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**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 10, 1989**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:30 P.M. Chairman Grunmeier recognized candidates for supervisor: Jay Poggi and Kenneth Bennington.

Supervisors 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, Chief of Police
 Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster
 Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the June 26, 1989 Supervisors' Meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously. Joint Work Session between the Supervisors, Planning Commission and Water & Sewer Authority, June 28, 1989 Minutes: Mr. Bennett a correction to be made on Page 6, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence, should read "Mr. Fox stated there are no flowing streams; and 100% purity is required" Also, Page 8, 3rd paragraph, should read "Mr. John Gerner a former member of Perkasio Borough Council" Mrs. Neiman noted a correction to be made on Page 3, Item 6, 2nd paragraph, "Mr. Fox also indicated that Mr. Bachman was cited and is still selling cars at the Rt. 313 location." Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the minutes of the June 28, 1989 Work Session as corrected; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund - \$26,604.55; Street Lighting Fund - \$322.35; State Highway Aid Fund - \$209.88. Mr. Bennett questioned BAHPCO bill \$2,260.00 - Mr. Singley explained this is for video recording of cell areas -- Holly Farms Kennels (boarding for stray dogs) -- Mr. Bennett asked if the Zoning Hearing Board hearings cost the township money or break even; Mr. Singley answered that the hearings cost the township money -- PennDOT (20% of bridge inspection -- billing for past year) -- and Police Visitor Badges (Mr. Singley explained that all visitors receive badges which expire in the sunlight). 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 report for the month of July, 1989: General Fund - \$117,170.61; Street Lighting Fund - \$2,372.28; Fire Hydrant Fund - \$2,987.09; Capital Projects - \$309.29; Highway Aid - \$112,350.61; Police Pension - \$45,276.83; Non-Uniform Pension - \$25,375.86; Federal Revenue Sharing \$3,664.92; Escrow Fund - \$12,125.74; Fire Tax Fund - \$69,439.11. 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: None.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Singley announced there was an executive session prior to this meeting in regard to personnel matters.

2. Fire Panel - A meeting was held last Thursday with Sellersville Fire Department and Hilltown Volunteer Fire Company. Dublin, Perkasio and Silverdale fire companies will meet with the Fire Panel on Wednesday, July 12th. Mr. Singley stated that, hopefully, full reports will be submitted to the Supervisors by October.

3. State Street Request - Two letters received from residents Greta R. Curry and Mrs. L.W. Winton, regarding changing the name of State Street back to its original name of Blooming Glen Road. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to direct the Township Solicitor to draw up an ordinance changing the name of State Street to its original name of Blooming Glen Road; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Two requests received from Police Department: (1) Officer Dilworth to attend IBTM Traffic Accident Reconstruction Course at a cost of \$280.00. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve Officer Dilworth's attendance at this class at a cost of \$280; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. (2) Sgt. Miller requests attendance for three officers to attend Montgomery County Fire School for the purpose of safety checking mechanical items on large trucks. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve attendance at the Fire School at \$40/man (total \$120.00); motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

5. Chairman Grunmeier asked that a response be sent to Mr. Scott Moyer regarding the traffic light and signage at Rt. 113 and McDonald's; Chief Egly stated that the light unit had malfunctioned and was returned to the manufacturer and will be operational tomorrow. Mr. Singley will forward a letter to Mr. Moyer.

F. ROAD REPORT: Mr. Buzby read the Public Works' Report dated June 4th to July 1st, 1989 which is on file at the Township building. Chairman Grunmeier requested that Mr. Buzby begin an update of equipment which will require replacement in the future.

G. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Egly read the report dated June 1989 which is on file at the township building.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Good Transport - PC recommended approval of this preliminary plan subject to completion of outstanding items listed in the Township Engineer's letter of 3/14/89 and resolution of the extent of road improvements. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the Good Transport Preliminary Plan subject to the following conditions being accomplished by the applicant: (1) Verification

of adequacy of stormwater piping under inlet; (2) Evidence of easement in a manner acceptable to Hilltown Township for discharge of stormwater collection system along Reliance Road; (3) Verification of final approval of sewer service from TBA; (4) Escrow agreement to guarantee installation of all public improvement; (5) Roadway improvements at intersection of Reliance Road and Bethlehem Pike; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Phinney Subdivision Update - Retention basin and swales continue to be unsatisfactory. Meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning at the site to review problems at the retention basin. Placement of topsoil, fertilizer, seeding and mulch is also unsatisfactory.

3. J. Gordon Smith - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to extend the deadline to September 30, 1989 in order to allow time for completion of necessary work; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Summit Court Subdivision - Development agreements have been executed by the developer and bank; funds escrowed in the amount of \$180,485.00. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the development agreement and escrow agreement for the Summit Court Subdivision on the advice of the Township Solicitor; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

2. Speed Limit Ordinance for Orchard Road (lowering the speed limit to 35 mph) will be considered at the next Supervisors' Meeting of July 24, 1989.

3. Regarding the mandatory renumbering of all buildings within the township, Mr. Grabowski reported that he has forwarded a proposed ordinance to the Supervisors which mandates that numbers must be affixed to either mailboxes or homes within 60 days after the enactment of the ordinance (numbers to be 3" in height and color to be contrasted to background). Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow advertisement of the house numbering ordinance for a public hearing at the next Supervisors' meeting of July 24, 1989; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Grabowski stated that two additional ordinances will be advertised this Wednesday: (1) regarding amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance to reflect changes within the Municipalities Planning Code; other changes will be the subject of a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on July 31st at 7:30 P.M.; (2) an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance which provides for a change regarding number of uses allowed on a single lot and possible creation of a Heavy Industrial zoning district and a Light Industrial zoning district (PC will discuss this at their work session on 7/11/89).

5. Regarding codification of all township ordinances, Mr. Grabowski reported that he has sent letters to various companies that specialize in this type of work, but has not received a proposal to date.

6. Mr. Grabowski stated that PennDOT has initiated a review of the zoning ordinances of municipalities which could be affected by the proximity of the Pennridge Airport. The report has been received indicating there is small area of Hilltown (the area bordering Perkasio Borough and to the south, South Perkasio Rd.) which is included in their map. Awaiting review by Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Jay Poggi questioned the bridge in the Pleasant Meadows' development. Chairman Grunmeier stated he visited Senator Greenwood's office in Harrisburg to discuss this situation; Senator Greenwood was advised by DER that this case has been assigned a number and was returned to Urwiler & Walter due to incorrect completion of a form; the Township has contacted Urwiler & Walter to advise them to pursue this matter.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mr. Singley reported that he received only one letter of interest for the board openings on the Park & Recreation Board and Zoning Hearing Board. He asked that the newspapers place an item in the community interest section, stating that the township is looking for two Park & Recreation Board members and an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board.

2. Fire Company Reports received from Telford, Perkasio, Souderton, Dublin and Silverdale.

3. Letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Veneziaie regarding possible purchase of township owned land. Mr. Singley will advise them that the Park & Recreation Board is in the process of conducting an inventory of township owned land and what can and cannot be sold.

4. A meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. at Summit Avenue with the Supervisors and M & B Investments to view the property being proposed by M & B for a possible townhouse development.

5. 1989 adopted resolutions passed at PSATS convention copied to Supervisors.

6. Letter received from Rep. Paul Clymer indicating his support of HB 779 and SB 744 (raising the bid threshold for second class townships) and of the Tort Reform Legislation. However, he stated he has difficulty supporting the "OSHA" Bill as written.

7. Letter received from Rep. Ron Gamble, stating he is against raising the threshold to \$10,000 from \$4,000.

8. Letter received from Stan Seitzinger, Manager of Hatfield Township, regarding information on a public hearing which will be held on August 23, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Hatfield Township Municipal Building, concerning rezoning at Route 309 and Orvilla Road.

9. National Convention being held by the National Association of Towns and Townships in Washington, D.C. - 9/6/89 to 9/8/89. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to permit anyone allowed under the Second Class Township Code to attend this Convention; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Bennett questioned whether response has been received from the Post Office Authorities regarding a meeting concerning a possible centralized post office. No response to date -Mr. Singley will send a certified letter.

2. Mr. Bennett questioned restrictions on the township selling open space to interested persons. Mr. Grabowski stated that it could be dependent upon how the land was acquired (i.e., through Federal Revenue Sharing, etc.) or whether there would be conditions listed on the deed.

3. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he read an article in the newspaper regarding Warrington Township and a self-insurance program encompassing Montgomery and Bucks; Mr. Grunmeier requested Mr. Singley look into it.

4. Chairman Grunmeier announced that in the personnel meeting, the Supervisors met with the Township Manager and Roadmaster regarding appointment of road crew personnel. On the recommendation of the Township Manager and Roadmaster, a motion was made by Chairman Grunmeier to hire Jack Morgan as a road department member, at a starting salary of \$10.25/hr.; further motion was made by Chairman Grunmeier to hire George Egly, III as a road department person, at a starting salary of \$10.25/hr. -- starting dates to be determined by the Roadmaster and Township Manager. One year probationary period for both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Egly and also that they must have a Class 3 driver's license; and if a new law is passed requiring a federal license, that they be required to pass the federal test; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Chairman Grunmeier stated that additional personnel is required to maintain the open space and to maintain the township building and that there will be savings on cleaning and carpentry work which will be handled by the road department. Mr. Bennett remarked that if additional help should be required next year, that consideration be given to hiring college students on a temporary basis during the summer season. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

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5. Chairman Grunmeier stated that the North Penn Reporter had the old police telephone number listed in their records. Mr. Singley indicated he has been in contact with Mr. Labofsky and this will be taken care of.

PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer all questions and concerns of those reporters present.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary