

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 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: 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, Solicitor
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the May 12, 1986 meeting as written; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$17,665.44 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:

1. Eileen Lauer, Callowhill Road, was present to request the Board's approval to allow Perkasio Borough Authority to connect her property only to their sewer. Availability of public sewer would permit subdivision of her ground which she indicated is necessary to allow her to remain in her home financially. Ms. Lauer has indicated she is willing to pay their rates and she alone would be responsible for the fee. Mr. Wynn explained that she had attempted to connect to the PBA sewer in 1983, but was advised by PBA that they could not allow spot connections at that time. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to allow Perkasio Borough Authority to service T.P. #15-011-075 with no mandatory hook-up of other properties; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
2. Robert Wendig, Agricultural Area Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee, consisting of 3 farmers, 1 Supervisor, and 1 resident, met jointly for three sessions to prepare a written proposal for adoption by the Supervisors. This proposal includes district boundaries with a recommendation of minimum lot size. Advertisement will be made for a public hearing to be held Tuesday, June 17, 1986 at 7:30 P.M.
3. Ms. Joan Ferry, 834 Rickert Road, Perkasio, was present to request the Board's contribution to the Save-A-Life Swim at the Holiday House Pool (in memory of Mrs. Marian Klinetob). Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to donate \$50 to the American Cancer Society Save-A-Life Swim; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Line Lexington Grant Application - Community Facilities Grant Application has been made on behalf of New Britain and Hilltown Township for a total sum of \$100,000 for construction of public sewers in the village area.

2. New Business:

(a) Fairhill Road/Keystone Drive Petition - Residents have requested multiple stop signs at this intersection to increase vehicular and pedestrian safety. Mr. Wynn and Chief Egly explained that PennDOT requires three warrants which must be investigated prior to consideration of additional signs or signals:
 (1) Traffic signal is warranted and urgently needed;
 (2) Accident problem indicated by 5 or more accidents;
 (3) Equal traffic volume in both directions.
 Mr. Grunmeier suggested a "Stop Ahead" sign; although this again would require a survey. The Board will instruct the Township Engineer to perform a traffic survey at this location.

(b) Part-time Employment - Road Department - Mr. Wynn read his letter to the Board indicating that, after review of the 1986 work schedule, available manpower, and budgetary constraints, he and Mr. Buzby have determined that employment of part-time summer help will not be required.

(c) Amendments to Municipalities' Planning Code - P.C. will be advised that a note should be incorporated into plans indicating the requirement for issuance of a PennDOT Road Occupancy Permit prior to approval of plans.

8:00 P.M. - Blooming Glen Sidewalk Bid Opening - Only one bid was received from Ettore Ventresca & Sons, Inc., 3146 Bristol Road, P. O. Box 126, Warrington, PA 18976.

Construction of 7" x 8" x 18" curb with separate adjacent sidewalk. \$102,253.50

Alternate: Monolithic concrete curb and sidewalk. \$81,381.70

The Board tabled a decision until the bid has been reviewed by the Township Engineer.

8:00 P.M. -- Test Team Ordinance - Advertised for adoption at this meeting. The Test Team agreement has been signed by 7 municipalities: East Rockhill Township, Hilltown Township, New Britain Township, Dublin Borough, Silverdale Borough, Perkasio Borough, and Telford Borough. Mr. Grabowski explained that the test team is a law enforcement unit trained to operate in high emergency situations and which will be governed by an administrative board. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Ordinance #86-1; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

E. PLANNING:

1. Souderton Square Site Plan - Present were: Ken Lowther of Site Development, Inc.; Henry White of Family Dining, Inc.; Andy Heinrich, Traffic Consultant; and Barry Wert, Consulting Engineer. There was considerable discussion regarding the amount of traffic which would be generated by the Taco Bell, and responsibility of installing the traffic light, if needed. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that the developer should be responsible for the light; he further stated that "he would not ask residents to pay for the light!" Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Souderton Square Preliminary Plan provided an escrow or letter of credit for the full amount of the traffic light, design of light, and Route 113 lane changes, is presented

to the Township prior to construction of the Taco Bell; and agreement is entered into to provide that if the traffic light is warranted within 6 months after occupancy of the Taco Bell, escrowed monies will be used for that purpose; however, if a traffic study verifies that the light is not warranted within that time, escrowed monies will be released to the applicant with the understanding that a light will be installed prior to use and occupancy of any portion of Phase 2. Mr. Grunmeier indicated this approval is also contingent upon final approval of PennDOT via a highway occupancy permit and Items 3 and 4 of P.C. minutes of 5/19/86. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. James M. Neill Subdivision, located between Quarry Road and Route 113, fronting on Rt. 313 - The Board requested that a note be incorporated in the deed, stating that the common driveway would be maintained by property owners. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the James M. Neill preliminary plan subject to conditions stated in P.C. minutes of 5/19/86 and deed notation relative to the common driveway maintenance; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.
3. Gary Phinney Subdivision, located on Rt. 152, south of Orchard Road - ZHB approval was given for Lot #1 setback of existing dwelling to proposed road. P.C. has recommended elevation of proposed road be increased to provide improved sight distance at the intersection with Route 152. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to table until the Supervisors have investigated this area of road; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

9:00 P.M. - Mr. Pischl announced a 15 minute recess.

9:15 P.M. - Regular meeting resumed.

4. Tom & Joe Pileggi Site Plan - Owners propose retail stores (44,000 sq. ft.) with retention basin in the front and connection to public water (N.Penn) and sewer (HTMSA). This plan was previously tabled by the Board due to their concern of traffic impact on Route 309, south of Orvilla Rd. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to grant preliminary plan approval subject to conditions listed in P.C. minutes of 4/21/86; installation of water saving devices; private water (as requested by applicant); and acceptance of \$25,000 contribution for off site improvements in a manner acceptable to the Township Solicitor. Motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.
5. Gubelman Subdivision - 3 lot subdivision on Twinbrook and Callowhill Roads. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to grant final plan approval subject to the conditions stated in P.C. minutes of 5/19/86; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.
6. Vacuum Furnace Site Plan Revision - applicant is seeking modification of previously approved plan to eliminate blacktop in parking area (21 extra parking spaces to be removed); and a change in retention basin pipe from reinforced concrete to corrugated metal. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant plan revision above as stated by the Township Coordinator; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grabowski reported that the Township Manager's Ordinance has been advertised for the first Supervisors' meeting of June (6/9/86).

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mary Philips asked who will police the Ammon Dog Kennel and bury dogs in the winter months. Mr. Grabowski replied that a list of the original dogs owned by Mrs. Ammon has been given to the Dept. of Agriculture and Bucks County Board of Health, and that she is allowed 24 hours to bury or cremate the dogs. Another resident also questioned who should be called when dogs bark late at night, and was told Mrs. Ammon must adhere to the Zoning Ordinance in regard to decibals for noise level. She was advised to call the Township Building if the barking is excessive.

H. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter received from York Fischer, relative of the Estate of Hanna Binder which was approved 5/12/86. Mr. Fischer indicated his desire to meet with the Board to discuss note on plan regarding the access strip to Broad Street. Since this plan has been approved, the Board declined Mr. Fischer's request.
2. Montgomery County Public Works' cards received and will be distributed to Mr. Buzby.
3. Historical Society - The Board approved Jack Fox's request to have the road crew fill in two shallow wells (for safety reasons), approximately 15 feet deep, which are in the Township right-of-way. Tom Buzby to be advised.
4. Announcement received from DCA for grant request to "acquire, develop or rehabilitate outdoor lands and facilities". Letter of intent must be filed prior to 6/30/86. Maximum available is \$100,000 with 50% matching funds. The Board tabled until next meeting.
5. Bedminster, Dublin, Hilltown Township Joint Water Study Commission - contract awarded to J.G. Rooney, Groundwater Consultant. The Commission is also taking into consideration the hiring of Phil Getty to correlate data from previous studies.
6. Letter has been sent to John Dougherty regarding the escrow agreement for \$2500 of improvements which were to be completed by 4/1/86. Mr. Dougherty has not complied with the escrow agreement, therefore, the Township will seek proposals to complete the work.

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Haberle Property - Mr. Wynn will forward a letter advising Mr. Haberle of a time limit for completion of work (30 days from receipt of letter).
2. Liptak Property - To date, only concrete portion of driveway has been completed. Final completion date is set at August 15, 1986 and, after that date, Mr. Liptak will be subject to fines and penalties and potentially contempt of court.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier and seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Adjournment at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Secretary

