

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SUBJECT: H & K QUARRY  
July 29, 1987**

This special meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:35 P.M.

This meeting has been video-taped and tape recorded; for this reason, these minutes 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 Neiman, Twp. Secretary  
Mary Eberle, Twp. Solicitor  
Chief George Egly, Police Chief  
Clarence J. Myers, Zoning Officer

Introductions were made by Chairman Grunmeier, as follows:

Representative Paul Clymer  
Linda Franklin for Sen. Greenwood  
James Roach for Rep. Wilson  
Frank Sentz, DER  
Jonas Carpenter, DER  
John Kibblehouse, H & K

Mrs. Eberle, Solicitor, presented background information on the Agreement between Hilltown Township, Vernon Horn, and H & K Quarry. Mrs. Eberle stated that the Township entered into this agreement to abate problems resulting from litigation; and referenced all items listed in the agreement. When asked if he was in agreement with those items presented, Mr. John Kibblehouse answered that they were correctly stated.

Mr. Frank Sentz, Representative of the Surface Mining Division of DER; and Mr. Jonas Carpenter, DER Field Inspector who evaluates quarry surface mining operations were present at this meeting. Mr. Sentz indicated that there have been no violations of surface mining at the Skunk Hollow Quarry to date (inspections made twice a year).

Mr. Clarence Myers, Township Zoning Officer, gave a brief report on several inspections made of the Quarry. Mr. Myers stated that he could find no violation of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance (as he interprets the ordinance). He indicated that blasts (witnessed by him) were well within the limits specified in the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Terry Clemons, Attorney for C.O.V.E.R. (Citizens Opposed to Violations of Environmental Rights), questioned setback provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, hours of operation, and asphalt plant operations. In regard to setbacks, Mrs. Eberle answered that this was a compromise provision of the Agreement with H & K.

Paul R. Ober, 231 N. 6th Street, Reading, PA, Attorney for H & K, explained that a DER permit issued the Quarry was not for the batching plant but for transportation. Mr. Ober further stated that (he and his client believe) the following controls H & K operations: (1) Township Zoning Ordinance; (2) Agreement between H&K and Township; (3) Municipal Planning Code; (4) Surface Mining Act. He further stated that he believes H&K is in compliance with all requirements and regulations.

The following residents made comments during this meeting:

Mr. Lee Post, 516 Broad Street (read petition from residents).  
Mr. David Hendricks, 511 Upper Stump Rd., Chalfont.  
Mr. & Mrs. William Begley, 518 Upper Stump Rd., Chalfont  
(Mr. Begley distributed a truck count of quarry vehicles)  
Mr. Ron Theis, 635 Callowhill Rd., Perkasie, PA  
Mr. William Godek, 206 Broad St., Perkasie, PA  
Ms. Louise Thorn, Stump Road  
Mr. David Skaff, Hilltown Pike, Hilltown  
Ms. Leslie Kears, 529 Skunk Hollow Rd., Chalfont  
Mr. James Thomas, Hilltown  
Mrs. Dorothy Marchini, 609 Broad St.  
Ms. Helen Ricards, Route 152  
Mr. Nicholas Lupinacci, Callowhill & Stump Rd., Chalfont

Following is a list of items, residents suggested be investigated:

1. Width and construction of Skunk Hollow Road.
2. Quarry's hours of operation
3. Setback provisions.
4. Water quality.
5. Noise/dust from stone crushers.
6. Privilege tax on trucks.
7. Stop sign at back exit of Quarry (on Broad Street).
8. Covers for quarry trucks.
9. Weight of trucks.
10. Environmental impact.
11. Structural damage to homeowners within Quarry district.
12. Line center of Skunk Hollow Road.
13. Lower speed limit on Skunk Hollow Road and Callowhill Road.
14. Sight visibility of intersections - Rt. 152 and Skunk Hollow Road.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Chairman Grunmeier stated that he was present at blasts which took place on July 24, 1987; that quarry personnel have cooperated with Township officials; and that the quarry business is a unique business in that they must be located where there is stone. Chairman Grunmeier further stated that, to better inform buyers of property, the Supervisors have required (on 3 new subdivisions) that a note be included on plans stating that the property is located within a Quarry District.

Recess - 9:10 P.M. to 9:20 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. In addition to the above concerns, questions were asked regarding the possibility of H & K obtaining a permit to construct another asphalt plant. Chairman Grunmeier indicated that the Quarry has not applied for a permit to date; but that the Township must abide by the Zoning and Land Development Ordinances; and that the Board of Supervisors is not the ultimate decision maker.

2. Rep. Paul Clymer made the following suggestions: (1) Regarding weighing of trucks -- the PA State Police have portable scales which could be used by the Township; (2) He intends to visit homes of several of the residents who have complained; will also investigate roads; and will then make suggestions to resolve concerns of citizens.

3. Ms. Linda Franklin of Sen. Greenwood's office and Mr. James Roach of Rep. Wilson's office also voiced their concern and indicated that they would further investigate concerns of citizens.



4. Mr. Frank Sentz stated that DER is concerned about the blasting complaints and indicated that he doesn't believe the problem at H & K is with vibrations through the ground (measurements of which are below standards); but may be with air blasting (for which there are no standards). In answer to resident's questions regarding possible water problems resulting from blasts, he advised them to contact his Supervisors, Mr. Roger Hornberger, PA DER, Bureau of Mining & Reclamation.

Chairman Grunmeier again stated items to be investigated (as listed previously); after discussion of a suitable date, the Board scheduled another meeting regarding the Quarry to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. (this will be advertised in local newspapers).

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made at 10:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary

Note: Attached to these minutes is an "Attendance Record", listing names and addresses of those residents present at this meeting. (Since not all residents chose to "sign in", this is a partial listing only).



ATTENDANCE RECORD  
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ADDRESS

Mr. James Walter Alderfer	750 Sunk Hollow Rd. Chalfont 18914
Pat Anderson	430 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont 18914
Ray Robinson	611 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont 18914
Jessie Kears	529 Sunk Hollow Rd. Chalfont 18914
Virginia P. Lee	Sunk Hollow Rd Chalfont Pa 18914
John T. Rigelman	1034 H.E. Callowhill Rd. Chalfont, PA. "
G. Keller	427 Upper Stump Rd, Chalfont Pa 18
W. Wagner	703 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont Pa.
T. Robinson	142 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont PA
Wen Miller	934 Sunk Hollow Rd Chalfont Pa.
Art Krupp	501 Upper Stump Rd, Chalfont, PA
Carol Krupp	501 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont, PA.
Donna Kessel	212 Broad St Hilltown Perkasie
Am. Theris	635H CALLOWHILL RD. Hilltown, Pa. 18914
Kathryn Bealey	518 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont Pa. 18914
Alfred Benham	795 N Limekiln PK Chalfont PA 18914
Doris Benham	795 Limekiln Pike Chalfont PA 18914
Domonic Lupinacci	804 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont PA 18914
LISA M. LUPINACCI-REID	216 UPPER STUMP RD. CHALFONT PA. 18914
Wanda Freed	432 Broad St Perkasie, Pa 18944
Frank L. Ott	116 Mill Rd. Hatfield, Pa 19440

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Russell T. Simplicity FRAG	802 H CALLOWHILL RD PERKASIE
Dandy Selman	708 Skunk Hollow Chalfont
Jeff House	716 Skunk Hollow Rd. Chalfont
Mike Kaminski	532 Skunk Hollow Rd. CHALFONT
Kalney Grass	735 Broad St., Perkasie
James S. Richele	1029 Green St. Perkasie
Dan Ry	Intelligence
Robert V. Cotton	New Britain Twp Supervisor
Chuck Adams	Morning Call
Dale Benner	740 Skunk Hollow Rd
Elaine Benner	740 Skunk Hollow Rd
John Davis	1030 H Callowhill Rd E.

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Thomas Satta	212 SKUNK HOLLOW RD CHALFONT
Mr. & Mrs. R. S. McMin	687 N. Callowhill Rd. Perkasie
Richard H. Smith	3 Skunk Hollow Rd Chalfont
Rebecca J. Magale	712 Skunk Hollow Rd Chalfont
Jamie Garger	519 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont
Michael M. Kitey	450 Stump Rd Chalfont
Rita Stefano	Neesown Pike, Neesown
J. Auger	Box 977 Doylestown
Marilyn Kerschner	525 Broad St.
Bob McMin	Hilltown Pike
Mr. & Mrs. Lemp W. Stear	P.O. Box 119 Broad St. Hilltown Pa.
Else B. Beck	507 Broad St. Perkasie PA. 19944
Larry W. Stear	P.O. Box 119 Broad St. Hilltown Pa.
Edward J. White	P.O. Box 88 Broad St. Hilltown Pa.
Frances M. White	P.O. Box 88 Broad St. Hilltown Pa.
John & Bess Swan	PO Box 93 Dublin PA.
Arlene & Dave Kirk	620 Upper Stump Rd, Chalfont
Athena K. Schutte	422 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont PA
Jay & Joan Souser	716 Skunk Hollow Rd. Chalfont Pa.
H. J. Kaminski	532 SKUNK HOLLOW RD CHALFONT, Pa.
S. W. Ward	736 SKUNK HOLLOW RD. CHALFONT
Norman Sumner	421 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont



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HERB & SHARON GERY	825 LIMEKILN PK CHALFONT 18914
Emma L. Sheon (Hilltown)	826 Stump Rd Chalfont, 18914
Juda J. Frankel, Sec. Greenwood Office	76 E. State St., Day. 18901
Mrs J M. Gannon	PO Box 145 Hilltown Pa. 18927
Joe Brady	135 BROAD ST (HILLTOWN) PERKASIE 18944
Jacqueline Lodek	206 Broad St. Perkasie 18944
Bill Godok	206 Broad St Perkasie Pa 18944
Walter B. Delkowski	Broad St. Hilltown, Pa 18927
Helen P. Delkowski	Broad St Hilltown, Pa 18927
Elde & Mrs J. M. Clemon	605 Broad St. Hilltown, Pa. 18927
Richard Ritenour	319 Broad St, Perkasie, PA 18944
Andrea Ritenour	319 Broad St. Perkasie Pa. 18944
Lydia B. Staff	Hilltown Pike, 'Hilltown', Pa 18927
David & Shelly	Hilltown Pike Hilltown PA 18927
Catherine Schueneman	525 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont PA 18914
R B Schueneman	525 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont, Pa 18914
Mrs. J. Haines	726 Skunk Hollow Rd, Chalfont, Pa. 18914
Dennis M. Haines	726 Skunk Hollow Rd Chalfont Pa 18914
Helen Rickard	771 LIMEKILN TRAIL CHALFONT, PA. 18914
Betty Patterson	530 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont, Pa. 18914
Harold J. Patten	" " " " 18914
Zinda & Ed Beiff	524 Upper Stump Chalfont

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Mark & Becky Hazede Hilltown	712 skunk hollow rd. CHARLEST
Thelma & George Doreak	Hilltown Pike.
Tom Zagorchi	Broad St. E. of Callowhill
Theriana Urban	Broad St. East of Callowhill
Dorothy J Marchini	609 Broad St
Carole Rawa	Rte 152 Hilltown
Rose Paloucak	916-H-E Callowhill Rd.
B.H. Prigay	1713 Lumb. Pk. Pibo



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Patricia A Penrose	516 Broad St. Perkasie
John A Haines	Box 245 RD #1 Pottsville Pa
Dorcas Facer	513 Broad St. Hilltown