

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS'S MEETING
December 22, 1986**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Vincent Pischl, at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others present were: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager
Gloria Neiman, Ass't. Secretary
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer
Francis X. Grabowski, Solicitor
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the minutes of the 12/8/86 Supervisors' Meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$29,162.13 was approved for payment by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley announced that, due to breakdown of the computer, he was unable to obtain necessary information for the report. Upon repair of the computer, copies of the report will be mailed to the Supervisors and posted in the Township building.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Representative Ben Wilson - Mr. Grunmeier contacted Representative Wilson, advising him that Line Lexington Fire Company was in need of a flag. Representative Wilson presented John Snyder, President of Line Lexington Fire Company, with a new flag and commended the company on their fine work in the Township.

2. William J. Detweiler, 914 Diamond Street, Sellersville, Mr. Detweiler was present to voice his concern over what he feels to be a hazardous condition existing at County Line Road and Route 113. He explained that senior citizens of both Valley Vista and Indian Valley apartment complexes must cross County Line Road (a 4-lane highway) to the shopping area across the street (many of these residents use walkers). Mr. Detweiler is requesting that flashing warning lights be installed similar to what is in effect on Route 222, State Road, Kutztown (pictures of same were presented to Supervisors for their review). Since County Line Road is both in Souderton Borough and Hilltown Township, Representative Wilson suggested that both the Borough and the Township make application to PennDOT for further investigation of the crossing. Souderton Borough will contact the Township after their meeting of January 5th to advise status of situation. Mr. Wilson requested that he also be kept up-to-date.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business: None.

2. New Business:

a) Budget Adoption for 1987 - The 1987 Budget (which was formally proposed at the 12/8/86 Supervisors' meeting) was advertised for adoption at tonight's meeting and has been on display since 12/2/86. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt the budget for 1987 as presented by Township Manager, James Singley; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Chairman Pischl thanked Mr. Singley for his time and effort spent on compiling budget figures.

b) Mr. Singley requested direction from the Supervisors to institute staff meetings in 1987 with representatives of the various boards (i.e., road department, police department, solicitor's office, administrative department) and the Supervisors. The Board agreed that this is an excellent idea and agreed that the meetings will keep everyone up-to-date with Township matters.

c) At the recommendation of both Chief Egly and Mr. Singley, the Board announced appointment of Francis Dilworth as police officer, effective 1/4/87. Mr. Dilworth was interviewed by both Mr. Singley and Chief Egly on December 18th. Chairman Pischl asked if there were any questions regarding this appointment. Mr. Grunmeier requested that all psychological testing be reviewed by the Chief and Mr. Singley. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to hire Francis Dilworth (previously of Souderton Police Department) as police officer, commencing 1/4/87 with the standard one-year probationary period; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. Swartley Subdivision - 2 lot subdivision located on the corner of Twin Brook and Blooming Glen Roads. Mr. Wynn explained that this plan was originally submitted as a 3 lot subdivision and was not in conformance with Zoning Ordinance requirements. Applicant revised plan to 2-lots consisting of existing structure (2 unit dwelling) on 28,000 sq. ft. lot and one new building lot. Lots will be serviced by private well and public sewer, with a note on plan advising applicant must connect to public water when available. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant final approval to the Swarley Subdivision subject to conditions listed in P.C. Minutes of 12/15/86; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Roy Landis Subdivision - 3 new rural residential building lots located on Middle Road, adjacent to Dublin Borough. Plan proposes creation of 3 new building lots and transfer of property between two adjacent property owners. Mr. Wynn indicated that Lots #3 and #4 are lane lots proposed to share a common driveway (recommended by PennDOT). PC recommended approval subject to (a) dedication of Middle Road and (b) escrow agreement be established for required improvements. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant approval of the Roy Landis Subdivision final plan subject to conditions listed in PC minutes of 12/15/86 and the requirements of Township Engineer's letter of 11/15/86; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:00 P.M. - Advertised Bid Opening - Copy Machine

Mr. Singley opened and read aloud the following bids received:

Copy World - Model #313ZD.....	\$6,975.00
Copy World - Toshiba #814.....	\$8,790.00
Copy World - Toshiba #8412.....	\$7,740.00
Copy World - Toshiba #7816.....	\$5,990.00

Edwards Business Machines.....	\$5,227.00
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Pitney-Bowes.....	\$5,900.00
Pitney-Bowes w/duplexing.....	\$6,750.00

Select Copy.....	\$6,925.00
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Mr. Singley will review all bids to determine if specifications have been met and will make recommendation to the Supervisors at their next meeting. Chairman Pischl indicated that the Board will take action on copy machine bids at their Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 5, 1987.

F. ENGINEERING REPORT (continued)

3. Wolfrom Subdivision - Mr. Wynn indicated that the plans as submitted do not conform to previous subdivision plan - he anticipates corrections will be made. At Mr. Wynn's suggestion, plans were tabled.

4. North Penn Industrial Park - Preliminary plan requirements are still outstanding; no response received from applicant's engineer. At Mr. Wynn's suggestion, the Board tabled plans until next meeting.

Mr. Wynn indicated that the Planning Commission has requested that their January 19th meeting be advertised in the newspaper, to begin at 7:30 P.M. However, they have also requested that advertisement of their meeting dates for the year be delayed until after their meeting of the 19th. The Board directed the Secretary to advertise the January 19th meeting only.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Grabowski announced that the Township has filed for an injunction against Leroy Haberle, Route 309, for zoning violations, and that the next step would be to file for a hearing with the Bucks County Court. Mr. Singley has signed an affidavit regarding this matter.

2. Mr. Grabowski reported that Mr. Wynkoop, Cowan Associates and HTWSA Inspector, has met with residents of Pleasant Meadows who were at a previous meeting to question water situation. He explained that the contractor was testing and flushing out lines which caused increased water pressure in the Pleasant Meadows development -- this was a "one-day" occurrence which was corrected immediately.

3. Regarding the aforementioned staff meetings, Mr. Grabowski indicated that this is an excellent idea and that the Water & Sewer Authority will also benefit from these meetings.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter received by Borough of Telford regarding 3-way stop intersection at Reliance Road and Township Line. Mr. Singley will be in contact with the Borough Manager.

2. David Shaff, Hilltown Pike and Green Street, regarding PennDOT lot on Hilltown Pike - under investigation.

3. Fire Company Reports received from Silverdale and Telford Fire Companies - same are on file at the Township office.

4. Correspondence received regarding current restrictions of PA Sunshine Law (to be reviewed for the coming year).

J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Grunmeier announced that Anna Marie Walsh, Township Secretary, is in the hospital and will be released on Tuesday, December 23rd, and she will require a recuperation period of approximately 15 days before returning to work. He also thanked Mrs. Neiman, Assistant Secretary, for helping with the extra work load.

2. Mr. Grunmeier also indicated that, after reading in the newspaper about the unfortunate accident of a resident in Hilltown Township, he contacted the Del-Val Auto Wreckers Association. Mr. Anthony Biello, President of the Association forwarded a check in the amount of \$300 to aid the Crawford family. Mr. Grunmeier also contacted Line Lexington Fire Company; Mr. John Snyder, President, was present and indicated that the Fire Company has donated \$100 to the fund.

3. At the suggestion of Mr. Grunmeier, the Board authorized purchase of a "pager" for the Township Manager, so that office personnel can contact him when needed. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to "outfit" Mr. Singley with a pager, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Grunmeier has discussed feasibility of a traffic light at Stump Road and Route 313 with officials of New Britain Township. Chief Egly has been contacted and he will obtain necessary information from the Traffic Unit.

5. Chairman Pischl announced that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. No other Township business will be discussed. This meeting is open to the public.

6. Mr. Pischl also indicated that a joint work session will be held with the Planning Commission on January 13, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Grabowski and members of the HTWSA will also attend that meeting.

8:20 P.M. - Press Conference.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Assistant Secretary