

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

February 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 Ferl Spanniger and seconded by Vincent Pischl. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Feryl Spanniger and seconded by Vincent Pischl.

Mr. George Spotts of the Bucks County Planning Commission presented the Comprehensive Plan. There were comments from Dale Hartshorne and questions from interested citizens who were at the meeting. Mr. Spotts very ably answered the questions and we appreciate the fine job he did in his presentation. The supervisors then adopted the Comprehensive Plan by resolution, after Mr. Edward Wentz, Chairman of the Planning Commission recommended the adoption to the supervisors. Feryl Spanniger made the motion to adopt the plan and Vincent Pischl seconded the motion.

Peggy Adams of the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee presented the Bucks County Bicentennial Flag to Dale Hartshorne and Scott Tagg, Chairman of the Hilltown Township Bicentennial Committee.

Mr. Arthur Baum of Hilltown Pike and Swartley Road was into the meeting asking what procedure to go through to put a trailer on his property for occupancy by a tenant farmer. Mr. Hartshorne said he either could go through subdivision or through the zoning hearing board for a variance. He decided to come in to see Mr. Heidrich to arrange for a zoning hearing.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Brown were in to the meeting to inquire as to the findings of our engineer on the drainage problem on their properties. They were told that on April 3rd the supervisors along with Mr. Frankenfield and Mr. Leister would meet with them at their properties to discuss solutions to their problem.

Mr. Edward Wentz presented a problem of drainage over at Centennial Ridge. This matter also will be investigated.

Mr. William Kee of Richard Cowan and Associates presented the procedure which will be followed in the restoration of the roads due to sewer line installations. The supervisors said they would be following this procedure very carefully as we do not want to have numerous complaints about the condition of the roads after sewer lines are installed.

Ordinance No. 76-1 was signed by the supervisors. This ordinance provides for the repeal of the ordinance entered into by the Hilltown Township Supervisors providing for the appointment of a park inspector; designating the duties of such inspector; providing for the regulation and use of trailercoaches and trailercoach parks and providing penalties for the violation of the same. Mr. Larry Maier of Charles S. Wilson & Assoc. was asked to start work on a trailer ordinance.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that Mr. Wiggins and Nancy Wischusen of the Flood Damage Reduction Program will be at our March 8th meeting to present facts on this topic to the supervisors.

The supervisors looked over a church construction-conceptual plans for the North-Ridge Bible Chapel to be constructed on the Northwest Corner of Route 113 and Keystone Drive. No objection was raised on the plan.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter received from Elaine Zettick, Executive Director of the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee. Letter was in reference to emergency services funding by the state for Bicentennial related events where extra police duty, etc might be required. Chief Boose was named as the person responsible for this project and Mrs. Gutekunst will so inform Elaine Zettick.

Dan West of the Pennridge School District informed us by letter that Mr. Eugene Farrell has been retained as Census Enumerator for the Township of Hilltown.

A letter was received from Mr. Frank Nicholas complaining about the 84 lumber signs placed on trees and utility poles



throughout the township. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to answer his letter and Mr. Heidrich shall see that these signs are removed.

The 68th Convention of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials will be held on Saturday, March 20, 1976. Mrs. Gutekunst was told to make reservations for 8 persons who will be attending said convention.

The supervisors approved an additional bill from Tom Kilmer for additional painting he was asked to do over and above the original contract. Amount of addition being \$262.55,

Mr. Edward Browning was in to the meeting to ask for a letter confirming the fact that we not require a use and occupancy permit on residential properties. Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to write such a letter and forward to Mr. Browning.

Mrs. Leister wrote a letter to the supervisors with the suggestion that any development having involvement with roadway improvements along an existing Township road or state road have a Deed of Dedication made part of the final approval of plans and recording thereof. Supervisors agreed and Mrs. Gutekunst was told to make a copy of the letter for the Planning Commission.

The supervisors passed a resolution approving the borrowing of an additional \$4000.00 to pay bills for the Hilltown Township Sewer Authority.

Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to write a letter to the auditors as per their request re: financial status of the township.

Larry Maier presented the draft of an ordinance re: Police Pension Plan. Mr. Paul Noone of the Bucks County Bank is to be contacted and asked to attend one of our regular meetings to explain how they handle pension plans for municipalities.

Feryl Spannigen made a motions to adjourn, seconded by Vincent Pischl. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer