

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 12, 1986

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Vincent Pischl, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Pischl announced that Supervisor, Betty Kelly, was unable to attend this meeting.

Members present were: Mr. Vincent Pischl, Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Grunmeier, Vice Chairman

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the April 28, 1986 meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: The report for the period ending April 30, 1986 was read by Mr. Wynn. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the report as given; seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$11,031.10, with a Building Fund Account bill of \$2,028.10 and a Street Light Tax Account bill of \$238.32, was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay bills when due; seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Wynn announced that Eileen Lauer, a confirmed appointment, would not be present at this meeting.

E. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Employment - Secretarial Position: Approximately 12 applications received to date. A deadline of Friday, May 16, 1986 was set by the Board for receipt of further applications.

(b) Street Sweeping: Reilly Street Sweeping, Inc. began street sweeping today and Mr. Buzby announced that two additional streets (North & South Valley View Roads) will also be swept due to time saved by the machine. Mr. Buzby estimated total time to be 15 to 16 hours.

(c) Line Lexington Sewer Study: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-30, to make application for a Community Facilities Grant of \$50,000 to be used for implementation of public sewer system for the Line Lexington Village area of the Township. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

(d) The Township received a petition dated April 16, 1986, signed by twelve Line Lexington residents, proposing that the sewer system be charged at a "per foot" basis rather than the EDU method. Urban Research & Development, Inc. is currently investigating various alternative methods of assessment.

(e) Notice received from the Pennridge-Quakertown Area Solid Waste Committee -- Plan originally proposed next study was to be based on per capita cost; Hilltown Township would have had to pay 30% of the cost. The H.T. Board of Supervisors indicated that the Township would participate only if cost of the study would be based on an equal share, with H.T. paying 1/10 of the cost. The Committee has proposed a compromise, with H.T. paying a firm fixed price of \$2,125 and the other nine municipalities dividing the remaining cost on a per capita basis. BCPC advised that grant monies would not be given without all ten communities participation. Mr. Grunmeier stated, "I believe in working with other municipalities and I think we should go with it. However, I don't think they will come up with anything that hasn't been done. If they come up with something new, we pay \$2,125; if not, they should refund our money." Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to participate in the PQASWC proposal at a total cost of \$2,125; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

2. New Business:

(a) Thomas Musselman Log Barn - Change Order: Jack Fox, President of the Historical Society, has advised that the logs have dryrotted and need to be reinforced as well as joints sealed and caulked. Mr. Perlstein of Office of Community Development has indicated that C.D. would approve the change order if Supervisors agree. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to seek additional C.D. funds of \$3,700 for the Thomas Musselman Log Barn project; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

(b) NATAT Convention - Washington, D.C. Mr. Grunmeier stated that Supervisors who wish to attend should contact Mr. Wynn and an option be left open for the Township Secretary, Township Coordinator or Manager to attend if they so wish. Persons interested in attending should contact Mr. Wynn prior to June 15th.

(c) Pension Funds - Notification received of filing status for Hilltown Township (Type "C") under Act 205.

F. PLANNING:

1. Estate of Hanna Binder Subdivision - 2 lot subdivision located on Skunk Hollow Road. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant final approval subject to items listed in P.C. minutes of May 5, 1986 and addition of Item 4 - installation of monumentation at all property boundaries. Motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
2. Rodney Grasse Subdivision - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant final approval, accepting the minor change in lot lines; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
3. Edmonds Subdivision - 2 lot subdivision on Schultz Road - Mr. Wynn explained that final approval was granted at a previous meeting; however, lot lines have been changed to increase the buildable area outside of the flood plain and permit construction of a single family dwelling at the location proposed by Mr. Edmonds. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Edmonds' subdivision lot line change as amended on plans dated May 9, 1986; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Hannah Swartley: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-31, Acceptance of Dedication; and Resolution #86-32, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Hannah Swartley Subdivision; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
2. Maurice Schultz Subdivision: 18 lot subdivision on Schoolhouse Road. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to sign escrow agreements for the Maurice Schultz subdivision, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
3. Florence Ammon Dog Kennel: Mr. Grabowski reported that an agreement has been written to provide a method by which Mrs. Ammon will limit number of dogs on her property (current number of dogs total 301); agreement states "no additional dogs shall be accepted until total number of dogs has been reduced to 60). Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to enter into an agreement with Mrs. Ammon (relating to use of tax parcel #15-29-16 & 17), as drawn up by the Township Solicitor; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
4. Dublin Borough Well Status: Mr. Grabowski reported that information from a reliable source indicates that a second well was drilled last week to a depth of 600 ft. with a yield of 24 gallons per minute. Dublin Borough is scheduling a special meeting on Monday, May 19th to determine if condemnation of the Hager property will be released back to the Hagers.

H. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Mr. Buzby read the report dated March 30th through April 26, 1986. Same is on file at the Township office.

I. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The April '86 report was read by Chief Egly. The Chief reported that all burglaries in the Township have been solved by arrests. Chief Egly invited the Supervisors and public to Police Memorial Day, Friday, May 16th at 11:00 A.M.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. John Snyder read the Line Lexington Fire Company report for the month of April which is on file at the Township office.
2. Mrs. Mary Philips indicated that her son would like to do a thesis on the proposed new Township building if it would be agreeable to the Supervisors. The Board indicated their approval and advised her to contact Mr. Wynn.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fire Company Reports for the month of April received from: Souderton, Dublin and Silverdale Fire Companies; same are on file at the Township office.
2. Invitation received from the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce to the Annual Charter Night Banquet on Saturday, June 7th at the Indian Valley Country Club.

3. Invitation received from P P & L to "Teaming Up for Economic Development" seminar to be held on May 29th.
4. Township Public Official's Liability Insurance will expire on July 14th. Insurance carrier is attempting to secure coverage as soon as possible.
5. League of Women Voters: Candidates for nomination will meet Tuesday, May 13th at Delaware Valley Student Center.
6. Solid Waste Management public forum will be held Thursday, May 15th at Warwick Township.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Grunmeier stated he has attended numerous meetings in other municipalities and not one has a Township Coordinator in the position of Township Manager, without being properly defined as stated in the Second Class Township Code. Upon Mr. Grunmeier's suggestion, the Board directed the Township Solicitor to draw up an ordinance establishing the duties and position of Township Manager as stated in the Second Class Township Code, Section 599.1.
2. Mr. Pischl announced that a joint work session with the Agricultural Area Advisory Committee and Hilltown Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, May 19th, in order to discuss the Agricultural Area Proposal. This will be a closed work session to be held prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting.
3. Mr. Pischl also requested status of Janos Liptak property. Mr. Wynn indicated Mr. Liptak has not complied with the first step of the agreement in a timely manner and is now subject to \$250 fine plus \$5 per day for twelve days.
4. A press conference was held at this time, prior to adjournment of the meeting.
5. The next Supervisors' meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, due to Memorial Day observance on date on regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, May 26th.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Secretary