

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 28, 1987

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
Vincent Pischl, Supervisor

Others present were: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Twp. Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Pischl announced that due to time constraints for advertising, the Community Development hearing for use of Hilltown Township's allocation of C.D. funds will be advertised for the next Supervisors' meeting of Monday, October 12, 1987 at 8:00 P.M. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the September 14, 1987 Supervisors' meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing was approved in the following amounts:

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| October 1, 1987 | \$1,490.81 |
| October 8, 1987 | \$12,684.68 |

Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due, motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the report for the month of September, 1987; same is on file at the Township office. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the report as read, motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) Community Development Funds - Notice has been placed in a local newspaper for a hearing to be held on Monday, October 12th at 8:00 P.M. In answer to a letter received from County of Bucks regarding a decision whether to participate in Bucks County C.D. Block Grant program or a state-wide program, the Supervisors indicated that Hilltown Township would remain in the County program.

b) County of Bucks - Purchasing Agreement: Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-49, Authorization to Participate in Purchase Contracts of Bucks County.

2. New Business:

a) Budget: Initial date for first '88 budget meeting will be announced at the Supervisors' October 12th meeting.

b) First Floor Elevation Certification: The Board directed the Township Solicitor to investigate a building stake-out certification pursuant to the BOCA Code for possible adoption.

c) Mr. Singley reported that the Board has requested the Township initiate an Act 97 Plan for Solid Waste in Hilltown Township and that staff meetings have been held regarding same. After submission of various site development plans, a trash transfer station owned and operated by Alderfer & Frank, located on Progress Drive, has been established. Plans and procedures to allow the Township's solid waste to be sent to that site are in the working. Alderfer & Frank have offered to pay the host municipality fee to the Township over a 3 year period: .7/10% first year; .9% second year; and 1% final year. The Board requested the Township Solicitor draw up an agreement as part of the Solid Waste Act.

Mr. Grunmeier asked the following questions:

1. Status of directional sign at Green and Hilltown Pike - Mr. Singley indicated that the Township is awaiting PennDOT's reply.
2. Status of driveway sign at Skate Ranch on Rt. 309: Mr. Singley indicated that Signs of Safety made final delivery last week; Tom Buzby will install signs this week.
3. Status report on zoning update: Mr. Singley stated that he has met with Mr. Wynn and had conversations with Mr. Robert Bender (New Britain Township); RFP will be advertised week of October 14th; meetings will be scheduled for interviews with PC, Supervisors, and Township Engineer after RFP's have been received.
4. Status of letter to Calvary Church, requesting voting space: Mr. Singley will send letter this week.
5. Status of sale of vehicles: Mr. Singley indicated that the '74 Malibu and Chevy are in the garage and are being cleaned up.
6. Mr. Pischl questioned date of semi-annual road inspection to be held next month. The Board agreed to meet on Saturday, October 24th at 9:00 A.M. at the Township Building.

F. ENGINEERING/PLANNING

1. Summit Court Minor Subdivision: Mr. Robert Valimont explained that this minor subdivision is merely a subdivision of existing house on Lot #2 from remainder of the parcel (subdivision of Lot #1 containing twin homes is currently before the P.C. as a major subdivision). At this time, Mr. Valimont indicated he has not submitted a fee or application to the Township for this minor subdivision which has been reviewed by the BCPC and Hilltown P.C., but would be willing to do so. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to grant final approval to the Summit Court Minor Subdivision, conditional upon recommendations of P.C., submission of application and applicable fees to the Township; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Street Lights - Brick's Way: Mr. Jack Cauley of PP&L has indicated to Mr. Wynn that the lights could be placed wherever the Township wishes. A petition was made to the Township for installation of these lights by the developer; all residents of this development must pay for cost of illuminating the lights. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to authorize the Township Manager to sign agreements for a 10 year period with PP&L for installation of street lights in the Brick's Way development at locations shown on revised drawing; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. (A statement by the Township Engineer, stating reason for relocation of lights, will be placed in the Township file).

3. 209 Realty Subdivision, located on Rt. 152 (62 single family homes) and Deerfield-Hassan Development (51 homes): P.C. recommended the Township waive some of the Subdivision requirements in lieu of a capital contribution for impact these developments will have on adjoining streets. Since neither developer is present at this meeting, discussion of same was tabled until the October 12th Supervisors' meeting. Mr. Wynn will advise developer of this.

4. Following extensions received:
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| Hilltown Business Center | 90 days |
| Gratius Subdivision | 90 days |
| Rice Subdivision | 90 days |
| Lewis Subdivision | 90 days |
| Summit Court Subdivision | 46 days |

Walden Farm, 2 lot subdivision: P.C. indicated they were not comfortable with proposed lane lot. Mr. Wynn has sent a letter to Mr. Frank Nicholas, indicating that this subdivision does not conform to Section 527 of the Township Zoning Ordinance and that the P.C. has recommended a more rectangular shaped lot. Mr. Nicholas has sent a letter indicating his intention to change engineers; however, no other correspondence has been received to date. Board agreed to allow applicant until October 12th to submit revised plan.

5. Plans for acceptance:

Site Development Plan for Bux Mont Refuse Services, Inc.: Plan proposes trash transfer station at intersection of Reliance Road and Bethlehem Pike. Plan was submitted directly to BCPC; that office notified Mr. Wynn and indicated they do not normally review a site development plan; (last submittal was reviewed by their office in error). Mr. Wynn suggested that a traffic study be performed at Reliance Road and Old 309. Mr. Pischl stated that, since this proposed development adjoins his property, he will not vote on it but will reserve the right to question or comment when plan is reviewed. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to require applicant's engineer to perform a traffic survey at Route 309 and Reliance Road; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. (See Engineering/Planning, Item #6, Page 4, for continuation of report).

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Grabowski reported that HTWSA's engineer has determined there is a severe soil erosion problem at their "Pleasant Springs" interceptor. Since built 10 years ago, the stream has eroded a portion of the sewer line. The Authority has determined it will be cost feasible to reconstruct a portion of that line which will require granting of easement from the Township. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-50, granting 20 ft. easement to HTWSA to realign sanitary sewer easement.

2. Chairman Grunmeier stated that a resolution was brought before the Bucks County Association of Township Officials at last week's meeting, asking support that Bucks County municipalities should have access to Delaware River, Point Pleasant water supply. Mr. Grunmeier stated that this does not support the project, only that if it is built, Bucks County should have access to the water. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution 87-51, Bucks County access to Delaware water supply, motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

3. Chairman Grunmeier read a letter from HTWSA, in answer to a request from Supervisors for consideration of relief for residents of South Perkasia Road regarding the water situation. HTWSA indicated they are willing to abide by the Supervisors' decision in this matter. Mr. Paul Gourley, a resident of S. Perkasia Rd., was present and stated he would like a 4 year payment period; however, anything the Board could do will be appreciated. Mr. Pischl stated that there were 2 or 3 other residents who requested a 4 year payment period and in fairness to them, the Supervisors have arrived at a compromise time period of 3 years. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to allow payments for connection costs to be placed over a 3 year period. The Board agreed to the following requirements: (1) Required connection would be no later than 5/1/88; (2) Payments for connection costs would be placed over a three year period; (3) No interest would be charged; (4) Payments could be made on a quarterly basis incorporated within the water billing; and (5) Payments would start effective 1/1/88. Mr. Singley will advise residents and HTWSA of the Supervisors' decision.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ed Dembroski, 1012 Telegraph Road, asked that first floor elevation requirement be explained. Mr. Wynn stated that this requirement would insure compliance with building setback rules and plans. He explained that there are two possible procedures: (1) Requirement that a site plan drawn up by a surveyor be submitted with the building permit (to certify elevation of the house); or (2) Requirement of an as-built plan prior to issuance of an occupancy permit.

2. William Godek, 206 Broad Street, asked status of Pileggi development on Route 152; Mr. Grabowski answered that there has been no progress. Mr. Godek questioned projected life span of Quarry; Mr. Singley indicated he sent a certified letter to H & K, no answer received to date. Mr. Godek also commented that (in his opinion) quarry blasts have been getting stronger.

ENGINEERING/PLANNING (continued):

6. Due to Mr. Toth's absence earlier in the meeting, discussion of his plan was delayed until this time. Toth Subdivision is located on Mill Road and Keystone Drive, containing 18 lots (17 new building lots and one 32 acre lot containing an existing house and barn), on site sewage disposal, water proposed to be supplied by North Penn Water Authority. P.C. has recommended approval of plan subject to final approval of North Penn Water Authority, Bucks County Health Department, dedication of roadway, consolidation of strip of land (Morrison), and an escrow agreement to include bridge replacement on Swartley Road. Mr. Wynn indicated that this subdivision has also been reviewed by the Chief of the Line Lexington Fire Company who noted fire hydrant locations. Street light will be placed at Mill Road & Keystone Drive intersection with the development. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to give final approval to the Toth Brothers final plan subject to stipulations listed in the Engineer's review letter of 9/16/87; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl. Chairman Grunmeier abstained from voting.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Dublin Borough forwarded resolution regarding Bucks County water supply. Mr. Singley will contact the Borough requesting further information.

2. Pennridge Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held September 30th at 8:00 A.M. regarding any problems municipalities are experiencing. Chairman Grunmeier and Mr. Singley will attend.

3. Letter from William D. Kee, P.E., Cowan Associates, Inc. to Mr. & Mrs. Applegate regarding their well. Mr. Kee explained that HTWSA well has been capped and there should be no effect on the Applegate's well.

4. Hilltown Civic Association will meet Tuesday, 9/29/87 at 8:00 P.M.

5. Notice of proposed fee to be charged by Telford Borough Authority for fire hydrants (up to \$50). Mr. Singley indicated this has not yet been enacted; Township will await further notice.

6. Line Lexington Volunteer Fire Company report has been received.

7. Bucks County Association of Township Officials will hold their semi-annual convention on Wednesday, October 21st at the Warrington Country Club. Supervisors, Manager, Secretary, Engineer, Solicitor, and Auditors will be contacted to determine number of reservations.

8. Snow Removal 1987-88 season - Mr. Singley indicated that Silverdale Borough has requested the Township add Lawndale Avenue to list of streets Hilltown Township will plow. The Board agreed to allow the Township Manager to formulate a fee schedule (on a time basis) for this work.

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier stated that a verbal request has been received from residents of Keystone Drive regarding placement of school bus signs on Keystone Drive (at curve) near Keystone Auto Parts. Mr. Singley and Mr. Buzby will investigate.

2. Chairman Grunmeier also suggested that the Zoning Officer be allowed to revise the house numbering system for the Township which may require extra hours. He indicated that the present system is very antiquated and Mr. Myers has advised he will be able to formulate a more efficient method. Mr. Grunmeier further stated that this will be very beneficial to residents, especially during emergency situations. The Board agreed to this request. Mr. Singley indicated that the budget had allowed for this expenditure.

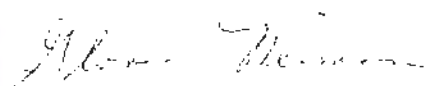
3. Chairman Grunmeier suggested purchase of a book entitled "Job of Planning Commission" at a cost of \$15 each for the Planning Commission members (if they do not already have one).

4. Chairman Grunmeier stated there will be a tax reform meeting in Langhorne on Friday, October 9th at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Grunmeier indicated he would attend and requested that Mrs. Neiman also attend in order to take notes.

An Executive Session will be held after tonight's meeting for discussion of police negotiation matters.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Pischl at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary