

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
MARCH 12, 1984

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vincent Pischl at 7:30 P.M., with Mary Lockard, Robert H. Grunmeier, Robert Wynn, George Egly, Thomas Buzby, and Gloria Neiman in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written; motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Mary Lockard, and carried unanimously by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Robert Wynn; motion was made by Mary Lockard to approve the report as read, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and carried unanimously by the Board. Current billing in the amount of \$15,484.53 in addition to a Street Light Tax Account bill of \$308.15 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mary Lockard to pay bills when due, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board.

Jack Fox, President of the Historical Society of Hilltown Township, requested the Board's permission to loan a Township dump truck to aid the Society in their recycling project. Mr. Fox stated that the truck would be loaned on a rotational basis for a 10 mile trip. Collection is made the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Jamesway Shopping Center in Souderton. Tom Buzby, Road Superintendent, advised the Board that a truck and driver would be available, weather permitting. Mary Lockard made a motion to permit the Historical Society use of a Township dump truck with a qualified driver to aid their recycling program; motion was seconded by Robert Grunmeier and carried unanimously by the Board. Because this recycling effort benefits all of Hilltown Township, the Supervisors have agreed that there will be no charge for the use of this truck.

Albert Redles, spokesman for the Woodlawn Meadows' Homeowners, read aloud a second letter to the Board stating that since the residents did not petition for the street lights, the cost of same should come out of the General Fund. Donald Smith, a resident of Woodlawn Meadows (Mr. Smith is also an attorney), read aloud from the Second Class Township Code, Section 702 "Supervisors to Exercise Powers", Page 7:2 and Page 7:3, regarding petitioning for provision of street lights. Mr. Wynn read Attorney Jeffrey Drake's comments in a letter to the Township, stating ". . . Mr. Yassi's application for the subdivision, and subsequent acceptance of Hilltown Township's conditions, satisfies the requirement for a petition." The Supervisors advised the Homeowners that if they do not want street lights and do not want to pay taxes, they should petition to remove the lights. Mr. Redles requested a copy of Attorney Drake's letter and was advised by Mr. Wynn that he could not do so without Mr. Drake's permission. At this time, the Board agreed not to modify Resolution #84-4 establishing the tax rate for the Woodlawn Drive street lights.

Ms. Alma Mae Campbell, a resident of Keystone Drive, was present to refute charges made at the previous meeting by Dr. & Mrs. Shearburn regarding dead livestock on the road and other debris existing on her property. Ms. Campbell explained that two of her ewe had been shot by an unknown person and left in her field (approximately 1/2 block from road) to deteriorate. Regarding the collapse of a portion of the barn roof, Ms. Campbell was in Wyoming when this occurred; she stated that the barn is not in a position to fall into the road and she will repair the barn when she is able to hire someone who will work on it (will not hire a large contractor). Mr. Pischl asked for a time period; Ms. Campbell replied that she would not give a definite time, but would probably have it repaired in the summer or fall of this year.

The Board adopted Resolution #84-8, Grabowski Subdivision Roadway Dedication of a portion of Diamond Street and a portion of Fairhill Road to the Township. Resolution #84-9, Berdell Subdivision Roadway Dedication for the roadway widening of Walnut Street was also adopted by the Board. Legal documentation for same were executed by the Board.

Mr. Wynn presented the Township Coordinator's Report: Under "Old Business": (1) Quarry Well Testing/Abatement Plan - Mr. Wynn sent a follow-up letter to Vernon Horn requesting a time schedule for the next well testing. Plans for the public sewer extension to the old landfill are now before DER and must be approved before any construction can begin. (2) Town Watch -- Sign Program - The Board agreed to install 6 new Town Watch signs: 5 at the Silverdale Borough line and 1 at Route 152 and Hilltown Pike in the village of Hilltown. There is one more remaining sign to be installed which was on the original list - at Fairhill Road/Spur Road Intersection. (3) Fire Company Reports Update - Mr. Wynn reported that we have still not received a 1983 report from Chalfont Fire Company (they have received two notices). (4) Select Copy - Motion was made by Mary Lockard to rescind Maintenance Agreement action taken by the Board at the previous meeting and replace with a Service Agreement at a cost of \$265 per 12,000 copies (this agreement will cover materials, supplies, parts and labor, in addition to emergency calls); motion was seconded by Robert Grunmeier and carried unanimously by the Board. (5) Police Department--Roof Repairs - Mr. Wynn submitted proposals from two contractors: Munn & Sons Roofing - \$2,600 (with a ten-year guarantee) and Kitson Bros., Inc. - \$2,845 (built-up roof, 5-year guarantee with maintenance every two years). Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to accept proposal submitted by Munn & Sons for \$2,600, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board.

Under "New Business": (1) The Board adopted Resolution #84-10, Allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$2,088.04. Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board. (2) Road Material Bidding - 1984 - bidding of asphalt, stone and pipe materials to be advertised for April 23, 1984 meeting. The April inspection of Township roads will be conducted by the Supervisors on Saturday, April 14, 1984 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent, read the Public Works Report. 35 signs have been installed in Dublin Borough; work has been halted due to lack of posts.

Chief Egly read the Police Department Report for the month of February which is on file at the Township Office. A motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to accept the Police Chief's Report as read, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board. At this time the Chief recommended the following persons for appointment through testing to the Police Department: John H. Thomas, Jr. (age 34); David C. MaHaffey (age 27); and Matthew F. Dreyer (age 25). Schooling for Mr. MaHaffey and Mr. Dreyer will begin on March 27, 1984. A motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to hire the three men presented by the Chief as police officers, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board. Chief Egly also recommended appointment of Ashby C. Watts as Acting Sergeant to be effective March 17, 1984 through July 7, 1984. Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to appoint Ashby C. Watts as Acting Sergeant until July 7, 1984, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board.

John Snyder, President of Line Lexington Fire Company, reported that the fire company responded to two calls within Hilltown Township in the months of January and February. This report is on file at the Township office.

Correspondence: Robert Wynn presented a request to the Board from Chief Egly to enroll Officer Bryan Brady in a 4-day seminar on crime prevention to be held in Hershey, PA at a total cost of \$244 (\$25 Registration Fee, \$73 per night expenses - for 3 nights) from Thursday, April 26th to Sunday, April 29th. Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to enroll Officer Brady for this seminar with the provision that he report back to the Supervisors with his impressions of same, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board. The Supervisors approved a request to send the Township Secretary to a seminar conducted by the Dept. of Community Affairs on Tuesday, April 17, 1984 in King of Prussia; motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board. The Board also approved a request to send the Roadmaster and his foreman to a seminar on drainage and street maintenance also conducted by the Dept. of Community Affairs on Wednesday, April 4, 1984. Motion was made by Mary Lockard, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and carried unanimously by the Board. Mr. Wynn read the Perkasio Fire Company monthly report stating that their company had no calls in Hilltown Township during the month of February. Correspondence from the Historical Society of Hilltown was read by Mr. Wynn - the Society will meet Thursday, March 15, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Wynn read a letter from Willard Markely of 310 S. Perkasio Road, Lot #9 Telegraph Hill Estates. Mr. Markely has requested that the Township re-examine the slope and depth of the retention basins on his property as they are difficult to maintain. The Supervisors agreed to inspect the basins when they conduct their road inspection on April 14th.

Mrs. Lockard requested that Mr. Wynn report back on the Bucks County Consortium to the Supervisors at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Grunmeier stated that he attended seminars on February 28 and March 26, 1984 in New Hope on solid waste management. These seminars were held by the Department of Community Affairs and Mr. Grunmeier was impressed with their presentations.


There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Robert Grunmeier and seconded by Mary Lockard. Adjournment at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Neiman
Secretary

Correction made to these minutes;
see minutes of 3/26/84.



Gloria Neiman
Secretary