

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

October 11, 1976

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. On the problem of the polluted wells, Mr. Wilson presented copy of letter he wrote to Gov. Shapp, Rep. Weidner, Sen. Howard along with DER and all affected parties. No reply to date. Mr. Wilson was asked if he had pursued recent legislation on Certification of Zoning- he had not. Note made that the BiGen Sunday has been rescheduled for October 17th because of rain on Oct. 3rd.

A quarterly report of the status of the budget in relation to receipts and expenditures was presented by Mrs. Gutekunst. A working session of the budget for 1977 will be held on November 1st at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Wilson had prepared a resolution to have the Police Pension Fund turned over to Bucks County Bank but it was not signed as the supervisors felt a clause should be inserted about the type of investing to be done.

Dave River reported that Mr. Boyd had been burning at the junk yard Saturday a week ago- he reported it to the police but Chief Boose said it was not an intentional burning and Silverdale Fire Co had been called to put out the fire. Dave also reported he noticed a great number of stray dogs in his area. Chief Boose reported that they have been picking up quite a few dogs.

Question was raised whether or not we could charge a royalty fee on tonnage hauled out of the Quarry. Mr. Wilson said no this could not be done. Question was also raised on the assessment on the quarry- Mr. Heidrich had checked the amount of assessment and it seems very low. Mr. Wilson will check this out.

A lengthy discussion was held on what project to submit that would be approved for getting our money from the Community Development Fund. Mr. Gubelman had talked to Mr. Stein and one of the suggestions made by Mr. Gubelman was renovating possibly an old home that then could be used as a senior citizens' center. Mr. Hartshorne said it seemed right now the only project that might get approval would be the storm sewer system in the Blooming Glen area. Mr. Pischl is in charge of presenting this project to the committee.

Mrs. Gutekunst asked the supervisors to consider changing the penalty rate on the paying of taxes. Mention was made that the county has gone from 5% to 10%, Pennridge School District has gone from 5% to 8%. This was tabled for a later meeting.

Question raised by Mr. Heidrich if the fee of \$25.00 a year was adequate for furnishing water to the three neighboring properties. No action taken on this except to tell one of the neighbors to please not use this water to fill their pool.

Mr. Hartshorne signed the contracts for the electrical work for the police building addition.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported she had received the report from the county on the real estate assessment for 1977 and also the number of taxables for the per capita tax.

A letter was received from Mr. MacMullen of Green Meadows asking for a release of escrow funds. Mr. Hartshorne stated that we would not do anything more for them until they do the work on the culvert. Mrs. Gutekunst will so notify them.

Notice received that there will be no sewer authority meeting in October.

Notice received from the Tax Claim Bureau of Bucks County that effective October 1, 1976 their collection charge on all delinquent taxes will be increased from 3% to 5%.

Mrs. Gutekunst questioned Mr. Wilson on the escrow agree-

ments for J.B.Properties, Alderfer & Lapp, McDonalds, He reported they are prepared and ready for assigning.

Discussion held on the escrow agreements for Fairview Estates. The proposed buyer of this 25 home development had gotten an estimate of the cost of developing the property which was quite a bit lower than the escrow amount prepared by Jim Leister. Jim is willing to study same and refigure escrow but he wanted assurance on who would pay for this. The supervisors told Mr. Wilson to notify prospective buyer that this cost would have to be born by him.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that we had received a letter notifying us that Ms Jeanne Schlesinger has been appointed to the Neshaminy Basin Sub-Region 11 Commission replacing Mr. John Carson.

The Zoning Officer's report for September was read-\$530.50 collected in permit fees and Mr. Heidrich drove 375 miles in Sept. and used 32.5 gallons of gasoline.

A copy of a letter from Mr. Wilson to Mr. Charles Barclay was read. Mr. Wilson in reading the Hilltown Township Planning Commission's report of Sept. 13, 1976 noticed that mention was made of heliports. This letter was to advise them that total exclusion of heliports in residential areas is perfectly proper zoning.

Motion made by Feryl Spaninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

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