

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

August 23, 1976

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with the following comments: Question was raised on whether or not Chief Boose had reported back on posting of speed signs on Schwenk-mill Road. Chief Boose had reported he would talk to Mr. Frankenfield on this matter. Mr. Frankenfield reported on the complaint of accidents at the corner property of Frank Grass noting that he did not feel that the shoulders were too low. This property will be inspected when the September road inspection is done. Mr. Frankenfield reported he had placed signs and speed limit signs at the Dr. John Richards' property. Question raised whether Mr. Bachman had submitted any plans or paid an occupancy fee for starting a used car lot at the intersection of Routes 113 and 313. Mr. Heidrich reported no he had not even though Bud had contacted him to do so. On the well situation Mr. Wilson wrote a letter to Mr. Coyne asking for action on a solution to the problem. Mr. Heidrich reported he had received the signs to be posted on township owned recreation land purchases. Mr. Frankenfield will post them as soon as he gets the time.

The bids submitted for the 1977 Dump truck were then opened with the following bids;

Liberty Ford	\$14,283.74
Paul Histan	\$13,833.00
Bergey's GMC	\$14,868.00

The apparant low bidder was Paul Histan but Mr. Frankenfield is to review the specifications and report back to the supervisors who will officially award the bid at their next meeting, Sept. 13, 1976.

Bids were then opened for construction of an addition to the township building for a police headquarters. Mr. Walter Hackler, the architect from Richard S. Cowan's opened the bids and Mrs. Gutekunst read them. Since there were so many bids, copy of same is attached to these minutes. Mr. Hackler will review all bids and specs and bonds, etc and report back to the supervisors so that bids can be awarded at the next meeting, Sept. 13, 1976.

Mr. Jack Fox, President of the Hilltown Township Historical Society presented ideas on either the purchase of historical land or building through the use of Community Development Funds. The supervisors had received a letter from Mr. Stein of Community Development asking us to report any blighted areas etc in our township. Two properties mentioned by Mr. Fox were the one-room schoolhouse at Hilltown Pike & Swartley Road and the old Schwenk-mill property on Old Bethlehem Road. He was asked by the supervisors to please put his ideas and presentation in letter form and forward to the supervisors.

Mr. Carl Franklin of McDonald's Corporation and Jules Pearlstein, Attorney for Clemens Corp. presented the revised plan of McDonald's Corporation for a McDonald's along Route 113 in the shopping center. Mr. Spanninger voted to approve, Dale Hartshorne voted against approval and Vincent Pischl could not make a decision at this time. So the plan was not approved. Tabled for the next meeting.

Mr. Dan Hendricks and Mr. Bob Alderfer were in to the meeting to get input as to the improvements needed for their subdivision on Schoolhouse Road. After discussion, Mrs. Gutekunst was told to contact Jim Leister of Richard S. Cowan & Associates and advise that a 12 ft. widening would be required on the entire frontage of Lot #1. He shall figure out costs so that Mr. Wilson can draw up an escrow agreement for these improvements.

Mr. Spillman of Spillman Farmer Architects, representing Chase National Bank of New York, presented a plan whereby it may be possible for sale of this property.

There would be a possibility of Acme Markets moving into the large vacant store in the Hilltown Plaza (Jamesway) if a traffic light could be installed for entrance and exiting. He was advised to get in touch with Chief Boose to get his feelings on such a light and if he approved- he should get in touch with PennDot.

Mary Ellen Hunsberger and Russell Hunsberger presented a petition that something be done about the noise and nuisance created by the motorcycles on the Theodore Landis property. Mr. Wilson was instructed by the supervisors to contact Chief Boose and write a letter to Mr. Landis based upon his conversation with Chief Boose.

Irene Bishop presented a complaint about the traffic flow and the dangerous curve at Loux's Corner. Mr. Frankenfield said what would help the most is if the road could be widened at this particular point. These solutions would have to be done by PennDot as both these roads- Upper Church and Hilltown Pike are state roads.

Mr. Gubelman again brought up the dangerous intersection at Route 113 and Callowhill Road. Mr. Frankenfield reported that there is a broken pipe at this intersection also that should be fixed. Permission was given to Mr. Gubelman to contact Mr. Galli.

A date for road inspection was set- September 15, 1976
5:30 P.M.

A date for negotiations with the police and their lawyer was set- August 30, 1976 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that PennDot had acknowledged our letter that we would not participate in the program whereby the township would handle the snow removal on certain state roads.

A letter from John Grim to Charles Wilson and Mr. Wilson's reply to that letter re: Joel Benner addition to multi-family zoning area was read. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to write a letter to both Mr. Grim and Joel Benner asking them to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting, September 13, 1976.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported she had received bills from the Perkasio Borough Authority and also Frank Grabowski on the sewer project. Since at a previous meeting the supervisors had voted not to pay any more bills for the sewer authority, Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to contact a member of the sewer authority to attend the next meeting of the supervisors' to discuss these bills.

Mr. Leister had written to the supervisors on the release of escrow funds for Walter Gross sub-division. Mr. Gross sold the one lot and in the agreement of sale it was noted that the new owner would be responsible for the improvements. Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to advise Mr. Leister that only if the new owners put up escrow could the escrow of Mr. Gross be released.

Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to write to Mr. Roy Landis that at the present time, the supervisors were not interested in buying the 35 acre farm owned by Herbert Hestand at Old Bethlehem Road and Quarry Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer