

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
August 10, 1987

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:32 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
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 27, 1987 Supervisors' Meeting: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 7/27/87 Supervisors' meeting as written.

July 29, 1987 Special Meeting regarding H & K Quarry: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 7/29/87 special meeting as written.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: August 13, 1987 - \$34,243.46
August 20, 1987 - \$ 975.62
Street Light Acct. \$ 300.96

Chairman Grunmeier requested that payment be held on one bill: Acct. #426.332 - A & T Chevrolet in the amount of \$288.01. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to pay bills when due with the exception of Acct. #426.332 bill from A & T Chevrolet in the amount of \$288.01.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the report dated 8/01/87 - 8/08/87; same is on file at the Township office. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to accept the report as read.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Bill Hitchings, Souderton Square - not present.
2. Dale Largent (Hilltown Pike Deli): Mr. Largent indicated that he is the owner of the Smokehouse Deli on Hilltown Pike and asked if the Board had any objection to his resale of the property with continued use as a delicatessen. Mr. Grabowski advised that the Zoning Officer could issue a certification indicating that this is an allowed non-conforming use -- the Board agreed to this. Mr. Singley will explain the matter to the Zoning Officer.
3. John Replogle: Mr. Grabowski explained that the development agreements for the Replogle subdivision would be presented during the Solicitor's portion of the meeting.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Old Business:

1. Hilltown Water Study - Mr. Singley read aloud a letter that will be sent to residents of Hilltown Township, explaining purpose of the water study being conducted by INTEX in Hilltown Village. In the letter, Mr. Singley stated, "This questionnaire (distributed by INTEX) is a preliminary study and review to see if groundwater problems do exist in order that, if they do, proper measures can be carried out to correct them." He further explained that the study is not being conducted for future public water and sewer. The Board indicated their approval of this letter.

5. Longview Estates - Mr. Phinney has granted a 60 day extension. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the 60 day extension for the Longview Estates subdivision; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Pischl questioned status of the grate on Diamond Street and Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Wynn indicated that it hasn't been installed as yet and that he would investigate it.

8:05 P.M. - Chairman Grunmeier called for a recess to discuss a matter involving possible litigation. Meeting resumed at 8:13 P.M.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Grabowski indicated that development agreements for the following subdivisions would be presented for Supervisor's signatures after this meeting:

1. Replogle/Heinrich - All subdivision and escrow agreements have been signed and letter of credit issued by Quakertown Bank; all HTWSA agreements also signed. Mr. Grabowski indicated that the only outstanding item at this time is submittal of insurance certificate (to be accomplished Tuesday morning). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to approve the Replogle Subdivision Final Plan subject to insurance requirements being met to the satisfaction of the Township.

2. Broderick and Hillview Estates - All subdivision and escrow agreements have been signed; HTWSA agreements to be reviewed at their next meeting (8/12/87); insurance certificate to be submitted Tuesday morning by Mr. Kemmerer. Petition has been signed by developer for street light to be placed at intersection of Quarry Road and State Road. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to approve the Broderick and Hillview Estates subdivisions. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-36, for installation of a street light at intersection of Quarry and State Roads.

3. Nob Hill Subdivision - Mr. Grabowski reported that this subdivision is located primarily in Perkasio Borough, with exception of 1.4 acres of Lot #19 which is located in Hilltown Township. Plans have been reviewed and approved by Perkasio Borough; plans were never submitted to H.T. for review. Mr. Grabowski explained that, in discussing this with the developer and owner of Lot #19, the lot owner has stated his willingness to sign an agreement with Hilltown Township which states if, in the future, he should wish to subdivide or improve the lot, he will make application to H.T. for necessary review process and all appropriate permits -- the developer has also agreed to join in this agreement. The Board indicated their approval of this type of agreement. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to allow the Township Solicitor to draft an agreement to be entered into with the developer and property owner of Lot #19 of the Nob Hill Subdivision, stating that nothing will be developed on 1.4 acres of H.T. land until applications are presented to Hilltown Township; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

4. Chairman Grunmeier questioned a "Tenant Ordinance" which was passed by Springfield Township. Mr. Grabowski explained that the ordinance required all landlords to disclose to the Township the identity of their tenants for the purpose of updating Township and School District tax rolls, as well as census reports. He indicated that Sellersville Borough and Bedminster also enacted similar ordinances. Pennridge School District has expressed their interest in sharing this information. With the Board's agreement, Chairman Grunmeier requested Mr. Grabowski to submit a copy of the Springfield Ordinance to Mr. Singley for his review. Mr. Grabowski indicated he would also obtain copies of the Bedminster and Sellersville ordinances.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Clarence Applegate, 724H Old Bethlehem Road, Perkasio: Mr. Applegate indicated he is experiencing a problem with his well. Chairman Grunmeier advised him to bring his complaint before the Water & Sewer Authority at their meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 1987. Mr. Grabowski informed him that the HTWSA well on Old Bethlehem Road which was drilled last year, has been capped and has not been in use since that time. Mr. Applegate questioned construction of a building in an area which was designated as flood plain. The Board directed the Township Building Inspector to investigate this.

2. Joseph Petner, Broad Street: Mr. Petner indicated he had previously submitted a petition to the Township regarding closing of Stump Road to truck traffic and increased traffic flow on Broad Street. Chairman Grunmeier advised that both ends of Stump Road are located in New Britain Township and that they have posted the "no truck" signs. New Britain Township has advised that they would be interested in sharing cost (with Hilltown and Plumstead) of a traffic light on Rt. 313 and Stump Road. The Board directed Mr. Singley to contact New Britain Township for further information on this inter-section. Mr. Petner also complained of a "rough strip of road" on Broad Street; the Board directed the Township Roadmaster to investigate this area.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letters from Norman Good and Vacuum Furnace referenced earlier in meeting, commending work of road crew.

2. Letters regarding centralized post office - concensus of opinion at this time is 2½ to 1 in favor of a centralized post office.

3. Treasurer's Statement received from Souderton Fire Company.

4. Bill Strunk, #2 South Valley View Road, Line Lexington: Mr. Strunk requests a "Children at Play" sign to be placed on North Valley View Road near its intersection with Hilltown Pike. The Board directed Mr. Singley to investigate this area with the Township Roadmaster, Mr. Buzby.

5. Fire company reports received from Line Lexington and Dublin Fire Companies; on file at Township office.

6. James Coyne, 420 Schoolhouse Rd., Sellersville: Mr. Coyne has requested weeds be cut down on three adjoining properties. The Board directed the Zoning Officer to investigate the parcels in question.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

1. Mr. Pischl questioned Trip generation study. Mr. Wynn suggested a work session be held regarding this matter. The Board agreed to a work session to be held Monday, August 31st at 7:30 P.M. in the Township Building for discussion of Act 47.

2. Mr. Pischl questioned update of the Zoning Ordinance; Mr. Singley advised that proposals and advertisements will be going out in 2 weeks.

3. Mr. Pischl also questioned the Spray Irrigation Ordinance; Mr. Grabowski indicated it has been advertised for the next Supervisors' meeting of August 24th.



4. Chairman Grunmeier reported that a meeting was held at the intersection of Old Bethlehem Road and Rt. 113. Present at the meeting were Rep. Paul Clymer, Mr. Grunmeier, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Pischl, Mr. Singley, Chief Egly and PennDOT officials. Results of the meeting were as follows: (a) All four corners will be cleared of brush; (b) Stop Ahead sign will be placed on Old Bethlehem Road; (c) Drainage problem will be taken care of; (d) Road will be striped at location of stop sign; stripes will contain beaded glass to reflect headlights at night. Mr. Singley will compose a Scope of Work.


5. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he and Mrs. Kelly (Mr. Pischl had a previous committment) attended the Deep Run Sports Association Soccer Tournament held on Saturday, August 8th which hosted the Mayford Athletic Soccer Team from Woking Borough, Surrey, England. The Mayor Councillor, Mrs. Margaret Gammon, sent a plaque for Hilltown Township which was presented to Mr. Grunmeier at the ceremonies. He indicated it would be placed in the entrance of the new municipal building. Mr. Grunmeier stated that, "It was a very enjoyable affair", and that the Supervisors also reciprocated with honors which were given to the team to take back to the Mayor Councillor.

6. Chairman Grunmeier reported that Town Watch Night is to be observed on Tuesday, August 11th -- Chief Egly further stated that all residents should leave their porch light on from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

M. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer any questions or concerns of those reporters present.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Pischl at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary