

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 8, 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, Vice Chairman
Betty J. Kelly, Supervisor

Others present were: C. Robert Wynn, Acting Manager
Ann Walsh, Township Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief
Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent

Chairman Pischl announced that there were 27 applications received for the position of Hilltown Township Manager. Applications were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and interviews conducted. At this time, Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to appoint Mr. James Singley to the positions of Hilltown Township Manager, Zoning Officer and Treasurer at an annual salary of \$35,000 plus Township benefits and including a one year probationary period effective September 15, 1986; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Chairman Pischl introduced Mr. Singley to the public and was welcomed by the Board of Supervisors.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Township Secretary indicated a correction in the previous minutes under "G. 1. SOLICITOR'S REPORT". The Life Safety Code Ordinance should be #86-6. There being no further additions or corrections, Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 1986 Board of Supervisors' Meeting as corrected; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$30,668.31 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None

D. ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Broad Street/Callowhill Road Re-alignment - Mr. Wynn reported that the project has started and the road will be closed for approximately two weeks. The pole at Callowhill and Broad Street has to be relocated. This was not shown on the plan. Mr. Wynn contacted P.P. & L. to have the pole relocated.

(b) Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction - Mr. Wynn reported on the status of the project and indicated the specific areas that have been completed.

(c) Quarry Road/Route 313 Intersection - It was reported that Representative Ben Wilson's office is attempting to set up a joint meeting with PennDot in order to correct a flooding and icing problem due to a blocked pipe under Route 313.

(d) Township Newsletter - It was reported that the Township Newsletter has been sent to over 3,200 residents in Hilltown Township. It was announced that if anyone has not received the Newsletter, please contact the Township office and one will be sent to you. If desired, a name is not needed, only an address.

(d) Line Lexington Sewer Study - It was reported that the New Britain/Hilltown grant applications have been denied. Method of assessment for construction will be reviewed by the Joint Steering Committee.

(e) Road Widths: Pleasant Meadows/Woodlawn Meadows At the last Board of Supervisors' Meeting, a resident expressed concern regarding the width of the roads at Pleasant Meadows as compared to Woodlawn Meadows. Mr. Wynn reported that since the last meeting, he measured the widths of both roads and they are the same 26 feet in width.

(f) Fire Companies Equipment Donation - The Acting Township Manager reported that last fall, the Board of Supervisors budgeted equipment donations for four fire companies. They were Telford Fire Company, \$2,400, Silverdale Fire Company, \$5,000, Line Lexington Fire Company, \$3,500, and Dublin Fire Company, \$4,500 for a total of \$15,400. Request was made to disburse funds. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to donate \$15,400 to the Fire Companies as designated in the Acting Manager's Report; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

(g) Broad Street Traffic - Mr. Wynn read a speed distribution survey, dated September 8, 1986, submitted by the Police Department. This survey was conducted on Broad Street between Route 313 and Upper Church Rd. on August 6, 21, 28, September 2, and 5, 1986. The average 85th percentile is 50.71 mph. Request was made for speed reduction to 45 mph. per PennDot Chapter 201.31 section (b)(1). This report is on file at the Township office. The Board of Supervisors requested an Ordinance be prepared to reduce the speed limit on Broad Street between Upper Church Rd. and Rt. 313 to 45 mph. The residents of Broad Street were pleased with these results.

(h) Thomas Mussleman Log Barn - It was reported by Mr. Wynn that there is an unpaid bill in the amount of \$305.99 due Mr. Richard Harlow, contractor for the Thomas Mussleman Log Barn Project. It was requested that this amount be dispersed from the General Funds as Community Development Funds are not available. A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay \$305.99 out of the General Fund Account to Mr. Richard Harlow, contractor for the Thomas Mussleman Log Barn Project; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

2. New Business:

(a) 1987 Community Development Allocation - In May of 1986, when the Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction Project was initiated, the Township was informed that Community Development Funds would be decreased by 30%, which occurred. Since then, this Presidential Order has been declared illegal and the money has been returned to the Township as an 1987 allocation in the amount of \$11,200. The Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction Project exceeded the available funding from Community Development and was complimented by General Funds. Mr. Wynn spoke to the representative from Community Development concerning the possibility of borrowing 1986 money from another municipality and using it for the already approved project, returning the monies in 1987. This would be agreeable with the Community Development office, if another municipality would cooperate. The Board of Supervisors agreed to have Mr. Wynn pursue this possibility.

(b) Line Stripping - Mr. Wynn presented two quotes for line stripping and installation of stop bars on various Township roads. The quotes were from Guide Mark, Inc., \$3,800 and Mid-States, \$3,996. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to award the bid to Guide Mark, Inc. for line stripping and stop bar installation at a cost of \$3,800; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

(c) It was reported that the final regulations were received for the Worker and Community Right to Know Law. These regulations will become effective 120 days after publication. This means that compliance is required on December 1, 1986.

(d) Mr. Wynn reported that in April, 1985, the Township purchased a Xerox 645 Memorywriter at a cost of \$3,920. Since that time, typing demands have increased significantly. It was requested that the Board of Supervisors approve the purchase of another Memorywriter at a reduced price of \$3,736. This money would be available under the Administration budget. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the purchase of the Xerox 645 Memorywriter, with the stipulation that this be reviewed and recommended by the incoming Township Manager; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

(e) There will be a food distribution, sponsored by the Bucks County Opportunity Council, at the Hilltown Township Municipal Building on September 25, 1986 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

E. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grabowski presented for the Board's approval the escrow and development agreements, prepared and properly executed, for the Pleasant Meadows, Glen Garis Sub-division, final phase. The escrow amount for the site improvements is \$389,685.12. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the execution of the of the escrow and development agreements in the amount of \$389,685.12 for the Glen Garis Sub-division; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. PLANNING:

1. Dougherty Subdivision: Escrow. - It was reported by the Township Engineer that Mr. Dougherty was informed in May, 1986 that, pursuant to his site improvement and escrow requirements, he is in violation of the terms of these agreements. Since that time, the Township completed the project with its own forces. The total amount of labor and materials to complete this project was \$2,076.66. Approval to notify Mr. Dougherty of the work that has been completed and to release the excess escrow was requested. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to release the excess escrow to Mr. Dougherty; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Neill Subdivision - Mr. Wynn presented revised final plans for the Neill Subdivision and it was indicated that an error was discovered on the one property line, necessitating the revision. The revisions changed the net area of Lot #4 from 10.04 acres to 10.07 acres.

Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the final plans of the Neill Sub-division with the stipulation that the legal description be approved by the Township Solicitor; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Buzby, Road Superintendent, read the report dated August 3, 1986 thru August 30, 1986. Same is on file at the Township office.

H. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

The August, 1986 report was read by Chief Egly. Same is on file at the Township office. Chief Egly requested the Board of Supervisors advertise for bid two new police automobiles to be delivered after January 1, 1987. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to advertise for bid two new police vehicles; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Chief Egly announced, with deep regrets, the resignation of Brian S. Brady, Crime Prevention Officer, effective midnight September 17, 1986. Chief Egly requested approval to advertise and take applications for a police officer to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to advertise and take applications for the position of Hilltown Township Police Officer with a minimum of three years experience; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Chairman Pischl commented that Officer Brady has done an excellent job as liaison between the Police Department, Town Watch, and the Community.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Carol Johnson, resident of Hilltown Township, asked how the cost of the Memorywriter was determined. Mr. Wynn addressed the question. She also asked if it was possible for the Township to clean the Route 309 By-Pass Bridge at Reliance Road. Mr. Tom Buzby, Road Superintendent, said he would send someone out tomorrow to look at it. She also asked about the status of her previous request concerning erosion on her property. Supervisor Grunmeier reported that DER indicated it was the responsibility of the homeowner. Chairman Pischl said that the Supervisors will conduct a road inspection shortly to see if they can do something to correct the problem for Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. John Brennan, 506 S. Perkasio Rd., complimented the Board of Supervisors on their efforts to publish a Township Newsletter. He looks forward to more issues in the future. Mr. Brennan questioned the location of the proposed water tank, specifically whether same was to be constructed on the Pello property on South Perkasio Road. Mr. Wynn explained that it would be unlikely HTWSA would construct a water tank at such a low elevation. Mr. Grabowski concurred and advised Mr. Brennan he should direct his questions regarding the water system to HTWSA.

Mrs. John Bolger asked if there was a decision on the site location of the new municipal building. Chairman Pischl responded, stating the site is narrowed down to two locations but because the Township does not own the land of the prospective sites, he cannot announce the specific locations to the public at this time. Mrs. Bolger commented that "we all know where the site will be anyway".

J. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Wynn read a letter of resignation from Mr. David River, member of the Hilltown Township Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Grunmeier commented that Hilltown Township regrets this resignation and wishes to thank Mr. River on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for his excellent service to the Township of Hilltown. The Board of Supervisors will advertise for a replacement to fill this vacancy and encourages any resident who wishes to serve the Township to apply.

2. A letter was received from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board indicating that under Section 302 of the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, various responsibilities have been placed on the Chief Administrative Officer of a Municipality which maintains a pension plan. Due to the resignation of Mr. C. Robert Wynn, who is currently the Chief Administrative Officer, it is necessary to designate Mr. James Singley, Township Manager, and the present Chief Administrative Officer for the pension plan. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to appoint James Singley as Chief Administrative Office of the Township pension funds.

3. It was reported that as of this date, no police department liability insurance proposals have been received. The current liability insurance policy expires October 29, 1986.

4. Mr. Wynn received a letter from PennDOT concerning passing zones on Rt. 313 and it was indicated that a recent study has confirmed these locations. No revisions will be made.

5. A letter was received from residents of Church Road, a State Road, asking the Township to become involved in their efforts to get PennDot to eliminate truck traffic on this road. They have expressed concern regarding the width and condition of the road. Mr. Grunmeier commented that the Board of Supervisors will be meeting with a representative from PennDot and State Representative Ben Wilson's office and, at that time, will discuss this situation.

6. The Fire Companies' Reports for the month of August were read by Mr. Wynn. These reports are on file at the Township office.

7. It was reported that there will be a teleconference on September 11, 1986 on Tort Reform at the Bucks County Community. It was agreed that Mrs. Kelly will attend.

8. Notification was received from Bucks County Court indicating that there has been no action since 7/31/84 regarding the Vernon Horn litigation. Same will be considered resolved unless the Court is notified within 30 days. (This matter was settled by agreement in the fall of 1984.)

9. Notification was received that the decision on the Carolyn Bergen sub-division has been appealed to the Bucks County Court.

Mr. Grunmeier asked Mrs. Kelly about the status of the Solid Waste Committee. She informed the Supervisors that a resolution was received from the Committee requesting signature and approval from the Hilltown Township representative to the Solid Waste Management Committee, which is Mrs. Betty Kelly. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Pennridge-Quakertown Area Solid Waste Management Resolution, dated September 8, 1986 in the form of a Hilltown Township Resolution #86-44; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Brennen asked, "What is the essence of this Resolution?" Mrs. Kelly addressed the question.

L. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Grunmeier referred to an article in the Pennsylvania Township Magazine regarding availability of emergency preparedness and fire training films through video tapes. Chief Egly stated that these films are already available at the fire training school on Rt. 611 in Edison, Pa. These films are free of charge.

Chairman Pischl asked the Township Solicitor for the status of the Agricultural Security District. Mr. Grabowski reported that a map is being prepared by the Township offices, which is needed for recording at the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds office. Mr. Wynn indicated that this has not yet been accomplished.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Marie Walsh

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Township Secretary