

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 13, 1987**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Betty J. Kelly at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Kelly announced that Chairman Grunmeier has been delayed in traffic in Norristown.

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

*Mr. Grunmeier arrived at 8:15 P.M.

Others present were: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Twp. Secretary
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
Chief George Egly, Police Chief
Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 22, 1987 Supervisors' Meeting - Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 22, 1987 Supervisors' meeting as written. June 29, 1987 Work Session - Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 29, 1987 Spray Irrigation Work Session as written.

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

July 9, 1987	- \$10,579.85
July 16, 1987	- \$17,885.82
Street Light	- \$ 393.07
Capital Fund	- \$18,400.00
Highway Aid	- \$ 360.00
July 23, 1987	- \$ 2,563.61

Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to pay bills of 7/9/87; 7/16/87; and 7/23/87 when due; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Michael Moulds - Spotts, Stevens & McCoy: Mr. Moulds was present on behalf of the Telford Borough Authority as a representative of Spotts, Stevens & McCoy, the Authority's engineer. Mr. Moulds explained that the Authority is proposing expansion and upgrading of their wastewater treatment facility in Franconia. DER requires a resolution from all affected municipalities and, since there are some Hilltown Township residents who are serviced by this facility, Mr. Moulds is seeking approval from Hilltown Township. He indicated that other affected municipalities are: Souderton Borough, West Rockhill Township, Telford Borough and Franconia Township, and that all of these have passed resolutions. Mr. Moulds indicated that there are 15 Hilltown Township customers adjacent to the borough who are served by this plant (14 residential and 1 institutional). In answer to Mr. Grabowski's question, Mr. Moulds answered that Hilltown Township residents are charged the same rate as Telford residents and that future Hilltown Township customers would not be serviced by the expansion; only existing customers. Since Mr. Grabowski has not yet reviewed this resolution, the Board tabled discussion until next Supervisors' meeting of July 27, 1987. Mr. Moulds indicated this would allow sufficient time for DER submittal.

2. James Fitzgerald, 1026 Keystone Drive, Hilltown Township: Mr. Fitzgerald was present with his father, Grover C. Fitzgerald, to discuss vehicles stored on his property which do not have valid inspection stickers (Township Zoning Officer sent a letter to Mr. Fitzgerald, requesting that he correct all violations). Mr. J. Fitzgerald stated that his father's hobby is to "fix up" cars; that there are 5 uninspected cars on the property and that several of them would be "classic" cars when finished. Mrs. Kelly stated that only one uninspected car is allowed on a property. Mr. J. Fitzgerald asked if cars would be allowed on premises if they were concealed with a cover and was told no, only if they are kept in a garage. Mr. J. Fitzgerald indicated that his father had moved the cars to another property (Frosty Cup); Mrs. Kelly stated that they would not be allowed at that location since food is served there. In answer to Mr. Pischl's question, Mr. Wynn quoted (from the H.T. Zoning Ordinance) the definition of a junkyard as "having two or more vehicles without a valid PA inspection sticker". Mr. Grabowski explained to Mr. Fitzgerald and his son that, if they don't respond to the Zoning Officer's cease and desist order, their next step would be to do nothing whereby they would be issued a citation by the Zoning Officer, and if they wish to pursue this further (in the courts) that is their privilege.

D. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business

a) Quarry - Mr. Singley indicated that letters have been sent to DER, Senator Greenwood, Representatives Wilson and Clymer, Haines & Kibblehouse, Mr. Begley and Mr. Hendricks, advising them of a meeting regarding the Quarry to be held at the Township Building on Wednesday, July 29th at 7:30 P.M. and requesting that they respond by Monday, July 20th. Representative Wilson has confirmed that he will attend; Senator Greenwood and DER had indicated they would prefer August 4th; however, since the meeting has been advertised for July 29th, that date will stand.

b) Agway - Received response today regarding securities; Agway indicates they plan to mail procedures for stock redemption by mid-August.

2. New Business

a) Resolution - County Phone Service (Police): Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to adopt Resolution No. 87-29, approving the County Phone Service (call forwarding) for one police telephone line; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

E. ROADMASTER'S REPORT: The report dated 5/24/87 through 7/4/87 was read by Roadmaster Thomas Buzby; same is on file at the Township office.

F. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The report date 6/19/87 was read by Chief Egly; same is on file at the Township office.

G. PLANNING/ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. Blooming Glen Mennonite Church - Act 537: Mr. Wynn indicated the proposed Act 537 revision was prepared by Cowan Associates for connection of the Blooming Glen Mennonite Church to the Hilltown Township Water & Sewer Authority system (sewer connection only). There are three buildings on the property: the church, a rental house, and the parsonage.

Mr. Wynn explained that the proposed revision would permit extension of the sewer line (brought to Blooming Glen Road by way of the Replogle subdivision) to service the church and the rental property (parsonage would not be connected at this time). In answer to Mr. Pischl's question, Mr. Wynn stated that this would not affect any other properties along Blooming Glen Road. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to adopt Resolution No. 87-30, Act 537 Revision for Blooming Glen Mennonite Church; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Ethan Good Site Development Plan: Proposed industrial building to be located at Central Avenue, on north side of Rt. 309 Bypass. Mr. Wynn explained that what is proposed is a 120 x 20' building, retention basin, and associated parking and loading to be serviced by public water and sewer from the Telford Borough system (sewer is proposed to service the site from extension of the interceptor line on Central Avenue to frontage of the site; water is located on opposite side of street). Mr. Wynn indicated the following major considerations not shown on the plan: (1) Class B 50 ft. wide buffer yard should be provided along frontage of property with Route 309. (2) Encroachment of the underground fuel tanks within the buffer. (3) Widening of Central Avenue-Mr. Wynn explained that this is a commercial and industrial street with a large amount of vacant ground to Bethlehem Pike and, in accordance with the Subdivision Ordinance, he recommends the Township require road widening 15 feet from centerline and curbing; also that the sanitary and storm sewer lines should be extended to the property limits for future extension. (4) Plan proposes site to be served by two driveways, approximately 220 ft. apart; Mr. Wynn advised that PennDOT requirements (Chapter 1) states that on all sites less than 600 ft. in width, the site should be serviced by only one exit and entrance drive. (5) Plan does not evidence easement rights across the Rush property for sewer line. (6) DER approval is in hand, however, wetlands issue must be addressed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Wynn stated that action is not required until August 24th; however, he wished to bring this to the Board's attention for their direction regarding road improvements. Mr. Pischl and Mrs. Kelly agreed that road widening, curbing, and sewer extensions should be required; sidewalks would not be required; and that one entrance/exit should be sufficient. Mr. Ethan Good was present and discussed the requirements with the Board and Mr. Wynn.

3. Act 537 Proposal for Quiet Acres Mobile Home Park: Mr. Wynn explained that this proposal for a stream discharge treatment facility (to service 60 additional trailers at that site) was submitted to the Township in April 1987. The Board requested that Johann F. Szautner of Cowan Associates submit additional plans and information for the Act 537 proposal. No reply has been received to date. Mr. Wynn recommends that the Township deny the Act 537 revision at this time. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to notify DER that Hilltown Township has denied the proposed Act 537 revision at this time for Quiet Acres Mobile Home Park; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:15 P.M. - Chairman Grunmeier arrived at this time and conducted the remainder of the meeting (Mr. Grunmeier apologized for his late arrival).

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Daniel Seik Subdivision - Mr. Grabowski explained that this plan and deed of dedication was accepted and approved by the Supervisors some time ago. However, a tree must be removed from the site which requires a written agreement for guarantee of removal. Mr. Seik has placed \$600 in escrow to guarantee removal of this tree within 3 months from the date of the agreement (7/2/87). Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to approve the agreement with Mr. Seik for removal of the tree; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Emergency Management Plan - Mr. Grabowski explained that the purpose of this plan is to reduce fatalities during a disaster. The Commonwealth of PA has adopted the plan; copies of which will be attached to this resolution. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 87-31, Emergency Management Plan for Hilltown Township.

3. Mr. Grabowski stated that corrections have been made to the Spray Irrigation Ordinance which was discussed at a work session between the Supervisors, Planning Commission and HTWSA on June 29, 1987. He noted the following changes: Changes have been made to modify the buffer requirements, sight distances, and removal of condition regarding fencing around buffer area. As a result of that work session, Section 700.3 has been added to include a maintenance agreement requirement which shall be recorded at the Courthouse. Also included is \$1,000,000 Liability Insurance for general fines and penalties. Mr. Grabowski also indicated that a resolution has been drawn up establishing a fee schedule for on-site sewerage treatment systems legal and engineering costs (Residential structures = \$250; Commercial/Industrial = \$1,000). Mr. Grabowski stated that the Spray Irrigation Ordinance must again be advertised since it differs from the ordinance which was originally advertised several months ago. Due to changes made, the Board agreed to table discussion of same until the next Supervisors' Meeting to give all Board members an opportunity to review the revised ordinance.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. William Godek, 206 Broad Street, questioned status of Pileggi law suit and was told by Mr. Grabowski that status remains the same, awaiting transcripts of testimony.

2. Mr. Godek (who arrived late) also questioned status of Quarry meeting on June 29th and was told by Mr. Singley (as stated earlier in the meeting) that DER, Senator Greenwood, Representatives Wilson and Clymer, H & K, and resident's representatives were contacted; Representative Wilson has indicated he will attend.

J. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Supervisors have received copies of letters from residents regarding a centralized post office in Hilltown. Mr. Singley indicated that to date (including telephone calls) residents are favoring a centralized post office at approximately 2½ to 1.

2. Fire company reports received from Dublin, Line Lexington, Silverdale and Telford.

3. Bunny's Animal Shelter Quarterly Report - Mr. Singley read the report dated July 3, 1987 and indicated that he has calculated there are 276 dogs remaining. Reports are kept on file at the Township building.

4. Berkheimer Associates financial statement has been received and is on file.

5. Mr. Singley requested the Board meet in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.



K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier indicated a memo has been received from the Township Zoning Officer, Clarence Myers, advising that there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance to address air landing strips. The Board agreed to Mr. Grunmeier's recommendation that Mr. Singley direct the Township Planning Commission to formulate an ordinance addressing this subject.

L. 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 at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary

