

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
October 13, 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
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer
Ann Walsh, Twp. Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief
Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Supervisor Kelly to approve the minutes of the September 22, 1986 Supervisors' Meeting as written; seconded by Supervisor Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Current billing in the amount of \$24,391.64 was presented for approval. Supervisor Kelly made a motion to pay bills when due; seconded by Supervisor Grunmeier 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 Mrs. Kelly to accept the report as given; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier with a minor motion made by Mr. Grunmeier to note that the cents amounts were not presented on the report; and both motions carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

There were no confirmed appointments.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) Quarry Road and Rt. 313 - Drainage Problem
Mr. Singley referred to a letter from State Representative Benjamin Wilson, dated October 6, 1986. Representative Wilson informed the Board of Supervisors that the drainage problem on Quarry Road and Rt. 313 will be corrected by PennDot within two weeks.

b) Mr. Singley reported that the salt bids will be opened on Friday, October 17, 1986 and the results will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

c) Budget - The budget process is continuing.

d) Snow Removal - Mr. Singley read a letter from Silverdale Borough stating that on Monday, October 6, 1986, the Silverdale Borough Council voted to accept Hilltown Township's Snow Removal Contract for the 1986-1987 Winter season.

2. New Business:

a) Recreation Report - The Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board Report, subject: 1986 Special Events - Summer Program was received. There are three outstanding bills owed for reimbursement of expenses, totalling \$57.30. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay the bills; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. The Board of Supervisors would like a letter sent to the Hilltown Park and Recreation Board expressing appreciation for the work they did during the summer.

b) Traffic Signal Service - A proposed traffic signal service agreement is being considered. This will be a joint maintenance agreement with neighboring municipalities with a prorata sharing of expenses. If the Board of Supervisors accept the proposal, Mr. Singley will meet with Mr. Robert Bender, New Britain Township, to formulate the process.

c) Telephone System - Mr. Singley explained the need for the redesign of the telephone system for the Township municipal building. He discussed the Bell Atlantic Centrex System.

d) Computer System - Mr. Singley reported that he contacted Mr. George Bock, Durham Township, to investigate various systems to update our computer programs.

e) It was reported by the Twp. Manager that the Bucks County Consortium is entering into a police contracting system. He explained the procedure and the required fees involved.

F. ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Wynn, Township Engineer, reported that he attended a hearing on zoning violations against Mr. Liptak of Hilltown Township. Mr. Liptak has received various citations for zoning violations during the past year and a half at his site on Bethlehem Pike. The Bucks County Court fined Mr. Liptak \$965.00. He has 25 days to pay the fine.

G. POLICE REPORT:

The September, 1986 police report was presented by Chief Egly. Same is on file at the Township office.

H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Buzby, Road Superintendent, presented the road report for August 31, 1986 through September 27, 1986. Same is on file at the Township office. Mr. Grunmeier asked where the trash problem was that was mentioned in the road report. Mr. Buzby reported it was mainly on Rickert Road and Fairhill Road. He said that this trash is partly due to vandalism. Mr. Buzby informed the Board that he attended a seminar for road foremans and stated that it was very informative.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Agricultural Security District. The Agricultural Security District Resolution, map and list of all the property owners has been recorded with the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds.



2. DER Rural Residency Proposed Regulations. Mr. Grabowski stated that the proposed regulations to eliminate the rural residency exemption were now to be addressed by the Environmental Quality Board. Per conversation between Mr. Grabowski's office and the Department of Environmental Resources, it appears that the regulations will be approved by the Environmental Quality Board at a November meeting with an effective date in early December, 1986. The Township will attempt to disclose the pending resolutions to all subdivision applicants, so as to make sure that everyone is aware of the possible change in the DER regulations.

3. Strassburger Estate Subdivision. The Township Solicitor presented Resolution #86-47, which is the "Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication" and Resolution #86-48, which is the "Declaration of Public Purpose" for the Strassburger Estate Subdivision. Both documents have been properly prepared and executed and appropriate for acceptance. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept Resolution #86-47 and Resolution #86-48; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

4. Industrial Development Requests. Mr. Grabowski reported that the Township had received requests concerning the approval of certain industrial development projects. A hearing for a project by the Telford Industrial Development Authority would be tentatively scheduled for the first meeting during the month of November regarding the Hilltown Industrial Park. Additionally, Mr. Grabowski reported that he received a request from Attorney Robert Valimont representing the Nockamixon Authority who was asking the Township to approve two projects within Hilltown Township, namely, Daily Dryer Company and Pennfield Precision Company, without an advertised hearing or by attendance by the applicant. Mr. Grabowski requested direction from the Board of Supervisors for a response to Mr. Valimont. Mr. Grunmeier stated that it is Township policy to require an advertised hearing in all TEFRA hearings and the Applicant or an authorized representative should be in attendance.

5. Broad Street Speed Limit Ordinance. Mr. Grabowski stated that an Ordinance had been advertised for consideration at tonight's meeting which will reduce the speed limit on Broad Street from Upper Church Road to Route 313. The speed reduction is from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. Mrs. Kelly made a motion to adopt Ordinance #86-7; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously. At this time, the Solicitor's report was temporarily interrupted to proceed with the 8:00 P.M. advertised Bid Openings for the Police Cars.

8:00 P.M. Bid Openings.

At this time, Chairman Pischl called for the opening of the advertised bids for the Hilltown Township Police Cars. Two bids were received. The first bid was from A & T Chevrolet of Sellersville for \$26,297.00. The seconded bid was received from H & S Chevrolet of Pennsburg for \$24,704.00. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion for the Board of Supervisors to review the bids and announce the award at the next Supervisors' meeting on October 27, 1986; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:10 P.M. Meeting Resumed.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - (Con't)

6. Fairhill Road - Keystone Drive Ordinance. The Township Solicitor further presented a proposed Ordinance advertised for consideration at tonight's meeting to enact a four-way stop intersection at Fairhill Road and Keystone Drive. A

motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Ordinance #86-8 with the added provision that the intersection be monitored by the Hilltown Township Police Department for one (1) year to determine the affect to the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

7. Hilldale Street Acceptance Ordinance. The third Ordinance proposed for consideration and adoption at tonight's meeting is Ordinance #86-9 to accept the roadways of Beverly Drive and Audrey Drive within the Hilldale Subdivision. Mr. Wynn provided that by adoption of an Ordinance that the Township would then be eligible for liquid fuels funds for 1987 for the two streets. He further stated that the acceptance of the streets did not interfere with the provisions contained within the Development Agreement concerning Maintenance. A motion to adopt Ordinance #86-9 was made by Mr. Grunmeier; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8. Browning/Jurin Litigation. Mr. Grabowski reported that Mr. Singley had written to Messrs. Browning, Jurin and Sugarman requesting a work session to discuss the pending litigation. Mr. Grabowski reported that he had been advised that a meeting is being attempted to be scheduled for October 27, 1986.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Irving Conrad, Rickert Road, presented a petition from the residents of Callowhill Road and Rickert Road. The petition read as follows: "We the undersigned request the Supervisors of Hilltown Township to do a speed survey for the lowering of the speed limit on Rickert Road and make the intersection of Rickert and Callowhill Roads a 4-Way Stop". The petition is on file at the Township office.

2. Mr. Warren C. Randolph presented a petition to the Board of Supervisors from residents of Hilltown Township regarding the condemnation of the Randolph property for the site location of the new municipal building. Same is on file at the Township office. The Board of Supervisors will review the petition and take the request under consideration.

3. Mr. Jack Fox, Hilltown Pike, discussed the need, in his opinion, for a Building Code Ordinance at this time. He feels that Hilltown Township does not need a housing code of this sort. It would be a burden to senior citizens who are anticipating the sale of their houses. Discussion continued and Mrs. Kelly made a motion to take no further action on the proposed Housing Code Ordinance at this time; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Bolger asked the Board of Supervisors how was the proposed site location for the new municipal building determined to be in the center of the Township. Mr. Grunmeier stated that Officer William Leyden, of the Hilltown Township Police Department, conducted a survey. Mr. Bolger also asked the Board to reconsider the condemnation of the Randolph property. Chairman Pischl commented that a meeting is tentatively scheduled with Mr. Jurin and Mr. Browning for October 27, 1986 to discuss the pending law suit regarding another location. Mr. Bolger also asked, "Why wasn't Hilltown Village picked for the site?" Chairman Pischl said, "That site did not have the proper water and sewer facilities".

5. Mr. Randolph asked, "Was condemnation discussed at the joint meeting?" Chairman Pischl replied, "No".

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A report was received from Patricia Traynor regarding a comparison tally of enrollment for last year and this year for the two elementary schools in Hilltown Township. The schools are M.M. Seylar and J.M. Grasse. Same is on file at the Township office.

2. Hilltown Township received an invitation from Loder & Sharp, Inc. equipment show to be held on November 20, 1986 at 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3. Hilltown Township received an invitation from the Bucks County Tourist Commission World Film Premiere on October 23, 1986 at 6:00 p.m.

4. An invitation was received from New Britain Borough to attend the Tri-Municipality Emergency Management Committee four-hour seminar entitled "Formulating Public Policy Regarding Emergency Situations". It will be held on November 1, 1986 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

5. A letter, dated October 3, 1986, was received from Representative Kostmayer informing the Board of Supervisors on the status of Federal Revenue Sharing.

6. A dog report for the quarter ending 30 September 1986 was received from Bunny's Animal Shelter, Inc., Florence Ammon, Director.

7. Two anonymous letters received.

8. Monthly Volunteer Fire Company Reports were received.

L. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Pischl informed the public that the Road Inspection is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 1986 at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Grunmeier stated for the record that he will not be in attendance.

Mr. Pischl requested that a work session be set up for the preparation of the 1987 Budget. A tentative date is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 1986 at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Kelly reported that at the last Pennridge-Quakertown Solid Waste Meeting all participating municipalities signed the resolution. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 1986.

Mr. Grunmeier commented that he visited Mr. Edward Kern concerning the noise problem from Adventure Park. Mr. Kern is pleased that something is being accomplished to correct this problem.

Mr. Grunmeier reported that he attended the Jamesway 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 11, 1986.

Mr. Grunmeier requested that Mr. Singley visit Bunny's Animal Shelter.

The Board would like a letter sent to Mr. McCoach requesting he attend the Tri-Municipality Emergency Management Committee seminar on November 1, 1986. Mr. Grunmeier also suggested that the Police Chief, Road Superintendent, and the Fire Chief from the Line Lexington Fire Company attend the seminar.

Mr. Grunmeier stated that he intended to attend the Bucks County Tourist Commission World Film Premiere on October 23, 1986.

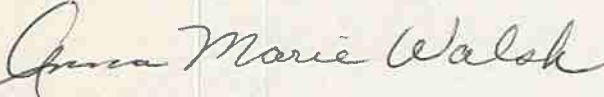
Mr. Grunmeier stated that Mr. Haberle is in violation of Hilltown Zoning Ordinance. The Township Solicitor recommended that the Township could take him to Court in order to resolve this situation. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to instruct the Township Solicitor to proceed with the necessary action to begin Court proceedings; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors commented that the first edition of the Hilltown Township Newsletter was well received by the residents of Hilltown Township. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to publish the Hilltown Township Newsletter four times annually; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:40 P.M. - Press Conference

8:48 P.M. - Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Marie Walsh
Township Secretary

