

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 27, 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 Grunmeier, Vice Chairman  
Betty J. Kelly, Member

Others present were: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager  
Ann Walsh, Twp. Secretary  
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer  
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor  
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief

Chairman Pischl stated that before the commencement of the regularly scheduled agenda for tonight's meeting, he would like the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors to take action on a Resolution. Supervisor Grunmeier read Resolution #86-49 "The Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township request the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority to initiate the cancellation of the condemnation of the Warren Randolph property on Fairhill Road and Rt. 152. The Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township, with all concerned municipal bodies, will continue to search for suitable land for the new municipal building that is needed for our future in Hilltown Township". A motion was made by Supervisor Kelly to adopt Resolution 86-49; seconded by Supervisor Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 13, 1986 Board of Supervisors Meeting was presented for approval. It was noted that there was a typographic error on page 2. A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the October 13, 1986 minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Current billing in the amount of \$65,926.76 was presented for approval. Supervisor Grunmeier made a motion to pay bills when due; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Singley. Same is on file at the Township office. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the report as given; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Zoning Hearing Board Appointment - Supervisor Grunmeier reported that the Board of Supervisors received applications for the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board and recommended the appointment of John Snyder to the Zoning Hearing Board in the form of a motion; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Mr. Snyder was congratulated by the Board.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) Quarry Rd. & Rt. 313 - The work has been completed by PennDOT and the drainage problem should be corrected.



b) Salt Bids - The Township has received rock salt bids from the Consortium and the low bid was Cargill, Inc. at \$28.01 per ton. Mr. Singley noted that this was \$1.19 per ton less than last year. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to award the salt bid to Cargill, Inc. at a price of \$28.01 per ton; seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried unanimously.

c) Budget - It was reported that the process of preparing the budget is continuing. The next work session is scheduled for October 28, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

d) Callowhill & Broad Streets - PP & L will be moving a pole 6' along Broad Street to complete the project.

e) Traffic Signal Service - The Township Manager recommended that the Township enter into a shared traffic signal maintenance agreement. He presented the agreement to the Board. The Township Solicitor will review the agreement and the manager will report at the next meeting.

f) Telephone System - The Township Manager would like approval to proceed with changing the present telephone system at the Township office for an approximate cost of \$562.00. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to enter into a contract with Bell Atlantic to update the present telephone system at an estimated cost of \$562.00; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

g) Award of Police Vehicle Bids - At the last Supervisors' meeting the Township received bids for the police vehicles with the low bid being 24,704.00 from H & S Chevrolet for one 1987 Monte Carlo at \$12,274.00 and one 1987 Caprice at \$12,430.00. Mr. Singley reported that since the bid openings, one police car was in an accident and it was determined by the Township Manager, the Police Chief and the Board of Supervisors that the car was demolished. H & S will supply the Township with an additional 1987 Caprice at a cost of \$13,430.00. Supervisor Kelly made a motion to award the contract for two 1987 Caprices and one 1987 Monte Carlo for a total cost of \$38,134.00; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

## 2. New Business:

a) Police Tracking System - Mr. Singley presented a proposal for a Police Tracking System to the Board of Supervisors for their review. This proposal will be reviewed by the Township Solicitor. The Manager will report on the recommendations at the next meeting.

b) Road Inspection - A road inspection was conducted on October 18, 1986 by Supervisor Kelly, Supervisor Pischl, Mr. Singley, and Mr. Buzby. Mr. Singley reported that various sites were visited. They are Keystone/Fairhill Intersection, Rt. 309 and Clearview Rd., By-Pass Rd., Broad Street/Callowhill Realignment, Rt. 313 Quarry, East Reliance Road drainage problem the Liptac property on Rt. 309, Haberle junk yard on Rt. 309, the Orchard Road area, and Rt. 309 and Clearview. At this time, Supervisor Grunmeier asked the Township Solicitor for the status of the Haberle court action. Mr. Grabowski reported that the Solicitor's office is in the process of preparing the proper documents to proceed with this action.

c) Auditor Vacancy - The Board of Supervisors will be accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Hilltown Township Board of Auditors. Applicants must be residents of Hilltown Township.



d) Award - Mr. Singley read Resolution #86-50 which expresses appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Eleanor Hunneman, Hilltown Pike, Hilltown Township, who has demonstrated her concern and involvement by aiding in the procurement of radio equipment to assist the Town Watch Unit in the performance of their duties. The Board of Supervisors presented the award to Mrs. Hunneman in recognition of outstanding service rendered to Hilltown Township. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-50; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

7:58 P.M. - Recess

8:01 P.M. - At this time, Mr. Singley, Township Manager conducted the bid openings for the advertised dump truck. The bids are as follows: (1) H & S Chevrolet, Pennsburg, Pa. for a new 1987 dump truck, total price \$44,556.00, (2) Histand, for a new 1987 dump truck, total price \$44,089.00, and (3) B. R. Scholl, for a new 1987 dump truck total price \$44,151.00. The bids and the specifications will be reviewed by the Road Superintendent, the Township Manager and the Board of Supervisors. The award will be presented at the next Board of Supervisors' Meeting on November 10, 1986.

8:30 P.M. - Meeting Resumed.

F. ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. Phinney Subdivision Final Plan - Mr. Frost was present to request an extension. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to extend determination of the Phinney Subdivision Final Plan until the next Board of Supervisors Meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Replogle Subdivision Preliminary Plan - Mr. Replogle, Mr. Heinrick, and Mr. Smith were present to present the plan. Mr. Wynn reported on the recommendations made by the HTPC at their regularly scheduled meeting of October 20, 1986. These recommendations were discussed by the Board of Supervisors. The water situation and the common-well proposal was also discussed. Mr. Grunmeier asked, with permission of the Board, to have Mr. Jack Fox participate for questions. Mr. Fox explained the one-well recommendation of the Planning Commission. Mr. Grunmeier explained to the developer that the Board of Supervisors does not want the new residents having any water problems. It was suggested by the Board that Mr. Replogle get together with the HTWSA. The Board of Supervisors also expressed their desire for curbing. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the Replogle Subdivision Preliminary Plan conditional upon the following: (1) A highway occupancy permit must be obtained from PennDot for the public street access to Blooming Genn Road. (SLDO Section 403 (e)), (2) Verification of approval shall be received from HTWSA regarding location, design and availability of capacity of public sewer. (SLDO Section 514), (3) Act 537 Planning Module for Land Development (Supplement) must be submitted to the Township and forwarded to DER for approval of the public sewer line extension. A construction permit issued by DER must be received prior to final plan recordation. (Section 514), (4) Proposed cartway width shall be 26 feet and include installation of curbing. (SLDO Section 405 (b)), (5) Sidewalk requirements of Section 405 (b) are waived in consideration of applicant's offer to the Township Planning Commission to contribute an amount equal to the cost of sidewalks for another community project designated by the Township, (6) Proposed street shall be dedicated to Hilltown Township to the ultimate right-of-way line. (SLDO Section 505), (7) The subdivision water supply shall be provided by a single well in a manner acceptable to the Township. Water supply lines shall be constructed in accordance with standards of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority. (SLDO Section 502) and (8) An escrow agreement to guarantee installation of public improvements will be required prior to recordation. (SLDO Section 602); seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.



3. Bergen Subdivision Final Plan - Mr. Wynn indicated that this is a 36-lot subdivision located on Rt. 152 and West Creamery Road. A motion was made by Supervisor Grunmeier to approve the Bergen Subdivision Final Plan conditional upon the following items be accomplished by the applicant: (1) The "Open Space" shall be dedicated fee-simple to Hilltown Township. (Z.O. Section 537 as amended, Ord. 86-3), (2) Curbing widening along the south side of Creamery Road shall be extended along the frontage of Endslo to a point beyond the proposed subdivision access road. (SLDO Section 505), (3) Proposed street names shall be submitted for approval by the Board of Supervisors. Same shall be noted on the record plan. (SLDO Section 403 (g)), (4) Written verification of final approval shall be received from the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority for proposed sewer and water service. (SLDO Section 512 & 514), (5) Route 152 and Creamery Road right-of-way shall be dedicated to Hilltown Township to the ultimate right-of-way line. (SLDO Section 403 (d)), and (6) An escrow or other written agreement acceptable to the Township Solicitor shall be required to guarantee installation of public improvements. (SLDO Section 602); motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Walch Subdivision - Preliminary Plan - Located on corner of Green Street and Fairhill Road. The Township Engineer presented the plan to the Board. This plan consists of two 10-acre rural residential lots with a house constructed on lot #1. The Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan at there regularly scheduled meeting of October 20, 1986 contingent on the following being accepted and accomplished by the applicant: (1) Green Street and Fairhill Road right-of-way shall be dedicated to Hilltown Township to the ultimate right-of-way line. (SLDO Section 403 (d)), (2) Property monuments shall be installed as shown on the plan. (SLDO Section 508), (3) A note shall be included on the plan indicating, "Lots #3 and #4 are not approved building lots unless and until approval is received from the Bucks County Board of Health to permit installation of an on-site septic system". (SLDO Section 515). A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Walch Subdivision Preliminary Plan as recommended by the HT Planning Commission; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

5. Seidel Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plan - Mr. Wynn reported that this subdivision proposes five lots. The Planning Commission approved the preliminary and final plan conditional upon the following being accomplished by the applicant: (1) Property monumentation shall be field set as delineated on the plan. (SLDO Section 508), (2) Green Street and Fairhill Road rights-of-way shall be dedicated to Hilltown Township to the ultimate right-of-way (SLDO Section 403), (3) A note shall be included on the plan indicating "Lots #3 and #4 are not approved building lots unless and until approval is received from the Bucks County Board of Health to permit installation of an on-site septic system". (SLDO Section 515) A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Seidel Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plan as stipulated by the HT Planning Commission; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wynn reported that the following subdivisions offered to the Board of Supervisors a 90-day review period extension: (1) Negley Subdivision Final Plan, (2) Dunkel Subdivision Preliminary Plan, and (3) Landis Subdivision Preliminary Plan. A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the extensions of the subdivisions; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously. The



The Township Engineer reported that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission will conduct a public work session on November 3, 1986 to discuss two proposed Township Ordinances. (1) "An Ordinance providing for the mandator connection to public water systems; establishing water conservation requirements for all new structures within Hilltown Township; and providing for well certification for private water supplies", and (2)

"An Ordinance of the Township of Hilltown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, establishing standards for the construction and operation of single residence sewage treatment process followed by spray irrigation".

It was reported that Mr. James Neil requested the Board of Supervisors to release the required escrow to cover any cost incurred by the Township as a result of the repair of a drainage problem at the intersection of Quarry Road and Rt. 313. According to the Township Manager and the Township Engineer, the problem has been rectified by PennDot. The Board of Supervisors would like to temporarily delay the release of the \$3,500 escrow until a further review of the problem can be accomplished.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No reported presented.

At this time, Supervisor Grunmeier asked the Township Manager for the status of the letter sent to Messrs. Browning and Jurin regarding a meeting. Mr. Singley stated that to this date, the Township has not received a response. Mr. Grabowski reported that he has received a response from Mr. Sugarman, Attorney for Messrs. Browning and Jurin. Messrs. Browning and Jurin would like the service fee for their attorney to attend such a meeting be paid by the Township. The Board of Supervisors did not agree.

Police Chief presented the resignation of Sergeant Joseph Osterman effective October 31, 1986. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the resignation of Joseph Osterman effective October 31, 1986 with regret and that a letter of commendation be sent to Mr. Osterman from the Board of Supervisors; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Egly presented a letter from himself, dated October 27, 1986, recommending the replacement for the two officers that have resigned. Mr. Singley read the letter. Mr. Grunmeier recommended that, at this time, the hiring of the officers recommended by Police Chief Egly be postponed until Saturday, November 1, at which time, a meeting be held with the Township Manager in order to give him the opportunity to interview the recommended officers and review their test results and qualifications. Chairman Pischl questioned the need for this meeting as he feels all the necessary procedures for hiring have been completed. Mr. Grunmeier disagreed and referred to Hilltown Township Ordinance #86-2 Creating the Office of Township Manager; Section 5., Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Grunmeier stated that, to his knowledge, the Township Manager has had no input whatsoever concerning the hiring of the officers and would like to afford him this opportunity. The Board of Supervisors continued discussion. Police Chief Egly stated that for the last 4 1/2 years, he has conducted testing for police hirings. Mr. Grunmeier commented that that was before we had a Township Manager. Mr. Grunmeier also commented that Mr. Singely has 13 years personnel experience. Mr. Grunmeier stated that he has no personal objection to the officers hired, but feels the correct procedure was not followed. Chairman Pischl stated that due to pending litigation involving the Hilltown Township Police Department, and according to the advise of the Township's insurance solicitor and the solicitor involved in the case, and according to the advise



of DCA, it is not advisable to deviate from the original testing procedures until this case is settled. Mr. Grabowski, the Township Solicitor, stated that this is strictly a policy decision and would have to be made by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Grunmeier wanted it stated for the record that he is opposed to the hiring of the officers at this time due to the fact that he and the Township Manager had no input in the hiring and he believes that this is detrimental to our Township. A motion was made by Supervisor Kelly to accept the two new police officers; seconded by Chairman Pischl; opposed by Supervisor Grunmeier and motion carried two to one.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Bergin Subdivision Plan was discussed by Mr. Jurin and the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Jurin wanted it recorded for the record that he is very disappointed that the Board of Supervisors approved the Bergin Subdivision Final Plan tonight. As a result of this action to approve the plan, Mr. Jurin feels that there is no reason to meet with the Board of Supervisors concerning the law suit. One resident asked the Board why they changed their mind about the condemnation? Chairman Pischl commented that because of the adverse public opinion, the Board reconsidered their decision. Mrs. Bolger thanked the Board. Mr. Smith respectfully suggested that the Board of Supervisors include in their budget the cost of hiring a consultant to assist the Township in the revision of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinances. Mr. Smith also asked the Supervisors their opinions concerning the upcoming referendum on the ballot to increase the number of Supervisors. The Board said they have no specific comment except that they are waiting for the election to see what the people want. Mr. Jurin asked, "Now that you have the plan approved and have the property, what are you going to do with it"? Chairman Pischl replied, "Build a municipal building". The recommended contribution to the fire companies was discussed. This would be a \$500 contribution per residential unit to be donated by each developer building in Hilltown Township. Mrs. Jean Randolph stated that she is very concerned about the high water rates. Other residents also were very displeased about the rates. Mrs. Bolger stated that she feels the rates should be reduced to at least a fair rate comparable to other municipalities. Mr. Gerner, News Herald, asked about the Teamster negotiations. Mr. Singley reported that the Township met with the Teamsters, but because of the negotiations in progress, he was unable to comment. Mr. Brian Brady commended Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Pischl on their action concerning the hiring of the new police officers.

H. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from the Bucks County Commissioners seeking elected public officials currently holding office to serve on the Board of Directors of the Bucks County Opportunity Council. The letter explains the duties and responsibilities.

2. The Telford Volunteer Fire Company informed the Board of Supervisors by a letter that they will, on May 30th, 1986, house a 1986 Pierce Arrow 1750 GPM Pumper and they are planning a gala parade and celebration. They hope Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors will join them in their celebration.

3. Telford Volunteer Fire Company monthly report was received. Same is on file at the Township office.

4. The Hilltown Township Civic Association will hold a Candidate's Night on October 28, 1986 at 8:00 p.m.

5. An informative report was received from the Bucks County Opportunity Council stating the programs available through their program and the locations.

J. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

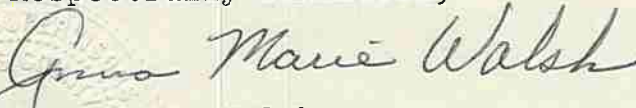
Chairman Pischl announced that the Board of Supervisors are invited to view a television program about the Youth Aid Panel on November 24, 1986 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township office.

Supervisor Grunmeier stated that he feels a terrible injustice has been done, not only to our Township Manager, but also to the residents of this municipality regarding the hiring of employees without the Township Manager or Supervisors being informed. He stated that he believes the two new officers are needed in our municipality, but the Board of Supervisors must stand united in seeing that the procedures are followed properly.

10:25 P.M. - Press Conference

10:35 P.M. - Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Marie Walsh  
Township Secretary