

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 12, 1988**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:35 P.M. Chairman Grunmeier announced that Lieut. Trauger would represent Chief Egly at this meeting.

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  
Lieut. Kerry Trauger, Police Dept.  
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor  
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 8/22/88 Supervisors' meeting as written.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund bills in the amount of \$29,361.50 were approved by the Board; and also bills from the Street Light Account of \$390.19 and State Funds Account of \$26,360.28. Mr. Bennett questioned car repairs expenses; Mr. Singley indicated that the Township is working on the purchase of new cars through the Consortium. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the report for August 1988 which is on file at the Township building. Chairman Grunmeier questioned fire hydrant charges to be billed by the Water & Sewer Authority. Mr. Singley indicated that an ordinance must be passed before the residents could be charged. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the report as given subject to audit.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Robert H. Grunmeier II, Emergency Management Coordinator - Mr. Grunmeier presented a written report on the recent oil spill which occurred at Morris Run Creek, Hilltown Township, on 8/30/88. He thanked all of those involved in the clean-up, including the Jensen family, Dublin Fire Co. and Robert Tuttle, Assistant EMC. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that the cost of this spill would be covered by the Coast Guard Clean Streams Act; however, he expressed concern over future incidents which could occur and stated that the public should be educated (to the potential danger and expense of such a situation). The approximate total cost of this spill was \$13,402.00 (or \$536.00 per gallon). Mr. Grunmeier is working with the Coast Guard who are investigating the situation and will advise if the person responsible is apprehended.

Mr. Grunmeier also stated that he will be attending a Bucks County Emergency Management Training Seminar on 9/22/88 and he

is permitted to invite one municipal official to attend with him. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Grunmeier. (No charge for the seminar).

Mr. Grunmeier also suggested that an article be placed in the Township Newsletter regarding Emergency Management, and also to request that the public notify the Township of any disabled, hearing or sight impaired residents, in order to provide assistance in case of an emergency. There also followed discussion regarding possible oil reclamation; Mr. Singley indicated he has received a list of location of reclamation centers and will forward same to Mr. Grunmeier.

2. Joseph DelCiotto - Mr. DelCiotto, representing Ethan Good, his client and owner of a proposed truck terminal on Reliance Road, was present to request the Board's recommendation regarding his client's responsibility for traffic impact. Lot #1 proposes an 80 x 400' truck maintenance facility (approximately 80 trucks) with a one entrance drive and parking for parallel cars and trucks; office area in front. PC indicated they would probably recommend waiving of a traffic impact study since an extensive study was recently performed for this site. There followed discussion regarding traffic impact and need for traffic light and road improvements. Chairman Grunmeier stated that something must be done with the intersection; widening of lanes, traffic signal, etc. The Board agreed to give Mr. DelCiotto a copy of the design improvements for that intersection as prepared for Bux-Mont. Applicant should submit a proposal for his involvement for improvements to Reliance Road for consideration by Hilltown Township.

3. Jerry Kozminski, Souderton Midget Football - Mr. Kozminski was present to request that the Board waive permit fees for renovation of the midget football announcing booth, since this is a non-profit organization. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to waive all building and occupancy permit fees (\$200 - building permit; \$50 - demolition permit; and \$150 - use and occupancy permit = total of \$400).

#### E. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Building Update - Copies of 8/31 and 9/7 job meeting minutes forwarded to Supervisors. Following changes were noted:  
 (1) Revisions to plan storage room #110. Cost = \$1,002  
 (2) Revision of platform podium. Cost = \$4,016  
 (3) Sedimentation & erosion control. Cost = \$6,903

Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to recommend to HTWSA to approve changes.

2. Consortium - Meeting will be held on 9/15/88, 8:00 P.M., at West Rockhill Building. Topic of discussion will be rural residency. Mr. Singley also reported that rock salt and police vehicles will be bid through the consortium.

3. Parks & Recreation By-Laws - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #88-34, Park & Recreation By-Laws.

4. Zoning Hearing Board - Due to Mr. John Murphey's resignation effective 7/31/88, there is a vacancy on this Board. Tom Stone, one of the nominees for this position, has advised that due to his business, he will not have the time to devote to this position. The Board will hold interviews on Tuesday, 9/20/88 at 7:00 P.M. with other candidates: Vincent Pischl, Alan Kendig, Larry Woodward, and Carol Pierce. Interviews for clerical positions will also be held on that date.

5. Law Suits - Bux-Mont -- motion made for dismissal. Attorney Leonard will advise. Bucks County Court appeal received for T. Browning vs. Zoning Hearing Board regarding decision made last month. Zoning Appeal requested on 8/25/88 from Mr. Browning and Mr. Jurin regarding illegal use of land.

6. Souderton Square Traffic Light - Application has been approved by Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Wynn explained positioning of light on plan to the Board. Cost estimate for light is \$56,000. PennDOT to reapprove plan for County Line & Route 113 site (County Line light is interconnected with Souderton Square light). Mr. Wynn will update Souderton Borough Mayor on this situation.

7. Auditor's Report - Copies forwarded to Supervisors. All items have been answered to the auditor's satisfaction.

8. Traffic Light at 313 & Rickert Road - Lieut. Worst of State Police has contacted Mr. Singley regarding speeding complaints on Rickert Road and possible installation of a traffic light. The Supervisors agreed to Chairman Grunmeier's suggestion that the State Police set up a meeting with the three municipalities involved -- Mr. Singley will advise Lieut. Worst.

9. CD Funding - Public hearings will be advertised for the 1988-1989 year.

10. Request received from Sgt. Ashby Watts to attend two conferences. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to allow Sgt. Watts to attend the PCCD conference, 10/10/88 to 10/14/88 at a cost of \$321.90; and a PA Driving Under the Influence Association course at a cost of \$390.

11. Zoning Revision Consultant - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to hire Carter Van Dyke Assocs., recommended by the PC, as Consultant for revisions to the Township Zoning Ordinance, with a \$25,000 cap after 12 months, to be reviewed again by Supervisors after that time.

Chairman Grunmeier requested that a date be set for a recycling meeting with the refuse companies licensed in the Township. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, October 4, 1988 (meeting will be advertised).

Chairman Grunmeier also suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to PECO regarding clean up on Fairhill School Road. Mr. Bennett suggested that they close up the rear entrance.

F. ZONING REPORT: Mr. Singley read the report for the month of August which is on file at the Township building.

G. POLICE REPORT: Lieut. Kerry Trauger read the report for August 1988 which is on file at the Township building. Chairman Grunmeier requested that Chief Egly discuss with Mr. Singley the repainting, body repairs and detailing on the 87 police vehicles. Mr. Singley is working with the Consortium for bidding of '89 vehicles.

H. ROAD REPORT: Mr. Buzby read the report dated 7/31/88 to 8/27/88 which is on file at the Township office. Mr. Buzby stated that the crew will be repaving Red Wing Road before bad weather; and that Broad Street and S. Perkasio Road will also be paved in the near future (late September or early October).

I. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Mr. Wynn presented a copy of the Wetlands report and proposed box culvert for Pleasant Meadows to the Township Secretary.

Application dated 8/6/88 has been made to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a wetlands crossing.

2. Pleasant Meadows - Basin grading and final grading and seeding not yet completed - John Garis will attempt to complete. Mr. Wynn reported that Lot #64 (Henry) storm drainage is not functioning properly; pipe size needs to be increased to 24"; Mr. Garis has been contacted to replace the pipe which should resolve the problem.

3. Schultz Subdivision - Number of items still incomplete, including erosion control; no one present on site since early July. Mr. Wynn requests the Board consider finding developer in default of agreement. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to find the developer of the Schultz Subdivision in default of his agreement; completion of these improvements will be taken out of escrow fund.

4. Brick's Way Subdivision - Street lights posts have been installed by PP&L; individual home lamp post wire has been installed.

5. Bergen Subdivision - Township Secretary received revised plans 1:30 P.M. on 9/12/88 from Strothers office; deadline was 9/9/88. By letter of 8/30/88, applicant has requested a 30 day extension (to 10/19/88). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to accept the 30 day extension for the Bergen Subdivision (to 10/19/88).

6. Toth Subdivision - Guiderail required on Rosi Lane; Mr. Toth has requested guiderail installation be waived by the Board. Mr. Wynn stated that the guiderail could be a traffic hazard and recommended it not be installed provided chevron signs are installed and "as-built" plans are submitted indicating compliance with PennDOT standards for slopes. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to waive guiderail installation on Rosi Lane, subject to PennDOT requirements.

7. Flood Plain Ordinance - received favorable review from Federal Emergency Management Agency. Ordinance needs to be forwarded to DCA for review to compliance with State Flood Plain Management Regulations; Mr. Wynn will forward for review.

8. Clemens Market, Souderton - Permit has been revoked for their waste incinerator which would not comply with new regulations. Operation of same has ceased.

#### J. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Pischl Subdivision - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #88-35, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication and #88-36, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Pischl Subdivision.

2. Mr. Grabowski, Mr. Singley and Mr. Wynn will be attending a meeting on Thursday, 9/15/88 with representatives of Abrams regarding the zoning appeal which has been filed. Mr. Grabowski will report.

#### K. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Dale Nice, Telford Fire Company - Mr. Nice questioned fire company allotments; Mr. Singley indicated they would be sent next week.

2. Jack Fox, Hilltown Pike - Mr. Fox questioned Township's agreement with Alderfer & Frank and suggested that something be placed in the Township Newsletter clarifying this; Chairman Grunmeier explained that the Township receives a hosting fee for trash which they receive. Supervisors will be meeting with all of the licensed trash haulers in the near future.

3. M. Jacobs, Telford Fire Company - Mr. Jacobs questioned regulations on burning and stated that the Fire Company has been called several times to Rush's; he was informed that since the Township does not have a burning ordinance, it must be enforced by the State (DER). Lieut. Detective Trauger will investigate site of the complaint.

#### L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Fire reports received and are on file at the Township.

2. Broderick Track - Board approved signing of agreement with P P & L for street lights for the Broderick Tract (corner of Quarry and Blooming Glen Roads).

M. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Kelly reported that she received a call from a resident of Rt. 113 and Callowhill Road, who stated emphatically that she did not want a traffic light constructed at 113 and Diamond Street and that she wanted it stopped by the Supervisors. Mrs. Kelly stated to her that this is a very dangerous intersection. Mrs. Kelly further reported that there was another accident at that intersection this morning. Chairman Grunmeier stated that the intersection is very wide and difficult to judge oncoming traffic; Mr. Wynn stated that PennDOT's warrant studies have indicated that this intersection meets their criteria for a traffic light. Mr. Bennett indicated that he also received a call regarding this subject and that he believed there was "some merit in her argument" and that there are too many traffic lights in the Township. Chairman Grunmeier and Mrs. Kelly disagreed and stated that, because of the many accidents, they feel that a traffic light is needed. In answer to Mr. Bennett's question regarding hours of operation, Mr. Wynn stated that the light would most probably be on a timer similar to the proposed light at Souderton Square.

2. Chairman Grunmeier read from a letter of gratitude from the Deep Run Sports Association for the plaque and certificate sent with the soccer team to be presented to the Woking Borough Council in Surrey, England.

3. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he has received complaints regarding the O'Hara Sanitation operation on Spur Road. The Township Zoning Officer has sent a certified letter advising them that if the operation is not brought into compliance, a cease and desist order will be issued to them.

4. Chairman Grunmeier stated that there will be a fireman's seminar on October 19th in Fort Washington; Hilltown Township Fire Department Deputy Chief has requested to attend. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to allow the Hilltown Township Fire Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief to attend this seminar at a cost of \$15.

N. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions and hear comments of those reporters present.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary