been sent.

2. Jean Bolger, 324 Route 152 - Mrs. Bolger asked Chief Egly who was responsible for the traffic study at McDonald's/Burger King area on Rt. 113 and asked the reason for not being able to make a right hand turn at this light. Mr. Wynn answered that Pennoni Associates performed this study; and Chief Egly stated that a right hand turn is not allowed for a state traffic light onto private property.

3. Bill Godek, 206 Broad Street - Mr. Godek questioned status of the zoning ordinance update. Mr. Singley answered that the PC has advised it will take approximately 1 to 1½ years to complete. Mr. Godek asked if protection of water supply sources will be included; Mr. Fox answered that they have not addressed this issue as yet. Mr. Godek also asked at what point reports given to the township are made available for copying to residents. Mr. Grabowski answered that this would depend on the type of report; that he would review the report in question and determine if it could be copied. Normally, Mr. Grabowski stated, that it would not be available until a preliminary plan has been filed with the township. Regarding Mr. Godek's question of markings on Rt. 152 roadway, Mr. Wynn stated that they may be for installation of advisory signs.

4. John Bolger, 324 Route 152 - Mr. Bolger questioned two resolutions adopted this meeting regarding the Grasse Subdivision and asked that they be explained further. Mr. Grabowski explained that the township requires road frontage of approved subdivisions be dedicated to the township for road improvement, safety, etc.; the second resolution is to declare that portion of the parcel to be tax exempt.

5. Jack Fox, Hilltown Pike - Mr. Fox expressed concern over new jobs and expansion of part time jobs in the township which, he stated, were not included in the budget last year.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Agreement between the township and Mabel Clark & J. Gordon Smith regarding the property at 4409 Bethlehem Pike has been copied to the Supervisors.

2. Letter received from Kathleen Babb, Manager of East Rockhill Township, regarding Point Pleasant Pumping Station. Mr. Singley will set up a meeting and advise.

J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. In answer to Mr. Bennett's question, Mr. Singley replied that the Auditor's Report has been sent to the state for release of Highway Aid monies, however, no final report has been received to date. Mr. Bennett requested that Mr. Singley contact the Auditors.

2. Mr. Bennett asked if a date has been set for the auction of police cars and other equipment. Considering the amount of equipment remaining, Mr. Singley replied that he does not feel an auction would be worthwhile and suggested that bids be taken by any interested parties, but that the police cars would go out on advertised bid.

3. Chairman Grunmeier stated that DCA is holding a workshop on Risk Management/Tort Liability Workshop on August 29, 1989 at the Holiday Inn, Route 100, near the PA turnpike, Exit 23. The Board agreed that the Roadmaster and Chief of Police, or their delegates, should attend this seminar (also any Supervisor who wishes to attend).

4. Regarding the Pleasant Meadows' box culvert, Chairman Grunmeier received a letter from Senator Greenwood's office, on the status of Hilltown Township's Permit Application No. E09-451 submitted to DER, Bureau of Dams & Waterways Management on 6/19/89; permit application received initial review for completeness on 6/23/89; Mohammed Faraq will be reviewing the application and expects to have this completed in three weeks; it will then be sent to another group for an environmental review; Mr. Faraq has advised that total process time for a permit is 120-150 days.

K. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present. Regarding Mr. Fox's question regarding hiring of additional township personnel, Mr. Singley explained that for the last two years, an additional person has been budgeted for the road department each year in 1987, 1988 and 1989. Since two new employees have been hired this year; one starting 8/14/89 and one starting 8/28/89; a full year's salary was allowed in the budget for one person; with only 5½ months remaining in the year, two persons could be hired at a lower rate than what was budgeted. He also explained that monies were allowed for custodial fees and excess money is remaining in that category. Mr. Singley stated that meetings will begin in October for discussion of the 1990 budget.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary