

- HILLETOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 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, and Thomas Buzby in attendance.

Vincent Pischl asked that everyone observe a moment of silence in memory of Paul Frankenfield, former Roadmaster, who passed away on January 28, 1984.

Mr. Pischl indicated that a correction be made to the previous meeting's minutes of 1/23/84 -- the fifth paragraph, last sentence should read as follows: "He recommended that more signs be placed in the center of the Township; i.e., leaving Silverdale Borough into the Township." 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 Mary Lockard to approve the report, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board. The current bills in the amount of \$14,165.80 were approved; motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Mary Lockard, and carried unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Albert H. Redles, Jr., a resident, thanked Mr. Buzby and the road crew for their excellent performance in clearing ice and snow from the roads this winter. Mr. Redles, representing the Woodlawn Meadows' homeowners, read a letter to the Board regarding the street light tax. In that letter the homeowners stated they feel the tax is unfair and discriminatory and they are withholding payment of their street light tax bills. Mr. Wynn explained that there is a separate street light tax account which is assessed by front footage, not millage, and only residents living in front of a street light pay tax on that light. Street lights were approved as part of the final plan of Woodlawn Meadows; they have always been charged at a higher rate than the other districts due to the underground supply mount poles which were approved and supplied as part of the final plan of Woodlawn Meadows (cost is \$15.80 per pole as opposed to \$8.70 per wood pole). Mr. Redles stated that everyone should pay the same rate; Mary Lockard advised him that we must abide by the Municipal Planning Code -- the district that has the benefit must pay for it; all residents within the same district pay the same amount. At this point, Mr. Redles asked if the majority of homeowners of frontage lots could petition the Supervisors to remove lights. The Supervisors informed him that they could do this, it would be a policy decision, and P P & L would have to calculate the cost of removal. Mr. Wynn will contact Solicitor, Jeffrey Drake, and request that he write Mr. Redles a letter explaining procedure the homeowners must follow to petition for removal of the poles.

The Township Coordinator's Report was read by Mr. Wynn. Under "old business": (1) The Vernon Horn Quarry well test results have been received from the Bucks County Department of Health. The results indicate that all wells tested outside the parameters, with elevations in ph, BOD, ammonia, manganese, and chlorides. Mr. Wynn will write a letter to Mr. Horn to clarify the time frame in which he will extend the public sewer to the old landfill to begin the continuous pumping of the old well as required by the abatement plan. (2) Dublin Borough accepted our proposal for installation of approximately 41 traffic signs within the Borough. Dublin Borough Police Chief Supplee will direct our crew. This work is to be scheduled as soon as possible. (3) Hilltown Pike - no further communication from Rep. Benjamin Wilson. (4) Haberle property - no progress. (5) Police Department Renovations - the renovations have been 90% completed and should be finished within the week. (6) Closing of savings accounts - the Supervisors were given "Close Out" forms to be signed; this will close out savings accounts in the General, Police Pension and Federal Revenue funds.

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Under "new business": (1) Mr. Wynn read a letter from PennDOT regarding the highway turnback program. PennDOT recommends that the roads be reviewed and inspected by a Township official and all Supervisors. The Supervisors agreed to make inspection of these roads in April when they conduct their annual road inspection. Mr. Wynn and Tom Buzby, Road Superintendent, will make an inspection of all roads slated for turnback before that time. (2) 1983 Report of Souderton Fire Company was read; a copy of same is on file at the Township. (3) The Board accepted the proposal of Bucks County Bank & Trust for a Tax Anticipation Note of \$150,000 at an interest rate of 75% over prime for the year beginning 2/13/84, ending 12/31/84. Resolution #84-6 was adopted by the Board; motion was made by Mary Lockard, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board. (4) Keystone Drive - 4-Way stop signs were erected at Keystone Drive and Schoolhouse Road. These signs will remain for six (6) weeks; after that time signs on Schoolhouse Road will be taken down and only Keystone Drive stop sign will remain.

At 8:00 P.M. the regular agenda was interrupted to open the police car bids. At this time, Vincent Pischl asked if there were any additional bids. There being none, Mr. Wynn read aloud the three bids received: Heimbach & Sweatt, Pennsburg, PA - \$11,895; Bergey's GMC Inc., Lansdale - \$11,878; Liverman Chevrolet, Sellersville - \$11,715. A motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to accept the lowest bidder meeting the specification requirements after administrative review by Chief George Egly. Mary Lockard seconded, and motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Wynn read the Zoning Report, indicating that only one building permit was issued in the month of January. Total zoning receipts amounted to \$977.

Chief George Egly read the Police Report which is on file at the Township Office. Chief Egly reported that there were 27 false burglar alarm responses, many of them repetitive. Letters will be sent to those having more than 3 false alarms in one year.

Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent, read the Public Works Report, and reported that all trucks have been converted to a one-man cinder operation. Mr. Redles advised Mr. Buzby of a crack 1/4 to 3/8" wide at Woodlawn Meadows' cul-de-sac.

Mr. John Snyder of the Line Lexington Fire Company, read a letter from the Grass Roots PTO, thanking the Police Department for their efforts in fingerprinting the children of the school (the Police officers had donated their personal time to this effort).

Jerry Fish of Jerry's Auto Body requested that the Board consider his application to become a tower in the Township. Mr. Wynn will conduct an inspection of the property and report to the Supervisors regarding Mr. Fish's compliance with towing ordinance requirements.

A letter was presented to the Board from Officer William Leyden, stating that Ashby C. Watts was named authorized representative for the Hilltown Township Police Bargaining Unit.

Pennridge Community Day will be held on July 1, 1984 -- the Supervisors approved a contribution to this purpose of \$200; motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Vincent Pischl and carried unanimously by the Board.

A letter was received from Bucks County Opportunity Council explaining the surplus commodity distribution for this area.

Supervisor, Mary Lockard, questioned the situation on the C. D. Moyer Plant. Mr. Wynn stated that C. D. Moyer will pay the full sewer connection fee; they will not have a retail sales store.

Supervisor, Robert Grunmeier, thanked the Line Lexington Fire Company for their assistance to the Police Department. At this time, Mr. Grunmeier expressed his appreciation for the many services provided by Mr. Paul Frankenfield in his 25 years with the Township (25 years as Roadmaster and 18 years as Supervisor). The Supervisors acknowledged Mr. Frankenfield's contribution to the community throughout the years (1953 - 1978).

Thomas Buzby requested that he and the road crew be permitted to attend the Franconia Township meeting of municipal road departments on March 6, 1984 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There were no objections to this. The Supervisors also approved attendance by Mr. Buzby and the road foreman at a presentation on blacktop recycling, conducted by Loder & Sharp in East Rockhill on February 16, 1984.


Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier and seconded by Mary Lockard.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Neiman  
Secretary

Correction made to these minutes:  
see minutes of 2/27/84.



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Secretary