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**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 22, 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
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the May 8, 1989 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 - \$49,903.35; Street Lighting Fund \$419.88; State Highway Aid - \$1,253.86; and Capital Improvement Fund - \$2,687.56. Mr. Bennett questioned status of monies paid to date to the planning consultant; Mr. Singley replied that approximately \$3,000 has been paid. Mr. Bennett also asked what total cost of new township building will be and whether current charges of office equipment, etc. has been included in the \$1.5 million cost. Mr. Singley replied that the total cost of the building will probably reach \$1.8 million and that furniture, pistol lockers, and well were taken into consideration in the 1988 and 1989 budget. Mr. Singley further commented that the actual cost of construction was originally \$1,000,000; but due to delay in construction, it escalated the cost to \$1,600,00; and with all auxilliary costs, \$1,800,000 would be a reasonable estimate. Mr. Singley stated that this amount does not include the cost of the land or the litigation costs incurred. Mr. Bennett also questioned cost of dedication bills which have not yet been paid. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay all bills when due; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: The report for the month of May was read by Mr. Singley: General Fund - \$175,911.44; Fire Protection Fund - \$61,434.76; Federal Revenue Sharing Fund - \$3,649.01; Non-Uniform Pension Fund - \$25,249.56; Police Pension Fund \$41,051.47; Highway Aid Fund - \$135,619.81; Capital Projects Fund - \$301.81; Fire Protection Fund - \$2,721.63; and Street Lighting Fund - \$2,612.90. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Philip Freed - Mr. Freed requested that he be placed as the last appointment.

2. Charles Kozitsky (Kozitsky Subdivision) - Mr. Wynn stated that the P.C. has recommended approval subject to: 1) Installation of street trees on Lot #3; 2) Dedication of ultimate right-of-way of both Maron and Fairhill School Roads; 3) Installation of pins and monumentation; and 4) Clean-up of drafting items. Mr. Kozitsky has requested a waiver of street improvements, specifically reconstruction of the culvert at intersection of Maron and Fairhill School Roads and also removal of large tree affecting drainage along Fairhill School Road. Mr. Kozitsky stated that this problem has existed for a number of years; discussion followed regarding the need for these improvements. Mr. Wynn reported that the pipe should be replaced with a concrete pipe; an inlet should be installed at one side and a flared end section on the lower end; and paving radii at the intersection should be improved. Mr. Bennett questioned location; discussion followed. Chairman Grunmeier stated that developers of major subdivisions are required to provide and pay for off-site improvements when deemed necessary. He further stated, "If off-site improvements are needed on this major subdivision, it is my opinion they should be put in, at your cost." Mr. Wynn indicated that the Board would not need to take action tonight; Mr. Kozitsky stated that he would like a ruling by the Board at this meeting. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the Kozitsky Subdivision plan, subject to stipulations stated by the P.C. at their 5/15/89 meeting and to require that Mr. Kozitsky replace the pipe and remove the tree; motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier; Mr. Bennett stated he would like to table a decision until he has had a chance to view the area. A vote was taken: Chairman Grunmeier voted aye; Mrs. Kelly voted aye; Mr. Bennett abstained - motion carried 2:0 to require Mr. Kozitsky to replace the pipe and remove the tree.

3. Michael Toth - Chairman Grunmeier questioned at what time construction would begin on the Swartley Road bridge; Mr. Toth indicated he is awaiting permits due to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/wetlands involvement. Mr. Toth presented a sketch plan of a 59 acre tract (formerly the Randolph property) located on the south side of Fairhill Road. The plan proposes seven large lots with the existing farmhouse to be located on a 3.1 acre lot. Mr. Wynn explained that, in order to comply with the Subdivision Ordinance and because of the lack of a central water system, this 3.1 acre lot would need to be enlarged to 5 acres. Mr. Toth indicated that changing of the lot lines at this point would be very complicated and requested a waiver of the central well system requirement. Since this is a sketch plan submission, Mr. Bennett stated that he would be in favor of waiving the central well system requirement due to the large acreage of land involved; Mrs. Kelly indicated she was undecided; Chairman Grunmeier stated that he is in favor of waiving the central well system and that it would be a benefit to the community due to the large acreage of the proposed lot.

4. Philip Freed - Mr. Freed stated that he intends to purchase a lot owned by his father, located on Church Road. A representative of Chromoglas Corporation, who also works for the Borough of Quakertown, was present to explain that company's "standard sewerage treatment plant for one household unit" which would discharge directly into a pond owned by Mr. Freed's father. He stated that the unit meets all DER, BCHD and EPA requirements; that he is fully responsible for the operation and is on call to maintain the unit. He quoted complete cost of the system would be \$6500 to \$7500. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he would like to receive input from the P.C. and the Board of Health. The Board indicated that a formal proposal would be needed in order to consider amending the Township's Act 537 Plan.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Municipal Building - Mr. Singley reported that all major contract items have been completed, including final paving.

2. Fire Panel - Fire Panel was approved by the Supervisors at the 5/8/89 Supervisors' Meeting. Mr. Singley reported that the first Fire Panel meeting would be scheduled after Memorial Day.

3. Consortium - Meeting was held last week; next meeting will be held June 15th in the Borough of Telford. Youth services representatives from the Upper Bucks area will be present.

4. Contributions: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve a \$250 contribution to the Pennridge Community Day celebration; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve a \$100 contribution to the SPCA for dog control services; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

5. Chief Egly requested approval for schooling for Criminal Patrol Drug Enforcement Institute of Police Technology and Management to be held in Media, PA - for Officer Dreyer at a cost of \$395 (included in the budget). Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the \$395 expenditure for this training; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

6. Request for Recertification for the Breathalyzer Test Instructor Training Course for Sgt. Ashby Watts in the amount of \$102.48 (bi-annual recertification). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the expenditure of \$102.48 for this training; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

7. Mr. Singley read aloud the following resolutions which were approved by the Board:

Resolution #89-17 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #89-17, recognizing National Police Memorial Week, May 14-20, 1989; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

Resolution #89-18 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #89-18, commending Myron Fetch on the architectural services and professional expertise in the design of the Hilltown Township Municipal Building; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

Resolution #89-19 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #89-19, commending Penn Builders on the construction of the Municipal Building; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

Resolution #89-20 - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-20, commending BAHPCO, Security System Contractor for the Municipal Building; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Hilltown Fire Company Subdivision - located on Hilltown Pike, Line Lexington - proposes to subdivide existing house from the fire station, move lot line and retain rear area for parking with an 8 foot wide easement for access to existing dwelling. Plan received approval from Zoning Hearing Board; PC recommends approval subject to: 1) relief of street improvements along frontage of property; 2) a revision note be included on the plan that the maximum impervious surface is 26% for VC dwelling unit (listed on plan as 15%); 3) note be included referencing ZHB approval; 4) zoning line between PC-1 and VC zoning district be more clearly identified; 5) If ultimate r/w line is not dedicated to the Township, the access easement for driveways be extended to the legal r/w. Regarding dedication of ultimate r/w line, PC deferred to Supervisors for a decision; fire company has requested it be dedicated only along frontage of the house, not the fire company station lot. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett grant relief from dedication of right-of-way on both properties -- the house and the fire station; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant final plan approval to the Hilltown Fire Company Subdivision with stipulations stated by the PC; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Kepich Land Development - located at intersection of Rt. 113 and 313, next to WAWA. Deficiencies were noted in reviews by Township Engineer and BCPC. No response has been received from Mr. Kepich; PC recommends denial based on outstanding items and those reviews. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to deny the Kepich Land Development plan based on Mr. Wynn's review letter of 4/3/89 and BCPC review of 3/29/89; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

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3. Stellabott Subdivision - located on W. Creamery Road, containing 8 acres, parcel is separated by Telegraph Road. Parcel on north side of Telegraph is proposed to be subdivided into two lots with one new building lot and balance (6 acres) to be retained as agricultural use. Wetlands have been identified on the building lot by a soils scientist. Access proposed by easement (existing farm drive) to avoid wetlands crossing. PC recommends approval subject to: 1) Dedication of Telegraph Rd. r/w along frontage of lots 2 and 3; 2) Applicant's engineer must confirm on plan that methodology conforms to Chapter 441 of PennDOT; 3) No proposed street trees; PC indicated existing vegetation would satisfy that requirement; 4) Installation of pins and monumentation. Chairman Grunmeier questioned site distance referred to in PC 4/17/89 minutes; Mr. Strothers has been asked to certify on plan that the site distance does conform to PennDOT requirements. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to grant final plan approval to the Stellabott Subdivision subject to the stipulations of the PC; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

4. Extensions:

Leidy Grass Subdivision - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to grant a 90 day extension; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

Baker Subdivision - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept an extension to 6/30/89 for the Baker Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

5. Longview Estates (status) - Mr. Wynn stated that regrading and roadwork along Blooming Glen Road was begun on Friday. Mr. Phinney has requested an extension of his escrow agreement for 2 months from 5/18/89 to complete roadway improvements. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept extension of the Longview Estates Subdivision escrow agreement to 7/19/89; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

6. Phinney Subdivision (status) - Mr. Wynn reported that outstanding items include receipt of as-built plans, regrading of retention basin, and infestation of street trees with caterpillars. Mr. Phinney has indicated he intends to do work and that as-built plans should be received within a month. In answer to Chairman Grunmeier's question, Mr. Wynn stated that this is an unusually long time to wait for as-built plans, and that his maintenance time period will not start until they have been received.

7. Summit Court Subdivision - Authorization received from PP & L to install one 9500 high pressure sodium street light at a cost of \$119.35 annually (10 year agreement). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the street light installation at the Summit Court Subdivision at an annual increase of \$119.35; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Grabowski reported that he has met with the attorney who represents the Blooming Glen Playground Association and the Hilltown High School Association and will be submitting a revised petition to the Supervisors at their next meeting.

2. Bux-Mont Update - The Civil Right's case will possibly be heard in September 1989. Regarding the Mandamus action on the zoning appeal, no appeals were filed by Bux-Mont and those actions are now final.

3. A seminar is being given by DCA at King of Prussia on June 2, 1989 on Act 111, Collective Bargaining at a cost of \$30/person. Mr. Grabowski stated that he will be attending and asked whether anyone else would wish to go. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow the Supervisors and/or Township Manager to attend this DCA seminar on Act 111 on 6/2/89; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Grabowski requested an executive session after this meeting in order to give the Supervisors update on Ethan Good Site Development; Keystone Auto Parts (Metzger); Ice City Site Development; zoning question on Murray property and the Roach development.

H. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Mike Walsh, 422 Orchard Road - Mr. Walsh presented a petition of 31 residents on Orchard Road, requesting that a speed study be conducted of Orchard Road, between Diamond Street and Walnut Street, to lower and post a speed limit of 35 mph to insure public safety. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to allow the Police Department to conduct this speed study; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

2. Bill Godek, Broad Street - Mr. Godek questioned whether the Habitations Water Study results have been received. Mr. Singley stated that they have not, and that he will contact Habitations.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. April fire reports received from Perkasio and Hilltown Township Fire Company.

2. Letter received from PennDOT regarding the Township's request for speed limit reduction on State Street; PennDOT will conduct a traffic engineering speed limit study and recommendation will then be made (Mr. Singley reported the study was made on 5/19/89).

J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Kelly stated that the dedication ceremonies went very well and there was a very good turn-out.

2. Mr. Bennett remarked on a report received from the H.T. Water & Sewer Authority regarding requests for another 250 edu's; and that they are not accepting any money at the present time, pending further study. He stated that this may result in a moratorium on building in certain areas. Chairman Grunmeier stated that several months ago the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority requested a growth pattern of the township.

3. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he has spoken with Louisa Wismer, a local artist who operates an art school, and that the art students let out their paintings on consignment for sale. The Board was in agreement to Mr. Grunmeier's suggestion that the pictures could be displayed in the meeting room of the Township building. Mr. Singley or Mrs. Neiman will contact Mrs. Wismer.

4. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he attended the Seniors' SAAC Kick-Off dinner on 5/17/89. He stated that they will be moving into the old Kaiser building in Souderton and donations will be welcome.

5. Chairman Grunmeier stated that a Bucks County Conservancy Seminar will be held on 6/2/89 at 2:30 P.M. and if any Supervisors are interested in attending, Mr. Grunmeier has literature.

6. Chairman Grunmeier also thanked Mrs. Kelly and her committee, the department heads and staff for the fine work they did on the dedication of the building.

7. Chairman Grunmeier stated that it is time to look for a full-time Zoning Officer and suggested if the Board is in agreement, that Mr. Singley ask Mr. Myers (Zoning Officer) if he is agreeable to this suggestion. Mr. Grunmeier stated that the consensus of opinion of township residents appears to be that they would like a full-time zoning officer. Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Kelly agreed to this suggestion.

8. Chairman Grunmeier recognized Mr. Kenneth Bennington, candidate for Township Supervisor.

9. Chairman Grunmeier questioned status of Pleasant Meadows box culvert; Mr. Wynn stated that it is in the hands of DER. The Township Secretary indicated that Urwiler & Walter contacted her this date, requesting that another form be signed -- Mrs. Neiman will contact Urwiler & Walter and request status.

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

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary

We the residents of Orchard rd. between Diamond st. & Walnut st., Petition the Hilltown township supervisors to conduct a speed study of Orchard rd., between Diamond st. & Walnut st. The purpose of which is to lower and post a speed limit of 35 or 40 mph. At this time our road is unposted, which means an open speed of 55 mph. We feel this is necessary because of the heavy use and high rate of speed traveled. We feel this is a matter of public safety, and most importantly our childrens safety. Thank you.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
Michael P. Walsh	422 Orchard Rd	5/17/89 ✓
Earl Bishop	410 Orchard Rd.	5/17/89 ✓
Donald R. Moll	414 ORCHARD RD.	5/17/89 ✓
alan F. Lombert	414 Orchard Road	5/17/89
Molly Lardner	434 Orchard rd.	5/17/89
Marie Hymenas	584 Orchard Rd	5/17/89
Cecilia Reuker	308 Orchard Rd	5/18/89
Richard E. Larcier	426 ORCHARD RD	5/18/89
Carl L. Popunny	407 Orchard Rd	5/18/89 ✓
Dinner Herrman	229 Orchard Rd.	5-19-89 ✓
Bramm Quigg	223 Orchard Rd	5-19-89
Jerry Strub	219 Orchard Rd	5/19/89
Freud Rice	215 Orchard Rd	5/19/89
Joyce Hamilton	211 Orchard Rd.	5/19/89
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiedemayer	418 Orchard Rd.	5/19/89

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NAME	ADDRESS	DATE
Thomas Reinheim	404 Orchard Road	May 19, 89
Wm Kallensee	322 ORCHARD RD	MAY 19/89
Patricia Garland	8 Orchard Rd.	May 20, 1989
Jane Cameron	12 Orchard rd	5/19/89
Lane K Frank	110 Orchard Rd	5/20/89
Trudy J. Joll	114 Orchard Rd.	5/20/89
William H. Hallett	122 ORCHARD RD.	5/20/89 ✓
DONALD BELLE	131 ORCHARD RD.	5-22-89
Clara F. Kasser	119 ORCHARD RD	5.22-89
Emma E Kramer	119 Orchard Road	5-22-89
Marian K. Hinkle	111 Orchard Rd.	5-22-89
NEW PERSON ADDRESS	318 Cecelia	5/22/89
Poio Kerver	127 Orchard Rd. Perkasie	5/22/89
Sharmaine ex Scholl	107 Orchard Road Perkasie PA	5/22/89
William J. Meyer	103 Orchard Rd. Perkasie	5/22/89
William E. Sarnese	922 E Walnut Street	5/22/89