

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
SUBJECT: BUX-MONT PROPOSED TRASH TRANSFER STATION
November 5, 1987

This special meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:39 P.M.

Due to the presence of a court stenographer at this meeting, Chairman Grunmeier requested that transcripts of these meeting minutes be given to the Township; Mr. Rich O' Neill and Attorney Ms. Barkee agreed. The following minutes, therefore, are an abbreviated synopsis of what occurred.

Members present: Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman
Betty J. Kelly, Vice Chairperson
Vincent Pischl, Supervisor

Others present: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Twp. Secretary
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

Township Solicitor: Francis X. Grabowski
Township Engineer: C. Robert Wynn

Introductions were made by Chairman Grunmeier as follows:

Representative Paul Clymer
Representative Benjamin Wilson
Supervisor Elect, William Bennett

At this time, Mr. Pischl announced that since the proposed site adjoins his property, he would not vote on this issue and would refrain from making comments; however, he would reserve the right to ask questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Tom O'Boyle, 823 E. Reliance Road presented a petition including over 1,000 signatures, requesting the Supervisors not allow this proposed trash transfer station to be built. He indicated his concern regarding public health and safety; stating that hazardous wastes would be harmful to people and the environment and requested that letters be sent to DER and State Representatives to stop issuance of permits. Mr. O'Boyle also presented slides showing views of a trash transfer station currently in operation.
2. Jack Fox, Hilltown Pike, requested that the Supervisors place a 6 month moratorium on building in the industrial district. He stated that this would allow time for the Zoning Ordinance to be updated.
3. Jay Poggi, Thistle Lane, Perkasio, questioned Representative Clymer about Senate Bill 528 regarding trash transfer stations. Rep. Clymer indicated that this bill is in the House Conservation Committee and has not yet been passed. Representative Wilson stated that this law would affect future proposed stations.
4. Joe Marino, Red Wing Road, stated that Bux-Mont originally proposed only one trash transfer station; and that they have now proposed two different sites. He asked why they cannot utilize the Alderfer & Frank station located within the Township.
5. Dave Hendricks, President of C.O.V.E.R., stated that (in his opinion) this proposal is a violation of rights.

6. Sheri Brotius, Thistle Lane, Perkasio, questioned whether laboratory wastes would be involved and that the type of wastes should be investigated.
7. Patty O'Boyle, 823 E. Reliance Road, questioned rate of accidents on Rt. 309. Chief Egly stated that this would have to be investigated.
8. Rusty O'Boyle, 823 E. Reliance Rd., stated that real estate values would decline on properties located near the proposed transfer station.
9. Philip Begly, 518 Upper Stump Road, asked Chairman Grunmeier what could be done to keep trash transfer stations out of the area. Chairman Grunmeier replied that the Supervisors have held this meeting to receive input from the residents, the Supervisors will review all input, and (with the Board's agreement) will make a decision at their 12/14/87 Supervisors' meeting (the members of the Board agreed to this).

Other residents who indicated their disapproval of Bux-Mont's proposal for this trash transfer station to be located on Reliance Road were: Cheryl Hosgood, 4331 Old Bethlehem Road, Telford; Carol Johnson, 715 Reliance Road, Telford; and Jim Coyne, Schoolhouse Road.

In answer to Chairman Grunmeier's question, Mr. O'Boyle replied that the petition contained over 1,000 signatures which were obtained from all areas of the Township.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTS:

1. Representative Clymer stated that he would be working with the Township Supervisors in the public's best interests.
2. Representative Wilson stated that one trash transfer station in the Township is more than enough and that he would do whatever is possible to help the residents. He also indicated that a moratorium is an excellent suggestion.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Pischl questioned Mr. Grabowski on the legality of a 6 month moratorium and if it could be done. Mr. Grabowski replied that he would like to discuss that aspect with the Supervisors and would reserve comment at this time. He reported that the Supervisors have instructed the staff to review the existing zoning ordinance. Mr. Grabowski suggested to Representatives Clymer and Wilson that help is needed on the local government level to have DER share their applications with the Township.
2. Mr. Pischl asked Mr. Wynn if Bux-Mont intends to perform a traffic impact study at the proposed intersection. Mr. Wynn replied that he indicated to Bux-Mont the Board's concerns and requested that they perform a study. To date, no reply has been received.
3. Letter addressed to Hilltown Township Supervisors from American Resource Consultants has been received, stating Bux-Mont Refuse Services intent to apply to DER.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Chairman Grunmeier asked Mr. Grabowski to express the Board's appreciation to John Rice for his work on the Pileggi land development.

Chairman Grunmeier expressed thanks to Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Neiman and Mrs. Morgan for their work on the Centralized Post Office ballots and signs. He indicated that results of the poll were 2:1 in favor of a centralized post office and that the Township should proceed accordingly. He requested that the Township Manager set up a meeting.

Chairman Grunmeier also announced that, in keeping with the policy of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Elect William Bennett (who will be taking office in January) will be working with the Supervisors from this time forward and will attend all meetings (including budget sessions).

Chairman Grunmeier thanked the public for attending and again stated that the Supervisors would review all information and will render a decision at their December 14th meeting.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Pisch at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary