

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

February 14, 1977

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Dale Hartshorne.

Mr. Heidrich had gotten information on the rate of commission paid to the tax collectors in the other districts in the Penridge System along with the data of rate of millage charged, etc. On the basis of this information and discussion, Resolution 77-4 was adopted by the supervisors and signed. This resolution establishes the following rates of commission: Real Estate Tax- 4%, Per Capita Tax, Fire Hydrant Tax, and Street Light Tax- 5%.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from the Penridge School District about the collection of the earned income tax and the occupational privilege tax. Their thought in the letter would be to collect these taxes themselves, thus saving the commission to H. A. Berkheimer and they would also like to collect the township's share of these taxes. A meeting will be held February 24, 1977 to discuss this matter with the municipalities. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to attend this meeting.

Ordinance 77-1 was signed by the supervisors. This ordinance amends the Hilltown Township Subdivision Ordinance of 1967 by amending the definition of a subdivision by including land development in section 216.

Mr. Gall and Mr. Fink were in attendance at the meeting in regards to the mini warehouses they wish to build on Mr. Gall's property at Reliance Road and Summit Street. A lengthy discussion was held about the questionable points in Mr. Leister's letter and they will now present their plan again to the planning commission. If plan would be approved, then they would have to go through a zoning hearing in order to apply for the exceptions they have included in the plan.

On March 8, 1977, there will be a meeting at the Bucks County Courthouse, Jury Lounge, at 7:30 P.M. to continue discussion on water quality in Bucks County. Mr. Pischl was asked to attend this meeting.

Notice received that the meeting of the Neshaminy Basin Sub-Region 11 scheduled for Feb. 17th has been rescheduled for March 3rd. Mr. Hartshorne will talk to Mrs. Gutekunst tomorrow February 15th about writing a letter.

A letter dated February 1, 1977 from the Bucks County Planning Commission about sewage facilities planning will be sent to Cowan and Associates and also a letter received from the United State Environmental Protection Agency.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the Zoning Officer's report for January, 1977 reporting \$563.50 collected in permits and fees.

A letter received from Mr. Wilson along with a copy of a letter from Edwin Angstadt, Esquire, re: Brookfield Village was read. This letter was merely to alert Hilltown Township that within a few weeks we will be presented with a sketch plan of a proposal for a conversion of a farm along Route 313 below Dublin in to a nursery for growing of nursery stock which would include the installation of a spray irrigation system of treated waste water.

Brief discussion held on the engineering costs for J.&B. Properties which Mr. Hartshorne reviewed. Dale will contact Jim Leister to make some changes in these bills.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter received from Mr. Wilson that settlement on the property, estate of Edith yoder, being bought by Hilltown Township will be on March 10th, 1977 at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Mr. Wilson's office.

Notice received from Congressman Peter Kostmayer that he is sponsoring an informal meeting for all township officials in the Eighth Congressional District to discuss grants under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 on February 15th, 7:30 P.M.

Letter received from Mr. Wilson to bring to the attention of the supervisors a letter written to George Spotts of the Bucks County Planning Commission regarding a change in the MF district as it pertains to the portion of ground being obtained by Joel Benner for enlarging his present apartment complex on E. Summit Street. Supervisors agreed that this should be changed to MF and told Mr. Wentz, a member of the Planning Commission, their desire.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from the Bucks County Office of Community Development informing us that our project for storm drainage was approved in the amount of \$77, 400.00. These funds should be available after July 1, 1977. Copy of this letter is to be sent to Mr. Kee of Richard S. Cowan and Associates.

A letter was read from Cynthia Andersen, Chairwoman of the Environmental Maintenance Committee of Centennial Ridge, Telford, thanking Mr. Frankenfield for removing the ice jam that had incurred on Reliance Road where the driveway comes out of Centennial Ridge onto Reliance Road. However, they feel this problem will keep on unless a new drain is installed along the road. Mr. Frankenfield replied that this would be quite an undertaking and he felt it would have to be contracted. Any decision tabled until next road inspection.

Notice received of a Municipal Services Seminar to be held on March 22nd at the Westover Inn and Country Club, for municipal managers, secretaries, and road supervisors in order to update new administrative procedures and construction methods. Mrs. Gutekunst and Mr. Frankenfield were asked to attend.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a report submitted by Mr. Heidrich on the property of Berthold Moeller, 427 Upper Stump Road. Mr. Moeller had called and complained of the damage caused by the blasting at the Quarry. Quite a bit of damage was discovered by Mr. Heidrich.

Mr. Dale Hartshorne submitted his resignation from the Board of Supervisors effective March 31, 1977. He and his wife have bought a home in Montgomery County and will be moving in March. Mr. Hartshorne's term would have expired at the end of 1977. Mr. Hartshorne had served five years on the Hilltown Township Planning Commission before becoming a supervisor. Many tributes were paid to Mr. Hartshorne for his excellent service to the township by Mr. Spaninger, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pischl and Mr. John Gubelman. Mr. Spaninger and Mr. Pischl announced that Mr. Ed Wentz, presently a member of the Hilltown Planning Commission has consented to run for supervisors on the Republican ticket and also they would like him to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Hartshorne.

Mr. Wilson announced that police negotiations are at the point of trying to appoint the third arbitrator.

Motion made by Dale Hartshorne and seconded by Vincent Pischl to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer