

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
AUGUST 13, 1984

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. Alice Munn
Chief George Egly

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Pischl. Mr. Pischl announced that the meeting was being tape recorded.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Grunmeier indicated that a correction be made to the previous meeting's minutes (7/23/84) - Page 3, Correspondence, Item #4 should read: "Letter received at meeting recommending newly created position of Hilltown Township Fire Marshall" There being no other corrections, motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was read by Mr. Wynn; motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve the report as given; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$25,900.44, with an additional Street Light Tax account bill of \$312.63 and Northern District Sewer Account bills totaling \$4,900.00, was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay bills when due, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) Edward Moser was present with his attorney, Robert Lechowicz, to discuss application for a proposed family recreational center having access from Rt. 309 (26 acres), south of Orvilla Road (currently owned by Charles Seibel). The application will be for a "go-cart" track for miniature cars, seasonal use from May to October. Mr. Wynn advised that Use E-9 is a permitted use within the Planned Commercial I District; and a site development plan is required to be submitted to the Township Board of Supervisors for their review and approval, with no submission necessary to the Planning Commission.
- 2) John Snyder was present to advise the Board of his intention to submit a proposal on the Township's insurance for the coming year. Since Mr. Snyder is a Township Auditor, he wrote the State Ethics Commission regarding any conflict of interest. The Commission concluded that there would be no conflict of interest providing the contract is awarded at a public and open process, including public notice of contract possibility; public disclosure of all bids received; and public disclosure of award.
- 3) Janos Liptak - Mr. Wynn informed the Board of various letters which were sent to Mr. Liptak (during April through June, via certified mail), indicating violations of several sections of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance. . . . At the end of May, Mr. Liptak submitted a site plan for the parcel which was subsequently reviewed by the Township. On June 1, 1984, the review was forwarded to Mr. Liptak indicating several areas of non-compliance with Township regulations. As Mr. Liptak has not submitted revised plans, the same were presented to the Board for action. Mr. Liptak was present and expressed his dissatisfaction with Township requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board to deny the Janos Liptak Site Development Plan, dated 5/8/84 for the following reasons:

Existing Site Plan

- (a) Driveways/parking areas servicing existing structures are not indicated on the plan (S.L.D.O. Section 302.8(b14)).
- (b) Location of existing well and septic system is not shown (S.L.D.O. Section 302.8(b14)).
- (c) Plan does not indicate soil types within the site (S.L.D.O. Section 302.8(c1)).
- (d) Vegetation show large trees over 6 inches caliper standing alone, and all other significant vegetation is not indicated (S.L.D.O. Section 302.8(d)).
- (e) Plan does not denote the current use of existing structures (S.L.D.O. Section 302.8(b14)).

Proposed Site Plan

- (a) Status of existing driveway, whether or not continued use is proposed, is not indicated on the plan. Proposed access(es) to Bethlehem Pike (L.R. 153) must be approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation via a highway occupancy permit. (S.L.D.O. Section 403.e and 1967 PA Highway Code)
- (b) Details of the proposed gravel drive and paved area have not been provided on the plan (S.L.D.O. Section 302.9(b15)).
- (c) Plantings along the northern property line between same and the proposed gravel drive have not been shown on the plan in accordance with requirements of Section 410(h) & (j) and Section 415. Size, species, caliper, and spacing of plantings have not been indicated.
- (d) Buffer planting detail has not been provided for the proposed evergreen screen located along the southern property line in accordance with the Land Development Ordinance, Section 415.
- (e) No method of servicing the new structure with sewage disposal has been provided. If public connection to the Telford Borough Authority is proposed, same should be shown on the plan and approval from TBA verified in writing (S.L.D.O. Section 514).
- (f) Stormwater runoff analysis has not been provided to verify the necessity (or not) of stormwater control facilities. Hydraulic studies of pre-development and post-development conditions have not been submitted. (S.L.D.O. Section 421)

Mr. Wynn then asked the Board to take action on the zoning violations existing on the property by ordering Mr. Liptak to cease and desist his current uses. Mr. Liptak requested the Board permit him additional time to resubmit his site development plans and comply with Township Zoning and Land Development Regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board to defer action on the zoning violations and permit Mr. Liptak 30 days to submit revised plans. This matter will be readdressed by the Board at the September 10, 1984 meeting.

E. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1) Old Business:

- (a) Hilltown Pike Street Lighting: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve a second light to be installed at the Swartley Road curve (south side) at an additional cost of \$173.55 per year (agreement with P P & L for 10 years); seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.
- (b) Ordinance #84-4, Repeal of Deed Registry: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve Ordinance #84-4, eliminating the necessity of deed registration in Hilltown Township; motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously. Ordinance #84-4 becomes effective August 18, 1984.

(c) Turnback of State Roadways: Cost estimate to repair the 6.1 miles of roadway being considered for turnback was submitted to the Board for review.

(d) Fairhill Road - Snow Removal, Drainage Improvements: Snow Removal contract with PennDOT extends another year if the Township does not notify PennDOT by Sept. 15, 1984 to terminate. The Township receives approximately \$1,300 to plow Fairhill Road which was insufficient last year due to severe icing problems because of inadequate roadway ditches. Mr. Wynn contacted Mr. Wade of PennDOT seeking additional monies. An increase in funding is not possible; however, PennDOT agreed to regrade Fairhill Road ditches to provide proper drainage. This work is scheduled to begin on or about Sept. 17, 1984. Mr. Wynn met with Gerald Carle of PennDOT and inspected Fairhill Road. Twenty-two driveway pipes need replacement. PennDOT has agreed to install the pipes and restore the driveways provided the Owners purchase the pipe. Mr. Wynn will send letter to residents advising them of the needed repairs and PennDOT's position.

(e) Fairhill School Road Bridge: Award of Contract; Transfer of Funds: Mrs. Lockard made a motion to approve Ply-Mar Construction Company's low bid of \$76,683.00 for construction of Fairhill School Road Bridge, subject to submission of required contract bonding and documentation; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier, and carried unanimously.

Transfer of Funds: Letter was received from Jack C. Fox, Project Administrator for Project #78-17, approving the transfer of \$8,000 from Project #78-17, Thomas Musselman Log Barn Restoration Project, to Project #84-29 - Fairhill School Road Bridge Project. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Lockard to approve transfer of funds, and carried unanimously by the Board.

Resolution #84-29 - establishing right-of-way easements, both permanent and temporary, for Fairhill School Road Bridge: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve Resolution #84-29; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

(f) Line Lexington Sewer Study - Transfer of Funds: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to authorize transfer of \$15,000 from Hilltown Township Community Development Block Grant funds to New Britain Township for the Line Lexington Sewer Study; motion was seconded by Mr. Pischl. Motion was approved by the Board with Robert H. Grunmeier abstaining due to his position on the Joint Steering Committee for the project.

(g) Community Development Funds - 1985 through 1987: Notice of funding allocations for period of 1985 through 1987 was received. Hilltown Township will receive \$105,000.00. A public hearing must be held on use of the funds and the Office of Community Development notified by November 24, 1984.

The Township was advised of a proposed "pool" of 21 Upper Bucks municipalities for the purpose of allocating CDBG funds. A total of \$985,000.00 would be combined from the various municipalities to provide a large funding source for joint projects. Hilltown Township could opt out of the pool by notification to Community Development by Oct. 15, 1984. As Hilltown Township's funds represent 11 percent of the proposed pool, a motion was made by Mr. Pischl to not participate in the Community Development Pool; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

(h) Northern District Sewers - Final Plans & Specifications: Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to approve spending of \$100 for filing of sewer permit with DER; seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously. Notification has been received (via certified mail) from Cowan Associates on behalf of Telford Borough Authority to Hilltown Township Supervisors, indicating TBA's intention to accept construction of 2600 feet of sewer.

Bid opening date of project is September 10, 1984, with construction anticipated to begin in early October, 1984.

(i) Sellersville - Hatfield Transmission Line Reconstruction: Copies of certification application will be on file at the Township building; same may be reviewed by the public.

(j) Line Lexington Lumber Company - Fire Damaged Structure: Letter received from London Company Realtors, stating they plan to demolish remaining structure (pending insurance settlement) and will construct a new structure at the same location. Mr. Wynn to follow up with the Owners as to their time schedule.

(k) Quarry Well Test Results: Test results have not eliminated any test requirements for next period and are somewhat consistent with past testing.

(l) Basic On-Scene Traffic Accident Investigation Course to be held at the Institute of Police, Traffic Management, University of North Florida (applied for under public safety grant -- 80% of total cost to be paid by grant) -- \$425 fee, with expenses estimated at \$1,100; Oct. 1 to 12, 1984: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve sending Officer Joseph Osterman to the Traffic Safety Course; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

2) New Business:

(a) Eileen Lauer - Request for authorization to connect to Perkasio Borough Authority (PBA) sewer: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve authorization of PBA to enter Hilltown Township for the purpose of servicing T.P. #15-11-75 and any subdivision thereof (property owned by Eileen Lauer, Callowhill Road); seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously. A letter had been received from HTWSA indicating no objection to the proposal.

(b) Save-a-Life Donation: Joan Ferry, 808 Quarry Road, Perkasio, was present to request the Board contribute an amount to the Save-a-Life Swim to benefit the American Cancer Society, Bucks County Unit. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to donate \$50 to the American Cancer Society in memory of Marian Klinetob; seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously. A letter will be sent to Mr. Arlo Klinetob, indicating the Township's and the Board of Auditor's contributions in memory of his wife.

(c) Perkasio Fire Company July Report: Mr. Wynn read the report, indicating the fire company answered one alarm in Hilltown Township of a total of nine responded to in the month of July.

3) Planning:

(a) Moylan Enterprises - Progress Report: Jeffrey Nase driveway has been paved; final grading and seeding are only items remaining to be completed by R & M Paving Contractors (expected completion in September).

(b) Creciun Planning Modules - Act 537 Revision: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to adopt Resolution #84-30, revising Act 537 Plan for a community sewage system on the Martha Rae and Jacquelin Creciun property (3 unit land development); motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously. Copies of the plan and planning modules will be forwarded for review and approval by the Bucks County Health Department. The Creciun Site Development plan is currently being reviewed by the BCPC and Hilltown Township Planning Commission. Action on the plan by the Board will occur upon receipt of recommendations from our Planning Commission.

(c) Park & Recreation Board: The Board of Supervisors approved September 10th as a date for a joint work session with the Park & Recreation Board (to be held after the regular meeting).

4) Zoning:

(a) Mr. Wynn read the zoning receipts for the month of July, totaling \$3,967.00.

(b) Cease and desist orders were sent for the following properties:

- (1) Pickering, 623 Blue School Road - for violation of junk ordinance.
- (2) Beltzner, 720 Skunk Hollow Road - violation of junk ordinance (no response).
- (3) Wasser, Hilltown Pike - violation of use ordinance.

F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Tom Buzby, Road Superintendent, read the Public Works Report for the month of July; same is on file at the Township office. Ditch work will begin on Schoolhouse Road Tuesday, August 14th. All inlet boxes and pipe has been installed on Welcome House/Rickert Road Storm Drainage Project. Final grading, seeding and paving must still be completed.

G. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief George Egly read the Police Chief's Report for the month of July; same is on file at the Township office. The Chief read a letter from Dublin Volunteer Fire Company, commending Hilltown police officer for starting CPR and the Hilltown Police Department for having oxygen available on their patrol cars.

H. LINE LEXINGTON FIRE COMPANY REPORT: John Snyder read the report for the month of July; same is on file at the Township office. Mr. Snyder also reported that the second payment of \$40,000 for the new substation will be due the end of this month; Solicitor, Jeffrey Drake, will be contacted regarding the borrowing of this money and preparation of the required resolution and other documents.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

J. CORRESPONDENCE:


- 1) Public Utility Commission: Notification received that PUC vs. Philadelphia Electric hearing will be held in Doylestown on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) DCA Basic Budgeting Course: September 11th in Quakertown, 8:30 to 4:00 P.M., \$20 per person. Tabled until next meeting.
- 3) Copy of letter received from Paul Clymer which was addressed to Paul Clymer from Robert Rowland of PennDOT. Letter concerned installation of overhead transition lane signs at Route 113 and Bethlehem Pike. Officer Osterman will follow up on this matter with Mr. Clymer and PennDOT.
- 4) Pennridge Full Gospel Tabernacle: Received letter of appreciation addressed to the Board of Supervisors for their service to the community.
- 5) Letter received from Mr. Edward Bender of DER regarding disagreement between Mr. Ivan Jurin and Mr. Paul Lapinski, addressing creek drainage and flood plain problem they have along E. Walnut Street. Mr. Bender inspected the property in question and advised that all violations have been resolved, and informed Mr. Lapinski that any claim of damages should be addressed through civil court.

K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Police Contract Negotiations: Contract should be finalized and signed at next meeting.
- 2) Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to make Ashby C. Watts sergeant (retroactive as of July 7, 1984) with a probationary period of one year, to receive additional sergeant's pay; motion was seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.
- 3) Mr. Pischl thanked the Police Department for supplying the fireworks for Civic Sunday, at no cost to the Township. Mrs. Lockard thanked the Civic Association for their efforts toward Civic Sunday.
- 4) Mr. Grunmeier received a complaint of poor visibility at Green Street and Hilltown Pike due to tree branches. Chief Egly reported that the traffic safety unit is working on this to have the owner increase the visibility.
- 5) Mr. Grunmeier also asked if directional signs could be installed at Hilltown Pike and Route 152, showing location of Silverdale Borough and Dublin Borough. Chief Egly indicated he did not think PennDOT installed that type of sign any longer. Mr. Wynn to contact PennDOT to inquire.
- 6) Mr. Pischl received a complaint regarding Keystone Drive-Bethlehem Pike visibility (overgrown hedge and trees). Chief Egly advised that the traffic safety unit was also working with the property owner at this location.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mrs. Lockard, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier. Adjournment at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria Neiman
Secretary

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Correction made to these minutes;
see minutes of 8/27/84.

Gloria Neiman
Secretary