

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

August 8, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanninger. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz. The bills as presented were approved for payment with the addition of the bill of Joseph Flaherty in the amount of \$2,262.50 and a tax refund to the Souderton Shopping Center in the amount of \$411.60. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Resolution 77-10 providing exemption to senior citizens of the per capita tax of Hilltown Township was signed by the supervisors. Mr. Wilson reported that on this matter, anyone who does not earn \$3200.00 per year could claim exemption, not only people over 65 years of age, since this would be discriminatory. However, Pennridge School District has their resolution written in the same manner as we do, exempting people over 65 years of age.

The new zoning books have not been received as of this date. No report received from Mr. Leister on a revised plan for drainage in front of J. & B. property.

Comments made on the comparison the expenditures and receipts of the first sixth months of the year, 1977 in comparison with the first sixth months of the year, 1976. Mr. Spanninger expressed the opinion that we are in a fairly good financial position at this point.

Question raised as to the status of the cease and desist served on Mr. John Brooker. Mr. Heidrich had checked on Friday, August 12th and reported seeing five dogs on the property. Mr. Wilson will write up a citation as the time allowed has elapsed.

Mr. and Mrs. Linford Rickert along with their attorney, James C. Walker, and Mr. Shannon of Urwiler and Walters, an engineer, were at the meeting asking the supervisors what could be done about the way the drainage problems are being handled by the "Village" development which is adjacent to the Rickert's property. After quite a lengthy discussion, the supervisors advised that we would get in touch with our engineer, Mr. Leister, and try to have this problem resolved to everyone's satisfaction. The supervisors also felt there could be more cooperation between the developer and Mr. and Mrs. Rickert.

A letter was read by Feryl Spanninger from the Pennridge School District advising that they will still be using H. A. Berkheimer as collector for the local earned income tax for the year 1977-78. A decision on whether to continue with them or collect the tax locally will be made no later than June 30, 1978.

An ordinance draft regarding insulation standards for all new construction in Hilltown Township was submitted by Jim Leister of Cowan & Associates. Mr. Wilson felt that the supervisors would not have the power or authority to adopt such regulations.

Mr. Heidrich's report for July, 1977 was read, fees collected, \$3,559.00. Miles driven- 484 miles, gasoline used- 39.4 gallons- expenses- \$3.78.

Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to send the letter about the manpower programs being offered under the Economic Stimulus Program to Mr. Kee for study that perhaps we would qualify for some assistance under this program in the storm sewer project.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Wm. G. Major Assoc. re: Construction of Flood Control Reservoirs PA-625 asking for the supervisors' opinion on the closing of Church Church from Route 309 to Township Road T332. The supervisors voted to have Mrs. Gutekunst reply that we are against closing this road.

A letter from Mrs. Wm. Monahan of 205 Mill Road complaining of various spots of poor visibility along roads in the township was read. Since the roads were state roads, Mrs. Gutekunst is to photocopy the letter and remit to Mr. John Murphy of

PennDot.

Notice received from Philadelphia Electric Company of their application to the PUC for a rate increase was read.

On subdivision submissions which would include possible connections to the sewer lines, it was suggested that Mrs. Gutekunst send a letter to the Hilltown Township Sewer Authority so that they can keep informed on any new developments.

Mr. Wilson was advised to write to Heritage Farms, Inc. that until a formal submission is made to the township on the Brookfield Village project, no further work will be done by the township.

Mr. Spaninger reported that tests were made last week of the wells by DER along Twinbrook Road and Blooming Glen Road but to date no report received. Mr. Wilson is to continue to pursue the matter of what is being to clean up the quarry by DER.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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