

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 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, Jeffrey Drake, George Egly and Gloria Neiman in attendance.

The Township Solicitor, Jeffrey Drake, indicated a correction be made to the previous meeting's minutes of 2/13/84 -- on the second page, first paragraph, eleventh sentence should read, "\$150,000 at an interest rate of 75% of prime for . . .". There being no other corrections, motion was made by Mary Lockard to approve the minutes, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Robert Wynn; motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Mary Lockard, and carried unanimously by the Board. Current billing in the amount of \$14,333.08 with a Street Light Tax Account P P & L bill of \$307.71 was approved by the Board; motion was made by Mary Lockard, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously.

John Snyder, President of Line Lexington Fire Company, brought before the Board a request from the Fire Company for the Township to secure a loan in the amount of \$35,000 over a 7-year period of time to aid in the construction of a substation on Route 152. At this time, Mr. Pischl read aloud a letter addressed to Line Lexington Fire Company, dated August 16, 1983, from Robert H. Grunmeier indicating his resignation from the company. Since Mr. Grunmeier is no longer a member of the fire company, no conflict of interest exists in discussions pertaining to this loan. Jeffrey Drake advised the Supervisors that under the Small Loan Borrowing Act, the Township could loan up to \$50,000 for a 5-year period, and due to banking requirements this must be done by resolution. Mr. Snyder assured the Board of the Fire Company's collateral (both monetary and property). A motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to secure financing up to \$35,000 to Line Lexington Fire Company to aid with purchase of a substation situated on Route 152 to provide fire protection for Hilltown Township for a period not exceeding 5 years; the rate to be determined at a future date by the lender. Motion was seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board.

Albert Redles, spokesman for the Woodlawn Meadows' Homeowners, read aloud a letter to the Board indicating their displeasure with the street light tax billing. The Homeowners entered a petition to the Board to take necessary steps to redistrict -- making them part of a single district. There were 19 signatures on the petition (some of which were husband and wife). Jeffrey Drake explained that a village (Blooming Glen) is not a government and that everyone in the entire Township would have to be taxed, thus creating legal problems. Mr. Drake read aloud from the Second Class Township Code, Section 702 - "Supervisors to Exercise Powers", Page 7:3, indicating that the Township Supervisors must tax "by an equal assessment on all property in proportion to the number of feet the same fronts on the street or highway or portion thereof to be lighted". The Supervisors were advised by Mr. Drake that, based on information presented, they could not make a policy decision due to legalities; and requested that Donald Smith, an attorney and one of the homeowners present, look into the matter and report back to Mr. Drake. At this time Mr. Redles requested that the Township Secretary advise P P & L of a burned out street light in the Woodlawn Meadows area.

The Julian Grabowski Estate Subdivision received final plan approval of the Board. Motion was made by Mary Lockard to approve the plan subject to the recommendations of the Planning Commission, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board. Linens were signed for both the Helen Berdell and Elton Lindsey Subdivisions. Robert Wynn read a letter requesting a 90-day extension on the preliminary plan of Samuel Pierce (Hilldale Subdivision). Robert Grunmeier made a motion to grant the 90-day extension for the Hilldale Subdivision, seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Wynn presented the Township Coordinator's Report: Under "Old Business": (1) Quarry Well Testing/Abatement Plan - Mr. Wynn read a letter from BCHD to Mr. Horn advising him of a 2/29/84 deadline in which to respond to their letter with a time frame for pumping as required by the abatement plan. Mr. Wynn also sent a letter to Mr. Horn to that effect. (2) The Police Department renovations are basically complete; Robert Grunmeier thanked Mr. Moyer for the fine work accomplished in this effort. (3) A & T Chevrolet (formerly Liverman Chevrolet) received the award for the Police Car Bid - delivery is expected in 3 or 4 months. (4) Mr. Don Owens, head of Town Watch, presented a map to the Board indicating placement of 18 additional Town Watch signs. The Board tabled discussion of same until the next meeting. Mr. Owens read a letter from himself to the Board commending the Supervisors for their assistance in the Town Watch program. (5) Mr. Wynn read a report received from Sellersville Fire Company which is on file at the Township office; still awaiting report from Chalfont Fire Company. At this time, Robert Grunmeier requested a monthly report from the Line Lexington Fire Company (in addition to the yearly report currently submitted). John Snyder, President of the Fire Company, was present and indicated that this would be done. Further, Mr. Snyder offered to compile all 8 reports into 1 report for the Hilltown Township area only.

Under "New Business": (1) Jerry's Auto Body - Mr. Wynn conducted an inspection of the property and has verified that Mr. Fish has necessary equipment and area for a towing operation. Mr. Fish will take over area previously assigned to Joseph Pae. Robert Grunmeier abstained from voting on this issue due to his involvement with Barney's Auto Parts. Mary Lockard made a motion to approve Jerry's Auto Body as a tower for Pae's former district in the Township, Vincent Pischl seconded. (2) Mr. Wynn presented a letter and resolution from Falls Township regarding Limitation of Foreign Steel Imports. Robert Grunmeier made a motion to adopt Resolution 84-7 to be rewritten subject to the Coordinator's changes. (3) Select Copy - Maintenance Agreement: A motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to enter into a service agreement with Select Copy for the sorter and copier at a cost of \$620 for one year period; seconded by Mary Lockard and carried unanimously by the Board. (4) Police Department Repairs - awaiting second estimate; tabled until next meeting. (5) Conestoga Way - 4-Way stop signs removed per Ordinance adopted last Fall under guidelines of PennDOT. (6) Campbell Property - Dr. Shearburn, who resides on Keystone Drive, was present to voice his displeasure with the situation on the Campbell property. He stated that the property is deteriorating with several trucks, barrels (opened and unopened) and other debris existing on the premises. There also exists a safety hazard due to dead rats. Richard Ray, a resident, also stated that children must walk past this property to board a school bus. Detective Kerry Trauger took pictures last week of the barn existing on the property - the barn roof had collapsed a few weeks ago and this is another safety hazard. Mr. Pischl advised Dr. Shearburn that the Supervisors will conduct their annual road inspection within the next few weeks and will investigate the property at that time.

The Supervisors approved a request from Chief George Egly to pay \$100 fee for those involved in police testing. Motion was made by Mary Lockard, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and carried unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Wynn advised the Board that work has begun on Pinewood Lane and that it is no longer a through street.

Jim Thomas, a resident of Hilltown Pike, was present to advise the Board of his discussions with Rep. Benjamin Wilson and other residents regarding the road conditions of Hilltown Pike. Robert Grunmeier advised Mr. Thomas of a meeting that has been arranged with Steve Lester, a representative of PennDOT, St. Davids, on April 5, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. at the Township Building. Mr. Grunmeier suggested that Mr. Thomas have the residents of Hilltown Pike and Swartley Road meet to discuss what they will present to Mr. Lester (Mr. Grunmeier and Chief Egly offered their assistance at this meeting).

Vincent Pischl read aloud a letter dated February 21, 1984 addressed to the Board of Supervisors from Sgt. Edward Smith. In this letter, Sgt. Smith stated he would retire from the police force as of July 7, 1984. Chief Egly reported that he will hire two men to begin on March 19, 1984; however, due to Sgt. Smith's retirement, an additional officer will be required. A motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to hire 3 police officers (patrolmen) instead of two originally anticipated; the third to replace Sgt. Smith as an additional patrolman; Vincent Pischl seconded and motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

Chief Egly also updated the Board on the police testing procedures -- oral examinations took place Saturday, 02/25/84; polygraph testing will take place on Wednesday, 02/29/84; psychological tests will be conducted last day of this week (03/02/84) and two days the following week.

Mr. Grunmeier reported that he and Don Owens attended a Solid Waste Seminar on February 20, 1984.

Mary Lockard asked if New Britain Township had been contacted regarding the 4-Way stop sign in Chalfont. Mr. Wynn reported that they were contacted and New Britain prefers to retain it as a 4-Way stop and will forward their ordinance providing for same.

Robert Grunmeier questioned date of installation of signs in Dublin Borough. Mr. Wynn stated that they will be installed on Thursday, March 1, 1984, weather permitting.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Robert Grunmeier; seconded by Mary Lockard. Adjournment at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Neiman
Secretary