

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

April 12, 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 Spanninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanninger. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Ordinance No. 76-2 amending Ordinance No. 73-7, establishing a Police Pension Fund or Pension Annuity for the benefit of such members of the Hilltown Township Police Force who receive honorable discharge therefrom by reason of age and service and providing for certain death benefits was signed by the supervisors.

Resolution No. 76-3 updating our zoning hearing fees and procedures was signed by the supervisors.

Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to copy a newspaper article on the probe of the Richland Sewer System and give same copy to the Hilltown Sewer Authority.

We received a letter from the Bucks County Bank and Trust explaining the bank's services as Trustee and the Fee for these services for the Hilltown Township Police Pension Fund. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to contact several other banking institutions to get quotes from them for the same service.

Mrs. Gutekunst had prepared a first quarter statement on expenditures and receipts in relation to the budget. This was reviewed by the supervisors noting the amount budgeted for fuel, light and water will not be adequate for the year.

The supervisors signed the Wastewater Management Coordinating Agreement Upper Neshaminy Creek Basin, Sub-Regionl. Same to be forwarded to Joseph V. F. Clay, Water and Sewer Coordinator.

A letter was received from Mr. George J. Beck of 1008 Township Line Road, Chalfont, Pa. re: sewage coverage in the Line Lexington area. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to reply to said letter.

Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to contact the Hilltown Township Authority to request a report from them on how much additional money will be needed by them before they receive any kind of funding. We already have borrowed \$279,000.00 and the limit of the borrowing contract is \$302,000.00

Mr. Arthur Baum had been sent a letter on March 31st that the trailer he put on his property on Swartley Road is not in compliance with the zoning code. He was told it must be moved back to 65 feet from the center of the road within 10 days. Mr. Heidrich was told to contact him and unless said trailer is moved within the week, legal action will be taken.

Mr. Dan Hendricks of Urwiler and Walters was into the meeting with a revised plan for the Charles Mager sub-division. Before reviewing this plan, the supervisors recommended that the house, which they had inspected on April 3rd, be cleared for rental or sale with notation on sub-division drawing that dwelling is approved as an exception. Mr. Hendricks was then instructed how to draw up the new sub-division plan to present to the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

The supervisors signed the plan for Stoneridge, Inc. for Mr. Claude Detweiler. These are all ten acre lots.

The supervisors also signed the sub-division plans of Ellen Johnson.

Letter was received from the Bureau of Municipal Services that the new population figure of 8,406 will be used in determining the amount of our State Fund Allocation in 1977. Also we will be receiving a refund of \$210.00 from the Bureau of Census.

A copy of a letter sent to Mr. Wilson from Jim Leister was noted recommending that a grant of easement be prepared for lot #8, Clearview Estates.

Applications, prepared by Richard Cowan & Associates, for two flashing beacon lights, one for Route 113 and Diamond St, and one

and one for Route 113 and Old Bethlehem Road were received. These were signed and Mrs. Gutekunst will forward to the Department of Transportation.

On March 23, 1976 a letter was sent to the Department of Health by Mrs. Morgan Wolfrom that they are discontinuing the operation of their Camping Grounds located at 601 Redwing Road Perkasio, Pa.

A letter was received from the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee enclosing copies of model ordinances for temporary campgrounds and temporary tourist homes which were prepared by the Bucks County Planning Commission. Also another letter was received noting a movie premiere on Thursday, April 29th about the Bicentennial in Pennsylvania which would prepare you to be a Bucks County host or hostess. Letter will be sent on to the Hilltown Bicentennial Committee.

Mr. Wilson informed the board that he had received the check in the amount of \$6450.00 for the Green Meadows portion of payment for the reconstruction of Reliance Road. He will forward same to the township.

A letter received that the contracts have been signed for the extension of the culvert on Reliance Road.

Petitions were presented to the Board of Supervisors re "Gun Control." 127 signatures were on the petition that asked that we change our ordinance No. 69-3 section 1110 of the zoning code that bans "Rifle Ranges" to read ban rifle ranges for commercial purposes and not rifle ranges for private use. 157 signatures were on the petition that reads as follows: "We the undersigned citizens of Hilltown Township are opposed to the enactment of any laws or ordinances concerning the use and discharging of firearms in the township, we feel that the existing state game laws and ~~state~~ and federal firearms laws are sufficient to protect the safety of the residents of Hilltown Township." Assurance was given that these petitions would be considered if any action would be taken.

Mr. Alfred J. Young was granted a variance at a Zoning Hearing held on April 8, 1976 to permit the construction of a fourteen foot addition on Applicant's existing structure located at 1010H East Callowhill Road, Hilltown Township, to be used as a garage with two bedrooms on the second floor and attached to the existing structure. Said grant is conditioned upon "subdivision" approval by Hilltown Township. This approval was given by the board of Supervisors at this meeting. Note put on plan reading CONVEYANCE APPROVED BY HILLTOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 4/12/76.

Mr. Wilson had written to Mr. Henry Glick of Pipersville re: escrow fund subdivision of Gwendolyn Glick. March 26, 1976. No reply received to date.

On March 26th Mr. Wilson sent a letter to all Planning Board members expressing the views of the Board of Supervisors in including a trailer park ordinance and asking for the views of the Planning Board on this subject.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the report of the Zoning Officer for the month of March, 1976 reporting \$825.20 collected in fees.

Mr. Heidrich was told to go ahead and issue a *conditional* building permit for the First Federal Savings and Loan Building.

The January and February police reports were read.

Mrs. Gutekunst notified the board that we have been made honorary members of the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce and will be receiving their newsletter, etc. from now on.

A realtor was in to the meeting to ask if a prospective buyer of a property at the corner of Rickert Road and Route 313 could have a custom cabinet making business there. He was told he would have to go through variance as this would be an exception to the use permitted in that area.

The appraisal Report for the property of Henry Carr at the corner of Diamond Street and Hilltown Pike received from John T. Welsh.

Respectfully submitted,  
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