

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

April 11, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanninger. The certification of Mr. Edward Wentz as supervisor to fill the vacancy on the board of supervisors left by the resignation of Dale Hartshorne was signed by Mr. Spanninger and Mr. Pischl, witnessed by Mrs. Gutekunst. Mr. Wentz was then sworn into the office of supervisor by Mr. George Hhorczik, Notary Public.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved ~~for payment~~ by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Edward Wentz. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz. Mrs. Gutekunst reported that to date \$36,379.80 had been paid out for construction bills etc on the police building. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Edward Wentz.

A letter from Mr. Wilson to Feryl Spanninger concerning the Blooming Glen Quarry Landfill was read noting that Mr. Dennis Coyne of DER would like the township to intervene in the proceedings in support of the Commonwealth's order against the quarry. Unanimously the supervisors agreed to lend their support to DER in their legal proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seibert of 2020 Keystone Drive were in to the meeting complaining about drainage over their property from their neighbor's property. Mrs. Gutekunst is to write a letter to the neighbor about this complaint. Mr. Heidrich will get the name of the neighbor for her.

Mr. Wilson had written a letter to the supervisors re: Kenneth Beer-Subdivision. Mr. Beer wants to build a home for his son on a portion of his land and since the parcels are in separate lots no subdivision procedures are necessary. The supervisors concurred in this opinion. Copy of the letter was given to Mr. Beer.

Mr. Paul Landis was in to the supervisors about not being able to get a permit from the Board of Health for building on his approved subdivision. Through no fault of Mr. Landis but because of the death of his mother, the settlement of the estate was held up for a lengthy period of time. The supervisors will try to straighten this matter out with the Board of Health.

Mr. Joel Benner was in with his final plans for the additional apartments he wishes to build at the Summit Ridge Site. Mr. Wilson will get in touch with Mr. Leister about escrow and any other necessary details.

Mr. Richard Groff, Manager of the Homeowners' Associations of Green Meadows and Centennial Ridge was at the meeting and presented a few problems they have been experiencing. At Centennial Ridge they have had drainage problems and his inquiry was whether there was any money left in escrow which could be used for these problems. Another inquiry was about erecting stop signs. On Green Meadows development of open space was discussed, stop signs, better lighting facilities, additional parking. Still very bad water problems especially at units 24, 10, 11, and 73. Parking on Reliance Road was discussed and the supervisors will check on this on their road inspection on Saturday, April 16th.

Representatives of Heritage Farms, Inc. were at the meeting and presented slides and lecture on the Planning Modules -Act 537- Brookfield Village.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that Dale Hartshorne had called and said a hearing would be held in Harrisburg May 9th and 10th by the P. P. & L. Co. about lines across the properties of Justis Moyer, Finkelstien, Harris, Weikel- Eminent Domain Claim. The P. P. & L. Co. needs to build a substation in our area.

Mr. Tom Kelso of the Bucks County Planning Commission would like to give a 15 minute presentation at our April 25th meeting on Sewage Facilities Planning in the County. O. K given!

Mrs. Gutekunst called Mr. Luca, Manager of Quakertown Borough, for information relative to tennis courts. If you own ground as a township, the possibility of getting a grant to build tennis courts from the Federal Government under the Community Development Program is available. In Quakertown the school deeded a piece of property to the borough and they then built their courts on this property. Persons to contact are either Mr. Stein at the County Office or Mr. Bruce Dorbian in Phila. 238-6280.

A letter was received from the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce asking for a contribution of \$135.00 towards the cost of the fireworks display on community day. Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to send them the same amount as last year.

A letter was received from Jack Koenig regarding our participation in the Summer Recreation Program. Mrs. Gutekunst will notify him that we will again take care of the salary of an instructor at the two elementary schools located in Hilltown Township.

Notice received from Mr. Donald Stubbs, Administrative Assistant for Business Affairs of the Pennridge School District, on collection of the earned income tax. In the near future, they hope to have a proposal to present to us.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that \$623.50 was collected in permit fees by Mr. Heidrich, Zoning Officer, for the month of March.

Mr. Harris was in to the meeting regarding the drainage problems he is having on his property on East Creamery Road. Mr. Leister had done a study on this problem for us and it was found that the cost would be entirely out of line for the township to handle. Mr. Harris was quite upset that he could not see a copy of the report prepared by Mr. Leister. However, it was felt to undertake all this work for Mr. Harris might set a precedent and we could find ourselves having to do this in many other cases.

Letter received from Frank Nicholas about unauthorized dumping on his property. He claims he is not doing this and would appreciate our cooperation in locating persons who are doing same.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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