

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

February 23, 1981

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vincent Pischl. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Mary Lockard. The bills as presented were approved for **payment** in the amount of \$30,072.36 by Mary Lockard and seconded by Vincent Pischl. Mr. Wentz was not able to be at the meeting since he was out of town on business. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Wynn reported on the status of the possibility of extending sewer lines to the Line Lexington residents. After figuring the possible cost to be between eighty and ninety thousand dollars to service approximately 12 homes, it was felt that the cost was too high even if it were possible to get 50% funding from the Bureau of Appalachian Development. New Britian Township was contacted by Mr. Wynn and they were not interested in participating at this time. Mr. Wilson reported that based on the study done previously there's 43% malfunctioning in this area. This area had been turned over to Hatfield Sewer Authority for sewerage previously but there has been no activity in that area recently. Mrs. Gutekunst will advise Mr. Handsch, a resident of the Line Lexington area of this recent development.

Question raised on the leaky roof at the maintenance building. Mrs. Gutekunst advised that Mr. Munn of Northwood Roofing Co had been instructed to go ahead and fix same based on his estimate cost of \$425.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Detweiler, Mr. and Mrs. Derstine, and Mr. Battman were at the meeting about the extension of the sewer lines to include their homes alongwith two other places. Back in 1977, when the original lines were installed the Derstines and the Detweilers had indicated by letter they would like to have public sewers. When they read in the papers that the line was being considered to be installed now if 50% funding could be obtained from the Bureau of Appalachian Development, they have changed their minds and now do not want the public sewer. They all felt they should have been contacted before any action was taken. They were all advised to attend the sewer authority meeting on March 11th and express their concerns.

Question was raised on **whether** prices had been received from all electrical inspection agencies. We still have to get a quote from Middle-Atlantic. They had been contacted by phone to get these prices in, Bob Wynn said he would call them again and try to resolve this problem.

Mr. David Baker, Rickert Road, had a question on whether or not the township could be liable in case there was a fire or disaster connected with a wood-burning stove due to negligent inspection since we now require a permit for installing stove and Mr. Hoot has to go out and do the inspections. Mr. Wilson felt there would be a remote possibility.

Dave River reported briefly on the fire commission meeting stating that there main accomplishment so far being the finalization of the area maps. The representatives of the eight companies will take these back to their individual companies for final approval. Mr. Snyder Chairman of the Fire Commission Board asked Mr. Wilson about having their meetings open to the public and whether they were affected by the Sunshine Law. He will have the answer for them at the next meeting or by letter to Mr. Snyder.

Don Owens of Rickert Road was at the meeting to report two road signs that are loose and ready to fall down. He talked to Mr. Buzby about same.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the report of the Sellersville Fire Co for the year, 1980. They answered 139 calls, 12 of which were in Hilltown Township. In Hilltown, property at risk was \$115,000.00 and actual loss was only \$10,000.00

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that she has been unable to get

Mr. MacMullen to sign a paper for the bank holding the escrow so that they can reimburse the township for the \$1,134.85 outstanding engineering bills. Mr. Wilson said there will be a meeting soon with Telford Boro, Mr. MacMullen and the supervisors and I shall give him a copy of this bill so that it can be discussed with Mr. MacMullen.

Question raised on the position of the Hendricks v. Hilltown Township case. Mr. River, who is on the Hilltown Township Zoning Hearing Board, reported that they haven't received any remand order. Mr. Wilson will contact Judge Ludwig's clerk for the necessary documents.

Question raised on the standing of the road in the Highpoint Farms development. Mr. Wilson stated that no more lots can be sold until the road is completed. Has owner been notified of this fact?

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst