HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 27, 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, Supervisor
- Others present were: James H. Singley, Township Manager Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary Chief George C. Egly, Police Chief Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer

A. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the minutes of the March 13, 1989 Supervisors' meeting as written; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the work session on March 9, 1989 (Mr. Bennett was unable to attend this meeting); motion seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>: The Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 1989 was read by Mr. Singley. General Fund - \$18,557.71; Street Lighting - \$132.58; Fire Hydrant Fund - \$1,511.00; Capital Projects Fund - \$299.19; Highway Aid Fund - \$1,091.37; Police Pension Fund - \$44,616.01; Non-Uniform Pension Fund - \$25,005.50; Federal Revenue Sharing Fund - \$3,617.90; Fire Protection Fund - \$0. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Jack Buehler, Well Drilling & Pump Installation, 1303 Easton Road, Warrington, PA - Mr. Buehler, speaking as a member of the PA Water Well Association and National Water Well Assoc., recommended that well testing be performed later in the construction progress and that it be contingent on obtaining an occupancy permit. He indicated that this would speed construction progress and that it would be in the customer's best interest to complete the water analysis at the end of the pump test. Mr. Buehler further stated that the pump test should be done by a certified water well contractor. (A copy of the statement was given to the Supervisors and is attached to these minutes).

2. Andy Moyer - Mr. Moyer was present to discuss the Garges Subdivision, a 6 lot subdivision located on Callowhill and Stump Road. PC recommended conditional preliminary plan approval. Also present was Attorney John Grim and Jose Grando of Showalter Assocs. This plan was originally proposed with 10 lots and has now been revised to 6 lots (minimum of 5 acres each), all serviced by on-site water and sewer. Individual driveways are proposed with access 2 mil

on main road; improvements include regrading of swale on both roadways with driveway provided with box trenches. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant preliminary plan approval for the Garges Subdivision on the advice of the PC, subject to recommendations of the Township Engineer and verification of approval from PennDOT; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Municipal Building Update - Fuel oil tank was installed last Friday and tested satisfactorily; vinyl tile flooring near completion in Police Dept.; ceiling grid installed. Contractors have indicated they will be completed week of 4/10 to 4/15. One heating unit will be completed by May 1st. Mr. Singley stated that the building will be operational May 1st. Chairman Grunmeier suggested that department heads post for volunteers to help in the move; also volunteers for open house dedication -- the Board agreed.

2. Community Development - Letter dated 3/15/89 received from Michael Perlstein, Project Administrator for two projects: Musselmann Log Barn (\$11,000) and Line Lexington Sewers (\$61,000). Mr. Singley stated that the Township did not seek funds for Line Lexington Sewers at this time, but requested funds for the traffic signal at Rt. 113 and Diamond Street. HUD has been contacted and asked to render a ruling on the local community development funds for the traffic light. Mr. Singley recommended that the Township proceed with the Log Barn and notify CD that, contingent upon notification from HUD, the Township would proceed with the sewer project if the light is disapproved. The Township will receive a total of approximately \$80,000 in C.D. funding, including allotments for Bucks County Assoc. for Retarded Citizens and the Bucks County Housing Group.

3. Park & Recreation - a meeting was held on 3/21/89; discussion was held in regards to the selection of the special committee to initiate the suggestions concerning the use of the old township building parcel and property in the rear; also property on Rt. 152 (12 acres) owned by H.T. Civic Association. Two site proposals were copied to the Supervisors: Site #1 - Blooming Glen and Site #2 - Hilltown Civic Association. Mr. Singley indicated that the committee would proceed with Site #1 and formulate a plan, to present to the Supervisors, to make this into a recreational area for Hilltown Township. Mr. Singley asked the Supervisors permission for the Park and Recreation Board to formulate a plan for Site #2 and the possibility of combining the Civic Association field (12 acres) and the H.T. field (3 acres). The Board agreed to this request.

4. Liquid Fuels Allocation - Mr. Singley reported that there are two options this year: (1) 90% allocation with "no strings", no completion of forms required; or (2) 100% allocation with completion of forms. Mr. Singley recommended the 100% allocation since completion of forms is not a problem. The Board agreed to ask for the full allotment on the recommendation of Mr. Singley.

5. Dublin Borough has requested that the Township advise the borough regarding oil and chipping of Mill Road and Rickert Road; they have suggested this be a joint effort. Mr. Singley stated this could be worked through the Upper Bucks Consortium; and he will contact Mark Vasoli of Dublin Borough.

6. Change Order for Municipal Building - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to recommend to the HTWSA approval of the change order for \$2,104 for the cast bronze plaque listing past township officials; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to recommend to the HTWSA approval of the change order for \$648 for structural changes of the steel beam on Shop Drawing #2 from a wood 21 x 50 to a wood 14 x 82 to increase depth to allow passage for HVAC ductwork; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

7. Resolution #89-14 - Authorization statement from Hilltown Township for the telecommunication system for the new township building - 2 year lease program with buy out this summer - total approximate cost \$17,000. Letter from solicitor will be required stating that all legal bidding requirements were followed. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt <u>Resolution #89-14</u>, Telephone Systems; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

E. <u>ZONING REPORT</u> - Mr. Singley read the monthly report from Mr. Myers which is on file at the Township building. Four zoning hearings were held: Al Richter; Leon Clemons; Lessig; and Browning.

F. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Jim Gill presented the report for Mr. Grunmeier and reported that there were two calls in March which inc uded the demolition of Alexander's Restaurant. This report is on file at the Township building. Chairman Grunmeier asked for status of the Fire Review Board - Mr. Singley indicated that an executive session was held prior to this meeting in regard to personnel; that he is awaiting confirmation from DCA. Decisions will be made at the 4/10/89 Supervisors' meeting.

G. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Haberle Timber Harvest - Conditional use request for harvest of timber from a 5 acre tract north of Fairhill Road; approximately 136 mature trees will be selectively harvested (this will comply with zoning requirements). Bucks County Conservation District approval (2/9/89) received. PC has recommended approval. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the conditional use on timber harvesting of the Richard Haberle tract; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Mr. Bennett asked if this is a "one time" occurrence; Mr. Wynn stated it would depend upon growth which has occurred.

8:00 P.M. - Hearing for Proposed Fencing of Swimming Pools.

Chairman Grunmeier read an unsigned letter from a resident dated 3/2/89 addressed to the Hilltown Township Supervisors - the writer indicated his displeasure with this ordinance and stated, "if children want to get in a pool, they would get in whether there is a fence or not". The writer stated that ponds are also dangerous; that above-ground pools should also be fenced.

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Chairman Grunmeier called the hearing to order; Mr. Grabowski read the entire ordinance to the public (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). Sections I through IX were read which would require protective fencing of above or below ground swimming pools, within 300 feet of any property line, within 90 days of the date of notification issued by the Zoning Officer.

Public Comment:

1. Jule Reed, 1222 Green Street - Mrs. Reed stated she could see no reason for fencing her pool since there are no children or neighbors in the area; and that she resents following an ordinance which has no application for her.

2. Walter Goncalves, 16 N. Valley View Road, Line Lexington -Mr. Goncalves stated he's had a pool for 5 years and that he agrees with Mrs. Reed. He further stated that if pools are fenced, ponds should also be fenced. Chairman Grunmeier asked if the pool is in or above ground - Mr. Goncalves and Mrs. Reed stated their pools are both in ground.

3. Rhonda Reed, 1222 Green Street - Ms. Reed stated that it seems like a punishment to have a pool and asked why they should be made to do this when children who come onto their property would be trespassing. She further stated that children who are invited are supervised carefully.

Chairman Grunmeier clarified the fact that this ordinance is proposed for pools constructed prior to 1983; any pools constructed since that time are required to be fenced according to the 1983 Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance (both in ground and above ground pools).

Linda Mumbauer, 31 Long View Road - Regarding Ms. Mumbauer's question regarding fencing of above ground pools, Chairman Grunmeier read from Section H12, Page 73 of the Zoning Ordinance, which states that the pool shall be enclosed by a fence 4' high, or the side walls of an above ground pool shall be 4' above the ground and access removed or ladder removed or locked to prevent access.

Robert McGraw, Stump Road - Mr. McGraw asked what other Bucks County municipalities are doing. Chairman Grunmeier reported that he has contacted the following:

East Rockhill Twp. - uses 1965 BOCA Code which covers in ground pools only.

New Britain Twp. - Ordinance #73-7-7 states in ground pools must have 4' fence; above grounds must have protective fencing.

Plumstead Twp. - Ordinance in effect covers in ground only. Zoning Officer suggested pool owners without fences sign agreement relieving township of liability.

Solebury Twp. - reverts to BOCA Code 1978, previous pool owners are grandfathered.

Upper Makefield Twp. - BOCA Code 1987, Section 625.9, stating pools shall be fenced or enclosed, fence to be not less than 4' in height, (other requirements stated type of fencing). Mr. McGraw also asked if his taxes would be raised. Mr. Wynn stated that a zoning permit for a fence would not be reviewed by the Board of Assessment.

The following residents also spoke; the general consensus of opinion was that they did not want to construct fences around their pools, that it would destroy the aesthetic appearance of their property, that the ordinance is taking away their freedom of choice, and that children who visit their property are supervised very carefully.

Richard Burns, N. Valley View Road, Line Lexington Lester Snyder, Pheasant Hill Road Janet Aischele, Green Street Bill Freol, Hillcrest Road Bob Sanson, 1133 Keystone Drive Kevin Carney, Route 152 Bill Reeser, 508 Telegraph Road Donna Pope, 30 Hayhouse Road Jack Hetherington, Hilltown Pike Joe Torpey, Blooming Glen Road

Mrs. Beverly Patton, Sunset Drive, Tinicum Township commended the Supervisors for this ordinance. Mrs. Patton stated that on May 26, 1987 her 4 year old daughter drowned in a neighbor's above ground pool. She stated that the drowning occurred within five minutes. Ms. Patton stated that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in young children (below 5 years old). She stated that most children who drown are only 2½ years old.

Chairman Grunmeier asked Mr. Grabowski if legal action could be taken against the Township in the event of a drowning in an unfenced pool. Mr. Grabowkski stated that there is no public liability on the books at the present time that could be placed on government in this situation; however, this could change in the future. Chairman Grunmeier asked if the residents who have voiced their negative position on this ordinance, could be asked to sign a document listing location of their pool, that it is not fenced, and holding the township harmless. Mr. Grabowski stated that the residents could sign this type of document, if they are agreeable; however, this will not prevent law suits.

Ms. Donna Pope, 30 Hayhouse Road, stated she does not own a pool; however, there are in ground pools on either side of her property which are unfenced and uncovered. Ms. Pope expressed her concern over her grandchildren when they visit. Ms. Pope stated she is in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Jack Hetherington asked how the ordinance came about; Chairman Grunmeier stated that after discussions with Towamencin Township and Upper Salford Township (both of which passed ordinances), the Board agreed to advertise an ordinance. Regarding a question on ponds, Chairman Grunmeier stated that this ordinance deals with pools only.

8:50 P.M. - The Board took a 15 minute recess. 9:05 P.M. - Hearing called to order.

Supervisor's Comments:

Mrs. Kelly stated that she feels the residents do not want to fence their swimming pools. She stated that she does have a fenced pool (which was put in 30 years ago). Mrs. Kelly stated she will go along with the wishes of the residents; however, she is concerned for the children.

Mr. Bennett expressed his compassion to the mother from Tinicum Township. He thanked everyone for their comments (approximately 17 residents spoke). He reminded the residents that all pools constructed since 1983 must be fenced; this proposed ordinance would require those pool owners prior to 1983 who were grandfathered to construct a fence. Mr. Bennett agreed with Mrs. Aischele's remarks regarding government interference and stated he was opposed to this ordinance.

Chairman Grunmeier asked how many residents would be willing to sign a statement holding the Township harmless. There was a show of hands - approximately eight (8) residents indicated they would sign a statement. However, a resident indicated that this would not prevent a person from suing a resident who has signed an agreement and also the Township. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he was only attempting to determine if the residents would be willing to do this on a volunteer basis.

Chairman Grunmeier stated that the Supervisors have now received enough input and, apparently it is the concensus of the residents who own pools without fences that they should be "grandfathered" and should not be required to construct a fence. Mr. Grunmeier stated that "the onus is on them, they will be liable if anything happens. ... I am just a Supervisor trying to do a job. That is why I asked if you would come in on a volunteer basis and sign a paper to that effect -- the location of the pool which has no fence -- and you would hold the township harmless. You say it may not mean anything now -- it may mean something down the line; because as you know and I know, laws are being changed every day. If we have that on the record, I would feel better."

Chairman Grunmeier asked for a motion to either approve or deny the proposed ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to deny the proposed Swimming Pool Ordinance; motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

9:15 P.M. - Hearing adjourned and regular meeting called to order.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING (continued):

2. Good Site Development - Mr. Wynn reported that Mr. Joseph DelCiotto would address the Board at their next meeting (4/10/89)

regarding extent of off-site improvements at Reliance Road and Bethlehem Pike. PC recommended preliminary plan approval conditional upon resolution of installation of off-site improvements. Tabled until next meeting.

3. Ice City, Route 309 - PC recommended applicant and Supervisors address the concern for traffic signal at Orvilla Road. Hatfield Township is also interested in a light at that location. Tabled until further discussions have been held.

4. Olsen Subdivision, Rickert Road - 2 lot subdivision -No new building lots; plan eliminates non-conforming lot area. PC recommended approval; motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant preliminary plan approval to the Olsen Subdivision, subject to conditions listed in Township Engineer's letter of 2/24/89; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

5. Extensions Received (90 Day): Bricks Villa - to July 13, 1989. Country Square Land Development - to July 11, 1989 Hilltown Village Subdivision - July 17, 1989

6. Mr. Wynn reported that specifications have been prepared for the Rex Subdivision - overlaying of private common roadway. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to advertise bid opening for the Rex Subdivision (default of subdivision agreement) on April 10, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. for tack coat, leveling course and overlayment on private roadway; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

7. Vandevander and Hilltown Meadows Phase II plans will be signed by Supervisors after the meeting.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grabowski reminded the Board of a hearing to be held at the 4/10/89 Supervisors' meeting regarding the proposed Flood Plain Ordinance which has been reviewed by the PC and Township Engineer.

- J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None
- K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Upper Bucks Consortium - Copies of 2/16/89 minutes given to Supervisors; next meeting will be held April 20th in Trumbauersville and May 18th in West Rockhill.

2. Jahn Landis, Attorney for Mr. Creciun has advised that further correspondence will be directed by new counsel.

3. Hilltown Civic Association minutes copied to Supervisors; next meeting will be held 3/28/89 at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

4. Sellersville Borough meeting will be held on 3/30/89 regarding police study commission - Supervisors invited to attend.

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5. Seminar on Land Development at Bucks County Community College - information copied to Supervisors.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Kelly stated that she and Kathleen Babb will be attending a seminar in Fogelsville regarding Solid Waste Recycling.

2. Mr. Bennett stated that he considers ponds equally as dangerous as swimming pools and that to his knowledge, the only drowning which occurred in Hilltown Township was in a pond (approximately 30 years ago). He stated that he has discussed this with the PC and they have indicated that ponds are still used by farmers for livestock. At this time, he stated that he is taking a neutral stand regarding ponds; but that sometime in the distant future, ponds may need to be addressed.

3. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he was in conversation with Representative Wilson who asked that he read the following at this meeting: 144th Legislative District Job Fair, sponsored by State Representative Jean Wilson will be held on May 19, 1989, 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Middle Bucks County Vo-Tech School in Jamison, PA. Sixty businesses and corporations will be present; open to all ages, high school to senior citizens; any questions call Nancy at (215) 675-0732.

4. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he and Kenneth Beer (PC member) attended a seminar at Del-Val College on 3/22/89, entitled "Land: Decisions for the Future", and he stated it was very informative.

5. Chairman Grunmeier suggested that the Township Manager obtain cost estimates for street lights at the corner of Callowhill and Hilltown Pike and also Old Bethlehm Road and Rt. 113. The Board agreed to this suggestion.

6. Chairman Grunmeier asked Chief Egly status of State Street survey; the Chief indicated this would be done Monday or Tuesday of next week. Also, complaint of PSP building parking along Rickert Road -- the Chief stated that this is in the hands of the engineers in Harrisburg. The Chief stated that "no parking" signs could be of help only after the driveway is constructed. Chairman Grunmeier stated that cost for signs would be \$256.80 according to the Roadmaster.

7. Road Inspection - The Board agreed to conduct their semi-annual road inspection on Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 A.M.

8. Chairman Grunmeier asked Mr. Jack Fox if the Planning Commission has held an election for Chairman. Mr. Fox stated that he has read Act 170 and disagrees that there is a need to hold an election. Chairman Grunmeier stated that Act 170, Section 207 states that the PC should have a Chairman and Vice Chairman, elected by the members of the PC Board. Mr. Fox again disagreed. Chairman March 27, 1989

Grunmeier stated, "There are rules and regulations that we have to abide by and I think everybody should abide by them." Mr. Fox stated that he agreed with the first part of Mr. Grunmeier's statement; and stated that it has been the custom since the start of the PC (32 years) for the PC and other boards and authorities to elect their own officers, elections are held in December and January 1st those officers start. He stated he was elected Secretary and when the previous chairman was not appointed that moved him up to Chairman, and that an election is not necessary. Chairman Grunmeier again referred to Section 207 of the Municipalities Planning Code and stated when the Chairman leaves, there is an election to hold that position and asked why Mr. Fox would not hold an election. Mr. Fox stated that an election is not necessary. There followed further discussion between Mr. Grunmeier and Mr. Fox. Chairman Grunmeier asked for wishes of the Board; Mr. Bennett stated this is "nit-picking" and that nominations were held in November. Mrs. Kelly suggested this be tabled until the Act is reviewed. The Board tabled further discussion until the next Supervisors' meeting of 4/10/89.

9. Chairman Grunmeier stated he has talked with many fire officials in Connecticut and Montgomery County, Bucks County, and state officials; and has been working on a proposal for eight months. Chairman Grunmeier presented this proposal to the Township Manager to be submitted to the Fire Review Board for their review and comments.

9. The Supervisors and Township Manager will be lecturing in local schools the week of April 9-15.

M. <u>PRESS CONFERENCE</u>: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mrs. Kelly at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alona, Fremmen

Gloria G. Neiman Township Secretary

Attachment to \$/27/89 Supervisors' Mtg. Minutes

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BILLTOWN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 89 -

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ENCLOSURE OF SWIMMING POOLS SITUATE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN, AND PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION THEREOF, PERMITS, FEES AND PENALTIES.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hilltown do hereby ENACT and ORDAIN:

SECTION I. - The following words, when used in this Or- dinance, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section.

(a) "SWIMMING POOL" - Any structure of solid materials so designed, either below or above the surface of the ground, as to hold water and to be used for the purpose of bathing or swimming in which the depth of water stored therein above or below ground level exceeds two (2) feet in depth.

(b) "PERSON" - Any natural person, association, partnership, firm or corporation, whether profit or nonprofit.

SECTION II. - Following the effective date of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person desiring to construct or erect a swimming pool to commence construction thereof until a permit shall have first been obtained from the Zoning Officer of Hilltown Township.

SECTION III. - Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, all persons who presently maintain a swimming pool within the Township of Hilltown shall register such fact with the Township Zoning Office on a form to be supplied for this purpose.

SECTION IV. - No person presently maintaining a swimming pool within the Township of Hilltown and within three hundred (300) feet of any property line of the property on which it is located shall continue to maintain such pool unless access to the same shall be restricted by protective fencing, protective plantings or such other impediments as shall be approved by the Zoning Officer. After registration, approval, if granted, shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Approval issued by the Township Zoning. Officer. Such Certificate of Approval shall be revocable in the event the enclosure no longer provides reasonable protection.

SECTION V. - The enclosure of existing facilities as provided for in Paragraph IV hereof shall be accomplished within ninety (90) days of the date of notification issued by the Township Zoning Officer that facilities existing as of the date of registration are inadequate. Said notifi-cation shall further set forth the minimum facilities acceptable to the Township.

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SECTION VI. - No person shall henceforth construct a swimming pool or maintain a swimming pool constructed hereafter within the Township of Hilltown and within three hundred (300) feet of any property line of the property on which it is located unless the same shall be entirely surrounded by a substantial wire mesh or solid fence not less than forty-two inches, nor more than the unit of the less than the shall contain no vertical interspace of more than two (2) inches and no borizontal rail or component than two (2) inches and no horizontal rail or component on the outside usable as a footstep and which shall satisfy the following minimum requirements:

۰. (a) Wood picket - 3/4 inch stock.

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(Ъ) Iron picket - 1/2 inch from bar.

Chain link - vertical chains shall be eleven (c) (11) gauge minimum wire and a maximum of two (2) inches apart.

(d) Woven or other solid fence - strength shall be equivalent to one of the foregoing, satisfactory to the Zoning Officer.

All gates in such fence shall be secured by a (e) lock when the owner or tenant is absent from the premises, and by an effective safety latch at all other times.

A dwelling or accessory building may be used (£) as a part of the required enclosure.

SECTION VII. - All applications for permits shall be made in writing, in duplicate, and shall include plans, drawings or other data as may be required by the Zoning Officer and shall satisfactorily indicate the method of fencing the facility. A fee shall be chargeable for all permits in accordance with a schedule to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

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SECTION IX. - If any section or part of a section, mentance, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be construed to be unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

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> HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Attachment to 3/27/89 236 Supervisors' Mtg. Minutes

F. E. Buchler & Son

WELL DRILLING AND PUMP INSTALLATION WATER CONDITIONING, SUPPLIES & SALT 1303 EASTON ROAD - WARRINGTON, PA 18976 343-0550 OR 343-1587

March 27, 1989

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

I AM SPEAKING AS A MEMBER OF PA. WATER WELL ASSOC. & NATIONAL WATER WELL WE AGREE WITH: CONCERN FOR POTABLE WATER QUALITY, AND CONSTRUCTION, ' STANDARDS AS MINIMUM STANDARDS. AND DRILLING OF THE WELL PRIOR TO ISSUEING BUILDING PERMIT:

WE RECOMMEND FOR CHANGES:

WE FEEL THAT SOME CHANGES COULD BE MADE TO BENIFIT THE HOMEOWNER: AND STILL MAINTAIN THE TOWNSHIPS CONCERN AND STANDARDS: BY CONDUCTING THE 4HR. PUMP TEST, PLUS REQUIRING THE WATER ANALYSIS PRIOR TO ATTAINING THE BUILDING PERMIT: THIS CAN PUT UNDUE AND UNNECESSARY STRAIN ON THE HOMEOWNER. THIS WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE DONE LATER IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS. PLUS MAKE IT CONTINGENT ON ON OBTAINING THE OCCUPANCY PERMIT: THIS WILL SEREED THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS, ALSO MAKE IT LESS EXPENSIVE FOR THE HOMEOWNER, AND STILL MAINTAIN TOWNSHIP STANDARDS.

WE BELIEVE IT IN THE CUSTOMERS BEST INTEREST TO COMPLETE THIS WATER ANALYSIS AT THE END OF PUMP TEST: PUMP TEST SHOULD BE DONE BY A CERTIFIED WATER WELL CONTRACTOR:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME