

Hilltown Township Supervisors

Special Meeting

8-7-78

The special meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Feryl Spaninger. Seated at the head table were the three supervisors, the township secretary, and Allan Offensend, consultant in Municipal Government from Broomall, Pa.

The meeting was attended by approximately 50 interested residents of Hilltown Township. Mr. Spaninger explained the reason for the meeting being held, desiring input and questions from the people of the township on the idea of having a township manager.

In a show of hands called for by Robert Smith of Callowhill Road, the majority by a 4 to 1 count were opposed to having a manager.

The following people from the township had questions or expressed their feelings verbally: George Urichzck of 316 Fairhill Road, Jack Fox of Box 134, Hilltown, Kay Cameron of Hilltown Pike, Dave Durant of P.O. Box 42 Hilltown, Robert Smith of 111H Callowhill Rd., John Gubleman of Twinbrook Rd., George Eckhart of 924 Fairhill Rd., Robert Grumeir of Line Lexington, Ed Browning of Route 152, Sam Kulp of Clearview Drive, Arthur Heidrich of Twinbrook Rd., John Peterson of 2209 Diamond St. Janet Aichle of Green St., Dr. Koitsch of Meadowbrook Lane, David Rivers of 215 Schoolhouse Rd., Scott Tag of Fairhill Rd., Gerry Gulick of Blooming Glen, Jim Binsberger of Twinbrook Rd., John Murphy of Broad St..

Most of the concern expressed by the citizens was the fear of increased taxes and the suggestion was made that a referendum be put on the ballot to let the citizens vote on the issue. Many felt at some time the township may need a manager, but the timing is all wrong for now.

Mr. Spaninger thanked all for coming and expressing their views and he said he will call for a vote on the issue within one or two months after the supervisors have had a chance to discuss the matter further. However, the public will be given ample notice of the scheduled vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Fox of the Hilltown Township Historical Society, Mr. John Murphy of the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board, Mr. James Binsberger of the Planning Commission among others expressed their views in favor of having a manager for the township because of the increase in activity in development due to sewers being installed, etc. Mr. Binsberger said it seemed to him that maybe what was needed was more of a coordinator type of person.