

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 14, 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

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

Mr. Pischl announced that applications for Township Secretary have been received and interviews conducted. At this time, Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to appoint Anna Marie Walsh as Township Secretary effective July 14, 1986 at a salary of \$15,600 per year and including a one-year probationary period. Motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

Mr. Grunmeier moved to appoint Gloria Neiman as Assistant Secretary (part-time) at a salary of \$7.50 per hour effective July 14, 1986. Motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the June 23, 1986 Supervisors' meeting as written; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the June 27, 1986 Supervisors' meeting as written; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$56,918.12, with an additional street light tax account bill of \$474.69 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay bills when due; seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. George Metzgar, of 25 E. State Street, Doylestown, Pa. 18901, spoke before the Board requesting their consideration to engage his services for the purpose of publishing a Newsletter which will be mailed to the residents of Hilltown Township. It was noted by Mr. Metzgar that other Townships have found the newsletter to be quite informative to the residents, and that the State Association of Townships has encouraged the use of this publication. The Board of Supervisors agreed that the newsletter could be beneficial to the people of Hilltown Township and a motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to enter into a verbal agreement with George Metzgar to produce a newsletter to be mailed to residents on a quarterly basis at a cost of \$1,495 per issue which can be cancelled with a 90-day notice.

2. Harry Budenz, H & K Materials: Mr. Budenz asked to be on the agenda for a road "variance" but was not present.

8:00 P.M. At this time, Chairman Pischl temporarily adjourned Supervisors' meeting to conduct an advertised hearing for the Telford Industrial Development Authority for Terrance McGinn.

Hearing was held for the purpose of considering the application of Telford Industrial Development Authority to issue its obligations to facilitate the acquisition and construction of a development project pursuant to the Pennsylvania Industrial and Commercial Development Authority Law to maintain, increase and promote employment and economic growth in Bucks County, Pa. The location of the facility is 891 Cath-scott Road, Hilltown Industrial Park, Hilltown Township and owned by Terrance E. McGinn and Patricia A. McGinn. The reason for the hearing is to comply with various Federal tax laws as well as State laws which require that the local municipality conduct a public hearing to consider these applications. The law also requires that the host municipality adopt a Resolution which appoints a member of the Board of Supervisors to act as the applicable elected representative. The Board has officially appointed Chairman Pischl to be the representative. At this time, Chairman Pischl asked if there was any public comment. No public comments were made. Chairman Pischl, as applicable representative, approved the application.

8:05 P.M. - Supervisors's Meeting Resumed.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS (continued):

3. James Neill previously had a sub-division plan approved by the Board of Supervisors. One condition of the approval action by the Board was that the intersection of Quarry Rd. and Rt. 313, which has a drainage/icing problem, be prepared by Mr. Neill if it is not corrected by PennDot. It was required by the Board of Supervisors at the June 23, 1986 Supervisors' Meeting that Mr. Neill provide an escrow in the amount of \$6,000 to guarantee the drainage problem be rectified by Mr. Neill if the road is not repaired by PennDOT within 60 days. Mr. Wynn stated that Mr. Neill is present this evening to ask if the amount of the escrow can be reduced to \$3,500. Mr. Wynn reported that after review of the location, he feels that \$3,500 is a reasonable figure. The Board approved this escrow amount. All stipulations and escrow figures which have been agreed upon are recorded in Resolution #86-36. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to adopt Resolution #86-36; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Wolff, Diserod & Wolff, requested the Board reconsider their decision to require the Hatfield Mennonite Home Site Development Plan include two stand pipe locations (1 1/2" connections) on each floor. This was required to provide for additional fire protection. Mr. John Snyder, President, Line Lexington Fire Co., commented that, in his opinion, he feels that the installation of the stand pipes are necessary for maximum fire protection. Mr. Grunmeier and Mr. Pischl concurred with Mr. Snyder and, therefore, stated that the stand pipes be installed.

D. ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction - Mr. Wynn reported that a preconstruction meeting will take place Thursday, July 17, 1986 with the Office of Community Development and with the contractor Ventressca & Sons regarding the installation of sidewalks on Blooming Glen Roads.

(b) PEMA Coordinator - Mr. Wynn referred to a letter received from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency dated June 24, 1986, acknowledging receipt of the Township letter wherein the Board of Supervisors recommended Mr. Richard McCoach to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator for Hilltown Township. Their records have been altered, deleting the name of Mrs. Betty Kelly, former coordinator. The paperwork involved for Mr. McCoach's appointment will be properly prepared and acted upon. A copy of which will be sent to Mr. McCoach.

(c) Adventure Park, Inc. - The Board previously entered into an agreement with Adventure Park, Inc. to settle the litigation regarding the video machines. Mr. Moser has completed the berm around the southeast corner race track and has paved the driveway entrance. He has also installed mufflers on the large cars to decrease the noise. Mr. Wynn reported that he took a decibel meter reading for noise and at this time they are in compliance. Mr. Edward Kearns, Hilltown Pike, has been concerned about this noise problem for quite some time and indicated his concern that compliance is maintained.

(d) Vacuum Furnaces Site Development - Mr. Wynn referred to a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Haberle, dated July 3, 1986, requesting the Board's permission to remove an existing "berm" adjoining their property and their neighbors, Vacuum Furnace Systems Corporation. Mr. Wynn also referred to a letter from Vacuum Furnace Systems Corporation, dated July 7, 1986, also requesting the Board's permission to remove the berm. Mr. Wynn noted that there is no existing sub-division ordinance stating that a berm must be there; however, same was included on the site development plan. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion that Vacuum Furnace Systems Corporation be permitted to remove the existing 4' earth berm between their property and the Haberle property; seconded by Chairman Pischl, and carried unanimously.

(e) PennDOT: Bridge Inspections - All Township bridges are currently posted in accordance with the PennDOT inspection reports.

2. New Business:

(a) Public Officials Liability Insurance - Mr. Wynn reported that the Township's Public Officials Liability Insurance has expired as of July 14, 1986. Mr. Wynn also noted that the premium rates have increased from \$3,890 per year to \$6,210 per year. Both Mr. Grunmeier and Mr. Pischl expressed disapproval concerning this rate increase, but recognized the necessity for the protection. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to purchase \$1,000,000 Public Officials Liability Insurance from the National Casualty Insurance Company, Gum Agency, at a cost of \$6,210 per year; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

(b) Hilltown Township Civic Association - Robert Brothers Circus - Mr. Wynn reported that Doris Smith, Hilltown Township Civic Association, has asked the Board to consider the purchase of tickets to the Robert Brothers Circus for the benefit of underprivileged children. The tickets are sold in blocks at \$52.52 for 15 children sponsored and \$105.00 for 30 children sponsored. The Supervisors discussed the fact that since the Civic Association is already soliciting tickets to the businesses of the Township and the residents of the Township, they would have to deny the request for the Township to purchase tickets.

E. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Grabowski submitted a Deed of Dedication Offer on the Gubelman Subdivision located on Callowhill Rd. The Deed has been prepared and signed and Mr. Grabowski respectfully suggested that the Board adopt Resolution #86-37, which is the acceptance of the Deed of Dedication, and Resolution #86-38, which is the public purpose of the land. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to adopt Resolution #86-37 and Resolution #86-38; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Buzby, Road Superintendent, read the report dated June 8th through July 5, 1986. Same is on file at the Township office.

G. POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

The June, 1986 report was read by Chief Egly. Same is on file at the Township office. Chief Egly commended the police force for a job well done.

8:40 p.m. At this time Chairman Pischl called for a recess.
8:50 p.m. Meeting resumed.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. William Trauger, 1344 Blooming Glen Rd. expressed a real concern about a portion of Blooming Glen Rd. that is in need of repair. Mr. Trauger stated that Representative Clymer has assured him that PennDOT will repair the road within 10 days. Mr. Trauger asked the Board if it were possible for Hilltown Township to take over the responsibility for the maintenance of this portion of Blooming Glen Rd. It is a state road, but the Board of Supervisors agreed to investigate the possibilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Muse, 1341 Blooming Glen Road, also stated that they too are very concerned about the repairs needed on Blooming Glen Road. Mrs. Muse also inquired about the various ordinances concerning trash and debris on properties. Mr. Wynn explained the Nuisance Ordinance to her. He also commented that many times these problems fall under the jurisdiction of the Bucks County Board of Health.

Mr. Robert Mahoney, 424 Brookside Drive, commented that builders are still seeding new lawns. Mr. Grabowski stated that the engineer for the Water and Sewer Authority has met with the builder for Pleasant Meadows and issued a directive to discontinue seeding. Mr. Grabowski said this would cease as of today.

Mr. John Bolger, 324 Rt. 152, asked the Board if development could be delayed until water and sewage is more available and until the amenities catch up. Mr. Grabowski commented that this would be a policy decision and would have to be discussed with the Board of Supervisors.

Police Chief Egly commented that he received a call from a neighbor of Ms. Florence Ammon saying that she saw someone take a dog into Ms. Ammon's house and come out without the dog. The licence plate of the person was taken and it was confirmed that Ms. Ammon is accepting dogs from Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties. Chief Egly is concerned that the amount of dogs will increase if she continues to accept dogs from all over. Mr. Wynn stated that he is in contact with Ms. Ammon on a regular basis and is attempting to keep control of the amount of dogs she accepts. She is responsible to inform the Township on a regular basis of the amount she accepts and if any of the dogs die. To date, Ms. Ammon is in full compliance with the agreement executed with the Township.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from Joe Osterman to Chief Egly notifying him that he will be taking a six-credit course this fall at Penn State University. The courses are Transportation Law and Motor Freight Carrier Management.

2. Mr. Wynn referred to a letter from DER, dated July 2, 1986 regarding Mr. Leroy Haberle. This letter advised Mr. Haberle that, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act, the owner of the property is responsible for any violations. This letter notifies him that he must immediately abate the solid waste violation.

3. The fire companies' reports were read and these reports are on file at the Township office.

4. There is a municipal accounting course available through the Department of Community Affairs. The fee is \$55.00. It was suggested that the Township Secretary attend this course.

5. The WRA-DRB Annual Report has been received as is on file at the Township office.

6. The Haines & Kibblehouse plans for modification of their batch-asphalt to a cold-fire plant in Hilltown is on file with the State.

J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Pischl announced that the Board of Supervisors will be coordinating a joint work session with the Hilltown Planning Commission, the Hilltown Water & Sewer Authority, the Hilltown Park & Recreation Board, and all the head of Departments with reference to choosing a site for the new municipal building. This will be a closed session.

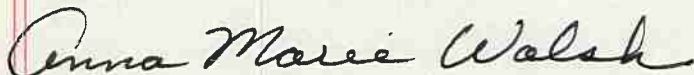
Chairman Pischl announced that the Board of Supervisors will be finalizing the "Agricultural Security Area" at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Pischl announced that there will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Grunmeier requested that the Board of Auditors receive a copy of the Hilltown Township Quarterly Report and a copy of the Board of Supervisors' Minutes.

9:40 P.M. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Marie Walsh
Township Secretary