

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 23, 1985

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Vincent Pischl, at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were: Mr. Vincent Pischl, Chairman
Mrs. Mary Lockard, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Grunmeier, Supervisor

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Item H - Mr. Wynn corrected his statement advising that money would be distributed to the Line Lexington Fire Company within thirty days of receipt to read "within sixty days of receipt". Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier, seconded by Mrs. Lockard, to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting, and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$31,997.62, with a Northern District Sewer Account bill of \$97.50, was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier, to pay bills when due.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Thomas Derstine, on behalf of the Penridge Aquatic Club, requested the Board's assistance in purchase of "starting blocks" (6 needed @ \$450 each). Mr. Pischl advised that the Board will take this donation request into consideration when formulating the budget.

D. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Adventure Park - Complaints have been received regarding noise. Cause of problem on one evening was due to attendant allowing a car to operate with a defective muffler. Mr. Wynn took decibal readings and found them to be slightly higher than allowable limit on another occasion. Mr. Moser has promised to take appropriate action to lower the noise level.

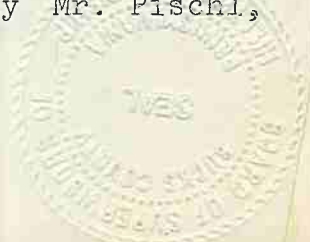
2. New Business:

(a) Resolution #85-31 - Escort of Oversized or Overweight Vehicles by Police. Charge of this escort would be \$100 first hour, \$50 for each additional hour. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-31, retroactive September 1, 1985, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

(b) Municipal Pension Plan 1986 Financial Obligation: Mr. Wynn provided total pension costs to the Board for budget information. The Township's obligation for 1986 is \$35,862.00.

E. PLANNING REPORT:

1. Family Dining - located on Route 113 along 309 Bypass: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve this subdivision subject to conditions stated in P.C. minutes of September 16th, seconded by Mr. Pischl, and carried unanimously.



2. Sidlaruk Subdivision - located on State Street: Zoning variance on this property turned down by Zoning Hearing Board, later approved by Bucks County Court. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve the plan subject to conditions listed in P.C. minutes of September 16th, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
3. Kosiw Subdivision - located on Route 313: commercial lot subdivided from remainder of property. All items of Engineer's review have been addressed. Motion made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Kosiw subdivision plan with latest revisions of 9/17/85, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

Other plans to be signed by Board after meeting are Mary Seidel and escrow agreement and plans for the Glenn Garis Subdivision.

8:00 P.M. - Bid opening for Community Development project, Thomas-Musselman Log Barn Restoration:

Two bids received:

1. Richard Harlow, Hilltown \$26,500
2. Brian Murphy, Ottsville \$55,850

Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to table bids until they have been reviewed by the Historical Society and Township Solicitor for their recommendations to the Board; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

8:06 P.M. - Regular meeting resumed.

PLANNING (continued)

4. Atlantic States Site Plan - Plan proposes construction of a microwave transmission tower located at the intersection of Broad Street & Callowhill Road. Plan has been reviewed by Township Engineer with following conditions to be accomplished by applicant: (1) Installation of 50' wide Class "C" buffer yard in accordance with Zoning Ordinance. (2) Revision of legal description for access drive across Cassel property. (3) Access driveway shall be paved at its intersection with Broad Street. (4) Locations of all buildings on Cassel and Hatter properties shall be shown on plan. (5) Signature acknowledgements shall be shown on plan. (6) Lease agreements to be submitted and approved by Solicitor. Representatives of Atlantic States Corp. (Mr. Martin, Mr. Davis and Mr. Chester Mallett) were present with their Attorney, Lawrence Grim, Jr. Mr. Mallett stated that the tower has been FCC & FAA approved. In answer to resident's questions, Mr. Davis advised there would be no t.v. interference and no effect on police radios or ham radios. In answer to John Snyder's question regarding the Line Lexington Fire Company's use of the tower for county rebroadcast system, Mr. Mallett replied he was sure a mutual agreement could be worked out. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant conditional approval of Atlantic States site plan subject to conditions of Engineer's review; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Philadelphia Electric Subdivision - located on Tiffany Drive: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-32, acceptance of deed of dedication, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously. Motion made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-33, purpose of dedication, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.
2. Dublin/Hager Well Condemnation - Mr. Grabowski reported Judge Beister has not yet rendered a decision, but has requested legal counsel meeting Wednesday, 9/25/85, for conference. The meeting between involved municipalities originally scheduled for this week was cancelled until all participants are able to attend. Mr. Grabowski will report on Judge Beister's comments at next meeting.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Frank Siftar, 914 Rickert Road, Perkasio, presented a letter to the Board regarding his concerns for the growth of the Township. Copies were made for all Supervisors to review.
2. Jim Frankenfield, of the Telford Fire Company Relief Association, questioned the Board's decision to donate all of Hilltown relief money to Line Lexington Fire Company. He stated that the Telford Fire Company budget has dropped significantly over the past three years. The Board advised they will take this under advisement (relief money was received last week, the Board has 60 days in which to distribute).
3. Samuel Pierce, Silverdale - Mr. Pierce was present to request the Board's approval of a permanent pond on his property. Original subdivision approval was for three retention ponds which do not retain water permanently. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to revise the Hilldale subdivision approval pertaining to basins and ponds, permitting the creation of a permanent pond, subject to verification from Mr. Pierce's engineer that stormwater retention facilities can operate within Hilltown Township requirements for which they were designed; motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.
4. Nick Donis, who resides near the Adventure Park go-cart race track, complained of noise, late hours, and time of day holding tank is pumped (sewer line was damaged during pressure testing; Hatfield Authority is attempting to remedy this situation). The Board advised Mr. Donis that they have no jurisdiction, since this is in Hatfield Township Authority's domain. Regarding park closing time, the Township has no requirements pertaining to same. In answer to his complaint of water runoff from track, Mr. Wynn advised that after a thorough investigation, he determined the runoff comes from the fields in rear, not from the track. Mr. Donis requested a meeting between Mr. Wynn, Ed Moser, Hadden Smith, and the Hatfield Authority.
5. Mary Phillips, 821 Middle Road, presented a petition to the Board signed by neighbors of Mrs. Florence Ammon, complaining of the amount of dogs cared for by Mrs. Ammon (approximately 300). Mrs. Ammon was present to refute charges, stating this is a non-profit organization. Neighbor's complaints were regarding odor, burial of dogs, abandoned building, and lack of sufficient employees.

Mrs. Ammon stated she has two volunteers and one paid employee. She stated waste is packed and placed in a dumpster on Sunday, however dumpster is not emptied until Tuesday. Mr. Grunmeier stated he visited the site with Verna North, dog warden, and, in his opinion (Mr. Grunmeier stressed this is his opinion only and not that of the Board), "Mrs. Ammon is taking care of too many dogs and should not be allowed to take in additional animals." Mr. Grunmeier further stated that a compromise should be made between Mrs. Ammon and her neighbors and he would be willing to meet with them to discuss the problem. Regarding the vacant building, Mr. Grunmeier remarked that, in his opinion, it should be torn down and periodical inspections of the property should be made by the dog warden with notification sent to the Township. Residents were informed that Mrs. Ammon has been issued a State Boarding Kennel license by the Commonwealth of PA and the Township has no authority to interfere.

H. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Semi-annual Convention - Warrington Country Club - Wednesday, October 16th - \$20 per person. Mr. Grunmeier, Mr. Pischl, and Mr. Wynn will attend with their spouses. Mrs. Lockard will advise. Reservation deadline is October 9th.
2. Provident Indemnity Life Insurance Questionnaire - personalized health questionnaire which employees may complete to obtain "wellness" evaluation.
3. Fire reports received from Perkasio and Silverdale (on file at Township office).

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Road Inspection - tentatively set for Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Buzby to be advised of same.
2. Supervisors will hold a closed meeting Monday, September 30th at 7:30 P.M. to discuss bid proposals for municipal building.
3. October 7th - 7:30 P.M. - Supervisors will hold a work session to discuss the 1986 budget.
4. Regarding the Campbell property, Mr. Wynn sent follow-up letter with no response to date.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Lockard. Adjournment at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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