

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

August 28, 1978

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanninger. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with the following comments: 1. Checked on affirmation of the rescheduled meeting with Telford Boro with Jim Leister on August 31, 1978. 2. Checked on ordinance being written to control truck traffic on township roads with Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson will follow up on same.

Mr. Bill Sidler, Engineer, Mr. Barry McAndrews, Attorney Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Developers, presented the final plans for Hillcrest Village now renamed "The Meadows" to the supervisors for approval. Mr. Leister, our engineer had not had the opportunity to review the revised change to the bridge plan but assurance was given all had been done according to his instructions. The other big question was the retention basin and who should assume the liability for same. There were arguments for and against fencing but it was felt that escrow for fencing should be included in the overall escrow. Also, it was felt that the liability for the basin should lie with the Homeowner's Association. After much lengthy discussion, the plans were signed by the supervisors- they of course will be held here in the township office until all phases of escrow have been satisfied and Mr Leister has favorably reported on the revised bridge plan.

Dr. Richard Koitzch of Meadowcreek Lane, whose property is adjacent to the proposed development, complained that the flow of water from the retention basin will cause damage to his property. Koitzch referred to recent changes in the streambed due to construction of sanitary sewers in the area. Mr. Wilson advised him that the township has been very strict with the developer in the calculations for the basin and if the township would turn him down, the developer could sue the township. Mr. Wilson told Dr. Koitzch that he has the option of appealing the case to the Court of Common Pleas.

The supervisors acknowledge receipt of a 196 signature petition urging them to put the question of hiring a township manager on the ballot. Mr. Spanninger said the public will be notified at least two weeks before the supervisors will make a decision one way or the other on hiring a manager. That won't be until probably October or November.

Mr. Leister reported on a number of open problems- Steve Stein of Community Development has given the O.K. to extend the Sanitary Sewer Line on State St. in Blooming Glen the additional footage with payment being allowed from the 1979 Hud allotment. A preconstruction meeting for the Blooming Glen State Street Storm Drainage Project has been scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 1978 2:00 P.M. at the offices of Richard S. Cowan & Associates with Robert Chope, Project Administrator from the County of Bucks, the contractors, and the township engineers. The supervisors unanimously passed a motion made by Vince Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanninger to extend the sanitary sewer line about 400 feet.

Mr. Leister also reported that a release had been sent to Rev. Roy Allebach of the Pennridge Full Gospel Tabernacle Church regarding the Blooming Glen Storm Drainage Project for signing. Drawings were sent along with the release showing the involvement as it affects the existing 42 inch concrete pipe owned by the church.

The widening and curbing has been completed on the last of the lots owned by Walter Gross so Mr. Leister asked for permission to release the last of the escrow funds. O.K. given.

On August 28th, Jim Leister sent a copy of the Edward Churchill revised plan, dated July 14, 1978 regarding the extension of drainage pipe along Broad St. and within the Rickert frontage to a point below the driveway entrance to the Rickert home as well as the drawing prepared by Cowan's office indicating additional information which Jim felt was necessary to the following people:

James Walker, Esq. , Edwin C. Angstadt, Charles S. Wilson, Esq., Ronald Robinson, Esq., Edwin Churchill, and the Township Supervisors.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pischl will meet with owners of Mayflower-Clemmer on Thursday morning, 9 A.M. to discuss the drainage etc, along Schoolhouse Road. It was suggested that perhaps J.& B. should also be contacted again. The supervisors would like to see this entire drainage problem cleared up in September of 1978.

Mr. Leister has also written letters to individual lot owners in the Village- Mr. and Mrs. VanTrott, owners of Lot #14 and Mr. and Mrs. Knock, owners of Lot # 25 about retaining the existing retention basins on their respective lots.

Paul Hoot and Jim Leister are to report back to the supervisors on minimum fire wall requirements for multi-family and also stops between floors, etc. Also whether smoke detectors should be required in new constructions.

John Snyder of the Line Lexington Fire Co. reported that they received notice of approval of a state loan at a rate of 2% and New Britian in borrowing \$25,000.00 for them which they will have to repay over a period of time.

Mr. Wilson has written a letter to George Spotts concerning parking spaces required as set forth in the Hilltown Township Ordinance Section E6, Page 6- they seem excessive. Mr. Spotts is to check same and report back to Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the July Police report which was accepted by the Township supervisors.

Mrs. Gutekunst also mentioned to the supervisors that some thought should be given to submitting a new project to Hud by November, 1978 as we should have approximately \$50,000 left after the storm drainage system is paid for in Blooming Glen.

A sewage survey has been conducted by the Bucks County Department of Health for the Mill Creek Basin Area. A copy of this report was given to each supervisor. This area is basically covered for sewerage by Telford Borough.

The Statement of Assurance which has to be filed with the Federal Government in order to receive our Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the tenth entitlement period, October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979 was signed by Feryl Spaninger. The amount to be received is \$54,393.00.

Mr. Wilson wrote a letter to the supervisors regarding a request from Sanford Alderfer on behalf of Paul Keating owner of two parcels of ground located behind the R. & S. Diner property and off the 309 bypass by Cycle Villa requesting permission from the Hilltown Township supervisors to have the Hatfield Sewer Authority run sewer lines into these two parcels. Mrs. Gutekunst is to check whether such permission was granted to Mr. Opdike and if so, write a letter to Hatfield Sewer Authority.

Mr. Wentz and Mr. Pischl will be having a meeting Friday, September 1, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. with the representative for the police to negotiate the police contract for 1979.

Respectfully submitted,

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