

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
August 8, 1988**

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
 Christine L. Morgan, Ass't. Secretary
 George C. Egly Jr., Chief of Police
 Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 7/25/88 Supervisors' meeting as written.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund billing in the amount of \$ 8,160.79; Highway Aid Account \$ 144.42; and Street Lighting \$ 385.20 were approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to pay bills when due.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as of August 5, 1988. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to accept the report as given.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Don Metzger, owner of Keystone Auto Parts, 609 Keystone Drive- After an inspection of the property was conducted by Clarence Myers, Township Zoning Officer, Mr. Metzger was advised to appear before the Board to request approval to continue non-conforming use. Mr. Meyers' inspection revealed the site had already exceeded the 50% expansion allowed by Section 605 of the Zoning Ordinance. The new owner has 22.5 acres of adjoining ground and there was concern that he would be interested in increasing the size of the business. Mr. Grabowski requested Mr. Metzger submit a letter to the Township Supervisors stating that there would be no further expansion of this business. Mr. Metzger was agreeable to this condition. Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the non-conforming use with the stipulation that a letter would be submitted to the Township stating that the 50% expansion has already been accomplished and no further enlargement would occur. Mrs. Kelly seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

(1) Building Update- Mr. Singley reported that construction had started on the New Township Building last week. The contractors will be pouring the concrete for the footings on August 9, 1988. The block work is tentatively scheduled for this week and the slab would be poured during the week of the 19th of August. Mr. Grunmeier recommended "No Trespassing" signs be posted around the site. The Board supported this suggestion.

(2) Zoning Resignation- Mr. Singley read the letter of resignation submitted by John P. Murphey of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Murphey had completed 30 years of service to the Township. Mr. Murphey also made the suggestion that Mr. Tom Stone replace him on the Board. Mr. Grunmeier advised that it was the Planning Commission's recommendation to have Mr. Vince Pischl fill the vacant position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Grunmeier suggested the Township advertise in the Daily Intelligencer and News Herald to establish a list of interested applicants. The Board was in agreement, however, Mr. Bennett added the idea of appointing someone from the Planning Commission had some merit.

(3) Police Recruitment- Mr. Singley requested permission from the Board to advertise for Police Recruits. He clearly pointed out that this recruitment effort was aimed at establishing an ongoing list of interested/qualified applicants and that no vacancy currently existed in the Police Force. This would enable the Township to have an established list of applicants when the need to hire additional Police would arise. Mr. Grunmeier favored such a plan and permission was granted to advertise.

F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Mr. Singley read the Public Works Department Monthly report dated July 30, 1988 submitted by Tom Buzby. This report is on file at the Township Building for public review.

Mr. Grunmeier questioned what could be done about the unsightly trash and debris that has mounted up between Route 309 and Fairhill School Road along the power lines. The property is owned by Philadelphia Electric Company and has been an on-going problem. It was suggested that a chain could be put across by PECO to deny access to the area. Mr. Grunmeier advised that it was PECO's responsibility to clean the area, which consists not only of trash but of tires, refrigerator and tree clippings. Mr. Grunmeier questioned Mr. Grabowski on the feasibility of the Township cleaning up the debris and billing PECO. After some dis-

cussion it was agreed by the Board that a letter would be written from the Township to Philadelphia Electric reiterating the problem and strongly insisting corrective action be taken by them.

G. POLICE REPORT: Chief Egly read the Police Report dated July 1988. This report is also on file at the Township Building. Mr. Grunmeier questioned Chief Egly about parking problems on Rickert Road at the PSP Building.

Chief Egly reported of an existing problem at the Police Barracks Driver Testing Station at Rickert Road and Route 313. Many driver applicant's are abusing residents driveways, blocking roadways and mailboxes. Some residents have complained of going without mail service for several days since the Post Office will not deliver mail if the mail box is obstructed. The Chief reported that the State Police are considering expanding the parking lot but he suggested they consider adding an additional lane on Rickert Road from the bridge to Route 313 to alleviate the congestion in that area. Mr. Grunmeier advised of another alternative which he had received in a letter referring to installing a traffic light at Route 313 and Rickert Road. Chief Egly stated that a traffic light had already been approved by PennDot but they would expect the two Townships (Hilltown and Bedminster) and the Borough of Dublin to pay for the light at an approximate cost of \$ 40,000. The Board agreed to let Mr. Singley and Chief Egly research the alternatives further and report back to the Board at the August 22, 1988 meeting.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING: Mr. Singley read the following report dated August 8, 1988 submitted by C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer, who was unable to attend the meeting.

(1) Bricks Way Subdivision: Mr. Hackett advised by correspondence dated 7/27/88 to complete outstanding items by 8/15/88. Regrading, stabilization of swales began on 8/6/88. Erosion matting being installed. Hackett advised that placement of ID-2 in areas of sewerline trench settlement should be completed prior to 10/30/88. Per Jack Cauley, PP& L, street lights to be installed within two weeks.

(2) Hickory Hamlet Subdivision: Mr. Hackett advised of "punch list" items by correspondence dated 7/27/88 with completion required by 8/15/88.

(3) Pileggi (WAWA) Land Development: "Stop Work" order issued by Clarence Radcliff on 8/4/88 for failure to implement the erosion and sedimentation control plan required by the approved drawings. Mr. Pileggi and subcontractor, O'Hara Brothers, Inc. had been advised by this office and Clarence on 4 consecutive working days prior to "Stop Work" of plan requirements. On 8/5/88, work was continuing. Workers ordered to stop and information obtained by Officer Kane for issuance of citations for violation of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Pileggi (also to be issued a citation)

was advised that the silt fence installed that A.M. was improperly placed. On Saturday, 8/6/88, an inspection of the site was made indicating compliance with E & S requirements.

(4) Phinney Subdivision: Work continuing on sidewalks. Sewerline easement and basin area graded and seeded during week of 7/31/88. Mr. Phinney indicates all public improvements should be completed by 10/30/88.

(5) Pleasant Meadows Subdivision:

a. All swales reworked during week of 7/24/88 have washed out during rains. Per Mr. Garis, swales to be reworked during week of 8/22/88. Contractor is Pileggi & Sons, Landscaping.

b. Met with Mrs. Henry at site regarding drainage problems. Original design calculations for storm sewers piping not available in Township files. Calculations performed by this office indicates piping in lot #64 designed for a "10 year" storm which was exceeded this summer. Metal bars placed to prevent children from entering the pipe, and grading in the vicinity of the endwall further reduce pipe capacity. Reconstruction of storm sewer necessary or overflows can be expected to reoccur on annual basis.

c. Meeting scheduled at site with Mr. Garis for 8/10/88 regarding curb repairs.

d. Per P.K. Moyer, basin regrading to be accomplished during week of 8/7/88.

e. Letter sent to Garis on 7/28/88 regarding box culvert. No information received as of this date. The Board tabled action and requested that Mr. Grabowski set up a meeting with Mr. Garis for discussion of same.

(6) Rex Subdivision: Per correspondence received from Mr. Rex dated 8/2/88, completion of "public" improvements to be accomplished by 10/30/88.

(7) Schultz Subdivision: Correspondence was sent by this office dated 7/26/88 regarding erosion of swales and property monumentation. No response received. No repairs made to swales. Suggest meeting with applicant and attorneys to attempt to resolve outstanding items. If no resolution, legal action should be considered for default of agreement.

(8) Cherry Lane/Bethlehem Pike Realignment: Costs include relocating intersection; widening Bethlehem Pike; installation of curb; realignment of Clearview intersection; reconstruction of both Clearview and Cherry in the vicinity of the intersection. Total estimate \$ 69,071.30

(9) Municipal Building: Construction began 8/2/88. Erosion Control Plan approved by Bucks County on 8/3/88. Additional information required by Bucks County Health Department for holding tank was hand delivered on 7/29/88. PP&L notified regarding pole relocations. Jack Cauley to inspect site on 8/8/88. Building pad constructed. Footings expected to be poured this week.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Grabowski had a series of Deeds of Dedication for the Supervisors to approve. Resolution #88-26 to accept McKetta Subdivision, Resolution #88-27 to declare public purpose, Resolution #88-28 to accept Pileggi/WaWa Subdivision Resolution #88-29 to declare public purpose, Resolution #88-30

to accept Moyer Subdivision, Blooming Glen Road, Resolution #88-31 to declare public purpose, Resolution #88-32 to accept Bowen/Sloss Subdivision on Hilltown Pike and Route 152 and Resolution #88-33 to declare public purpose were presented. Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve Resolutions #88-26 through #88-33. Mrs. Kelly seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

In reference to the Bowen/Sloss Subdivision \$ 690.00 was to be held in escrow for required improvements (monumentation). Mr. Grabowski presented a check to Mr. Singley for this purpose. Mr. Grawowski advised that this subdivision agreement required approval by the Board. Thus, Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the Bowen/Sloss Subdivision, motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Grabowski requested the Board's approval to advertise the BOCA National Codes-1987 with amendments, for consideration and adoption, if appropriate, at the August 22, 1988 Board of Supervisors meeting. The amendments consist of: BOCA National Building Code-1987, 10th Edition, BOCA National Mechanical Code-1987, Sixth Edition, the BOCA National Plumbing Code-1987, Seventh Edition, the National Electrical Code, 1987, the BOCA National Fire Protection Code-1987 and the CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code-1986 Edition. These manuals are on file at the Township Building. Mr. Grabowski also stated it was recommended to him by the Township Engineer and Building Inspector when updating existing codes to also consider establishing Ordinances dealing with erosion control, grading and sedimentation in conjunction with new construction. The Board granted permission to advertise the BOCA National Codes-1987 for consideration at their next meeting.

The Township Solicitor announced that on July 28, 1988 a three Judge panel found in favor of Hilltown Township in the case involving Bux-Mont. Judge Collins of the Commonwealth Court presided and found that the Township did comply with the Municipal Planning Code. Mr. Grabowski advised that Bux-Mont can file petition in Commonwealth or Supreme Court but that a mandatory appeal was not required. It was Mr. Grabowski's opinion that this decision would be final. Mr. Grunmeier suggested a letter be written thanking Mr. John Rice, Jaczun, Grabowski and Leonard, for his efforts in handling this matter. The Board was in agreement.

Mr. Grabowski advised that the Zoning Hearing Board ruled in favor of the Township in the Zoning Appeal of Browning/Jurin held August, 1988. The Zoning Hearing Board agreed that the Appeal, involving the new Township Municipal Building, was not filed in a timely manner. According to the Municipal Planning Code the appeal should have been filed no later than 30 days following the issuance of a building permit. The Zoning Hearing Board dismissed the appeal.

Mr. Grabowski presented a proposed Solid Waste Agreement with Alderfer & Frank to be considered by the Supervisors. Alderfer & Frank would handle all household garbage generated within the Township. The Township would be charged a tipping fee for all trash delivered to A & F's transfer station. The Township will receive a 10% discount on Municipal trash. The term of the agreement is August 1, 1988 through July 31, 1989. Mrs. Kelly made a motion to execute the contract and authorize the official Township Secretary to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Mr. Jack Fox wanted to continue discussion on the subject of trash/recycling. He was concerned that it would cost the residents more for a recycling program in the form of increased taxes or increased prices from the independent haulers. The Board advised him that the current agreement with Alderfer and Frank would not affect his rates but that the Township would be required to come up with some sort of Recycling plan within two years.

K. CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Singley read a petition he received signed by approximately 60 residents concerning the construction delays caused by the litigation involving Mr. Browning and Mr. Jurin. The letter urges them to withdraw their appeals and lawsuit and let the Township continue with construction without interference. (A copy of this petition is attached to these minutes.)

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

(1) Mrs. Betty Kelly reported that she attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting July 21, 1988 and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had resigned. The Committee discussed Recycling options available to the municipalities. Mrs. Kelly noted that Hilltown is the only Township in Upper Bucks which is required to institute Recycling within 2 years.

(2) Mr. Bennett reported that the Hilltown Township Civic Association is under new leadership and in addition to Dog and Horse shows they are planning their first Golf Outting. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 1988 at Fox Hollow Golf Club near Trumbauersville. The cost will be \$ 38.00 which includes a Steak dinner. There will be various prizes given away including an Automobile.

(3) Mr. Grunmeier read a letter to Mr. Singley from Mr. Clarence Myers, Zoning Officer, regarding fencing for non-commercial swimming pools. The Supervisors will review the letter and discuss the subject at a future date.

Mr. Grunmeier also announced that Bucks County Community College is offering two classes relative to Municipal Planning and that anyone interested in attending should let the Township Manager know. Dates of classes are: 9/27/88, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. (Fee \$75) and 10/10 & 10/17/88, 7:30-9:30 P.M. (Fee \$59). Mr. Grunmeier expressed his interest and requested permission to attend both. Supervisors Kelly and Bennett agreed he should attend.

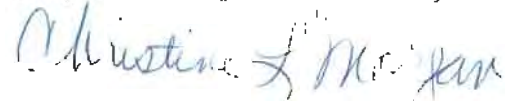
Mr. Grunmeier suggested Mrs. Kelly chair the dedication committee for the new Township Building. Mr. Bennett was also in agreement.

Mr. Grunmeier advised that the Board was in agreement to work on planning an Emergency Management simulation.

M. PRESS CONFERENCE: Reporters questions were answered at this time.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine L. Morgan
Ass't. Secretary