

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
June 9, 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: Mr. Vincent Pischl, Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Grunmeier, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Betty J. Kelly, Supervisor

Others present were: Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Coordinator
Mrs. Gloria Neiman, Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief
Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Grunmeier indicated a correction be made to the minutes of 5/27/86 meeting -- Page 2, Item D - Township Coordinator's Report/#2. New Business - 10th sentence should be corrected, "Mr. Grunmeier suggested an "Intersection Ahead" sign;". There being no further corrections, Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/27/86 meeting as corrected; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$20,067.71 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay bills when due; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

Jim Strothers was present to request that the Township Act 537 Plan be revised to permit installation of a direct stream discharge sewer facility on the Barchman property. Property is located on East Creamery Road (between Rickert and Callowhill Roads). The Township Engineer has indicated in his review that, in order to maintain this treatment facility, design features and operational procedures are required which are not indicated in the preliminary design. Mr. Strothers reviewed several items listed in the Engineer's letter and explained that this is a 3 part permit process and that DER is required to inspect the site several times during the year. He also gave a brief description of the history of this lot and owner's attempts to obtain a sewer system. Mr. Grunmeier stated that he is not in favor of this system as it may cause great problems in the municipality with maintenance being the biggest problem. Chairman Pischl indicated he would like time to review the Engineer's letter and tabled discussion until the next Supervisor's meeting, June 23, 1986.

D. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Mr. Buzby read the report dated April 27th thru June 7, 1986; same is on file at the Township office. He also requested the Board's approval of a quote made by Bux-Mont Asphalt Sealing Co. to supply joint sealer at interesections of the recently paved streets. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept Bux-Mont Asphalt Sealing Company's quote of \$230.20 to joint seal intersections as needed in the opinion of the Roadmaster; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

E. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wynn indicated that the Township has received a number of calls from residents, commending the Township on the paving of portions of Stump Road, Fairhill Road, Upper Church Road and Broad Street.

1. Old Business:

(a) Fairhill Road/Keystone Drive Petition - has been sent to Township Engineer for their review; nothing received to date.

(b) Ammon Dog Kennel - Mrs. Ammon has sent notification of a dog accepted on May 14th and adopted on that same day. According to the agreement, Mrs. Ammon must also submit a quarterly report the end of June.

(c) County Liquid Fuels Allocation - Notification received that application has been approved by PennDOT and Hilltown Township is eligible to receive \$2,088.04.

(d) Pennridge/Quakertown Solid Waste Committee - Correspondence received from Edward Bolton, Chairman of the Committee, indicating various options of dividing costs of the solid waste study. Several alternatives were proposed, including the possibility of having the study phased rather than doing all at once. Mr. Grunmeier stated, "In the spirit of cooperation with our brother and sister municipalities, if a full Act 97 study is performed and each municipality chips in \$2800, we should go with it." Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to amend Resolution #86-29 pertaining to the Pennridge/Quakertown Area Solid Waste Management, changing Hilltown Township's contribution to \$2800 (based on an equal distribution of costs on a per municipality basis) for a full Act 97 study; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:00 P.M. - Ordinance #86-2, creating the position of Manager, advertised for enactment at this time. Mr. Grabowski explained this ordinance has been drawn up in accordance with the Second Class Township Code and was duly advertised in a local newspaper. Mr. Grabowski highlighted the various items in the ordinance which is on file at the Township office. Mr. Pischl asked if there were any questions of the public; there being none, a motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Ordinance #86-2, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. At this time Mr. Ron Theis, a resident, indicated his opinion that the manager should reside in the Township and that this should be taken into consideration when filling that position.

E. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT (continued):

(e) Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction - Mr. Wynn explained there is money available from several C.D. projects: Schoolhouse Road #85-42; and the Thomas-Musselman Log Barn project; in addition to the remaining allocation of the Blooming Glen Sidewalk project of \$56,800 -- total available funds = \$70,096.92. Ventresca's bid was \$82,000. Mr. Wynn indicated two alternatives: (1) reduce number of sidewalks to be repaired by approximately 20%; or (2) the Township contribute remaining monies to the project out of the General Fund Account (with inspection costs, approximately \$15,000 is necessary). Township Engineer has reviewed Ventresca's bid and found all to be in order. The Board tabled a decision until their next meeting (6/23/86) in order to review the budget.

(f) Leroy Haberle - Letter was sent to Mr. Haberle noting zoning violations; no answer to date; however, the Township received a copy of correspondence sent from DER to Mr. Haberle notifying him of floodplain encroachment.

2. New Business:

(a) Consortium Surplus Equipment Sale will be held in August (sale of police vehicles, road equipment, office furniture, bicycles, etc. Mr. Wynn must be notified prior to July's meeting if Township is to participate.

(b) Bridge Posting Agreement received from PennDOT. Commonwealth will pay \$200 for posting of bridges. Mr. Grabowski will review terms of the agreement.

(c) Resolution #86-33, providing for fees and charges for applications and permits for residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional land/site developments and subdivisions - to replace current fee schedule adopted in 1980. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-33; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. PLANNING REPORT:

1. Weidemoyer Subdivision - 2 lot subdivision located on Callowhill Road (resubdivision of a parcel created in 1941). Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant final approval to the Weidemoyer Subdivision subject to Items 1 through 3 listed in P.C. Minutes of 6/2/86; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
2. Hackett Subdivision - 12 lot subdivision located on Diamond Street, south of Orchard Road. Mr. Hackett has proposed a contribution of \$25,000 to HTWSA for extension of water lines in the Township in lieu of installation of curbing. Several residents made comment at this time, complaining of low water pressure on Route 152 south of Silverdale, and requesting that this subdivision be tabled. Mr. & Mrs. John Bolger voiced their concern over the number of subdivisions and new homes being built in the Township, and indicated their opposition to approval of new developments. Mr. Grabowski explained that the HTWSA took over the Seidel Water Company on May 31st, and they are trying to resolve the problems this water company has been experiencing over many years, but that this will take some time and cannot be accomplished overnight. He further explained that the Authority is considering extension of the system, making a loop around Silverdale, which should alleviate the problem. Other residents voicing their concern were Dorothy Marchini and Ron Theis, who both indicated they would like to see approvals of developments delayed until water problems are solved. They were informed that the Township is not legally able to hold up subdivision approval because of water since the developer could provide on-site wells if the public water system was not available. Since this subdivision is utilizing public water, use of same can be regulated by the Township; whereas, if private wells were proposed, the Township would have no jurisdiction to require water saving devices. Mr. Grunmeier stated that the Township's concern is evident in this subdivision, where we are putting in public water -- "As far as I am concerned, this is long range planning". Mr. John Snyder indicated that legally, the Board can do nothing to stop development. Residents were invited to the HTWSA meeting on Wednesday, June 11th to discuss their concerns regarding the public water system. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant preliminary approval to the Hackett subdivision subject to Items 1 through 9 listed in P.C. Minutes of 6/2/86; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. John Chittick Site Plan - Mr. Chittick was present to explain use of his 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre parcel located on Old Bethlehem Pike. He explained that the building will house offices and a fabricating shop, with approximately 40-45 employees, utilizing private water. Approvals have been received from Telford Sewer Authority and DER for sewer line construction. Applicant's engineer will provide legal descriptions of boundary lines. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant preliminary approval to the John Chittick Site Plan subject to the following conditions: (1) Applicant to enter into agreement with Township, providing for reduction of parking space by 20%, with additional spaces installed within one year if required per Section 522 of the Zoning Ordinance. (2) PennDOT approval of driveway entrance prior to issuance of a building permit. (3) Final approval of stormwater management facilities by Township Engineer. (4) Roof discharge to be on western side of building. (5) Installation of additional tree plantings for parking area and increase in size of street trees to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " caliper. (6) Installation of monumentation. (7) Escrow agreements shall be entered into for required public improvements. (8) Submittal of executed lease agreement with Wismer for block building located on common boundary line. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

9:12 P.M. - At this time Chairman Pischl announced a recess.

9:25 P.M. - Meeting resumed.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grabowski distributed copies of a proposed resolution regarding the Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority for review by the Board. The resolution would authorize the execution and revision of amendments to the PWTA operating agreement.

H. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Egly read the report for the month of May which is on file at the Township office. He also indicated that the operators of three-wheelers have been apprehended and the bikes impounded. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that an Ordinance (#86-3) advertised for June 23rd may help eliminate problems of dirt-bikes on Township owned open space. In answer to Mr. Grunmeier's question, the Chief indicated that bushes have been trimmed on Green Street and Hilltown Pike to increase visibility.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ron Theis asked if a multi-way stop sign could be installed on Callowhill Road at Broad Street. Mr. Wynn informed him that the intersection would not meet PennDOT's warrants for same. Mr. Theis also indicated that cars drive past the school bus on Broad Street, even though flashing lights are operating. Mr. Theis also indicated that the middle light on the tower has been out of operation for 3 weeks. This light was replaced last week according to Chief Egly.
2. Joseph Handchu requested status of alternate funding for Line Lexington Sewer System. Mr. Wynn informed him that a meeting will be held with Urban Research & Development and the Steering Committee in the near future.



J. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lance Arbor, Building Inspector, has sent a letter to Jamesway Shopping Center advising them of BOCA Code violations relating to fire exits; they have 30 days in which to respond. Mr. Arbor has also requested that the Board consider adoption of the National Fire Prevention Code in order to simplify enforcement of basic fire prevention/access regulations.
2. Alderfer & Frank Service Contract - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to enter into this service contract at a cost of \$52.73 for a 6 month period; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
3. Hilltown Township Park & Recreation Board has requested approval of funding for their summer programs totalling \$545 (including payment of \$100 to Jack Adams who will be assisting in these programs). Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve various programs listed in Park & Rec's June 3, 1986 letter; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
4. May Fire Company Reports received from: Dublin; Souderton; Line Lexington; and Telford - same are on file at the Township building.

K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that he and Mr. Wynn attended the Penridge Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Friday, June 6th and commended Mr. John Gerner for his fine job as Master of Ceremonies.
2. Mr. Grunmeier requested that a letter be sent to Representatives Clymer and Wilson, Senator Howard, and the Judiciary Committee, stating that Hilltown Township will support House Bill #2426 regarding Liability and Tort Reform. Mr. Grunmeier noted that some members of New Britain Township may be resigning due to their inability to obtain Liability Insurance.
3. In answer to Mr. Grunmeier's question regarding the savings of bidding out paving work performed on Fairhill and Upper Church Roads, Mr. Wynn indicated that approximately \$13,000 was saved over last year's costs using local forces.
4. Mr. Pischl announced that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at 7:30 P.M. with the Agricultural Area Advisory Committee. This meeting has been advertised and is open to the public.
5. The Supervisors held a brief press conference to answer any concerns of those reporters present.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully,



Gloria G. Neiman
Secretary