

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

September 22, 1975

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dale Hartshorne. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Miller and after a question by Mr. Hartshorne on a possible omission of a Savings Certificate in the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, was approved by Feryl Spaninger and seconded by Paul Frankenfield. The bills, as presented, were approved for payment by Feryl Spaninger and seconded by Paul Frankenfield.

Several subjects were discussed from the minutes of September 8, 1975 meeting when reviewed by the Supervisors. Mr. Spaninger had been in contact with Franklin Rice and William Beals of the Sewer Authority, and the Supervisors plan to attend a meeting of the Authority to be held at the Township Building Oct. 1, 1975, at 7:30 P.M. Authority attorneys have met from various municipalities involved, some type of interim financing will be investigated and arranged as necessary.

There is action against Martin Brown by the Township, in reference to his filling a drainage ditch on his property, which interferes with proper drainage; an estimate to repair this damage was prepared to be presented at the time of the hearing, costs to be incurred by Mr. Brown. Mr. Hartshorne remarked this action on the part of Mr. Brown could result in potential damage to area roadway and also present a safety hazard; he also suggested that in addition to the costs of repairing the damage involved, Mr. Brown be responsible for the solicitor's costs involved. Mr. Wilson was given a copy of the estimate and made note of the added suggestion of Mr. Hartshorne.

With reference to the Stop Sign Ordinance discussed at the previous meeting, it is being advertised and a copy has been prepared for signing at the next meeting.

A meeting is being scheduled by the Blooming Glen Playground Association, when the date is verified, the Supervisors plan to attend; this is in reference to the field adjacent to the Hilltown Township Building in Blooming Glen.

Mr. Wilson, Township Solicitor, advised that the Ordinance with reference to the area of Cherry Lane and County Line Rd., is ready to be advertised and possibly for signing Oct. 27, '75.

Two ordinances were discussed for action:

1. Slope Ordinance; Mr. Wilson inquired if it was agreeable with the Supervisors to advertise same, permission granted.

2. Quarry Ordinance; a Workshop is to be set up.

Upon review of the minutes of the Hilltown Township Planning Commission, a discussion was held on Items 4 and 9:

Item #4, Mr. Pat Kelly's plan, alternatives to his present plan due to "long lane lot" and possibility of the owner ending up without access to his property. One suggestion by Mr. Kelly, who was present, was to reduce the four lots to three, by combining the ten acres with the area containing the small house. More to be presented on this matter at a later time. Mr. Hartshorne suggested the Zoning Officer, Mr. Heidrich, research recent "long lane lots" and the required right-of-way width, as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. (Later in the meeting, it was established, a right-of-way is required to be 25 ft., according to Section 1106 of the Zoning Code.)

Item #9, Mr. Richard McCoach's plan, a three lot subdivision, will require additions and corrections before the Board can approve same, ie, road improvements; Mr. Frankenfield noted no curbing would be required, but widening of ten feet. In order to insure this being done, a "deed restriction" was suggested by Mr. Wilson, as the property is being divided among three owners to settle an estate, and future development schedules would be difficult to predict. The linen copies of the plans were returned to Mr. McCoach, for his surveyor, Mr. Nevells, to make the necessary additions and corrections. The Building Inspector is to issue no permits until the widening has been performed per township requirements.

Resolution 75-6 will be reworded and presented for the Supervisors' signatures at the next meeting, upon advice of Mr. Wilson, township solicitor. This is in reference to the Township

Police Pension Fund not requiring any contribution from the Hilltown Township Police during the year 1975, pursuant to the Second Class Township Code.

A letter from Steven Stein, Director of Community Development, was read by Mr. Hartshorne and tabled for further study.

The contract between the township and Signal Service Co. was signed by Mr. Hartshorne. (Lights at the John Grasse School and the school of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart)

The Supervisors discussed the possibility of taking a Special Federal Census in the township, which could result in added income to the township, as the Liquid Fuels Tax is distributed according to population figures. Mr. Frankenfield moved that a census be conducted with Mr. Spaninger seconding the motion; the Secretary is to write the Director of the Bureau of Census in Washington, D. C. to obtain an estimate of the cost.

A letter from William G. Major Associates, Inc. outlined plans of the County to reconstruct two bridges in the township,

- A. Bridge # 241, Dix Run Creek, Twp. Rd. 427 (a better location is to be requested)
- B. Bridge # 21, Norris Run Creek, TR 417 (correct "Norris" to "Morris")

A letter from the Delaware Valley Region on Open Space was tabled for further study at the meeting with the Recreational Committee.

Welcome House Road, between Dublin Rd. and Broad St., was discussed; Mr. Frankenfield was in contact with Wm. Fell of Penn DOT, with reference to abandoning the road upon a petition of the property owners. This would necessitate the property owners being responsible for maintenance and snow removal. The unanimous decision of the Board was to retain the responsibility of the road by the township. Construction and an extension of the bridge arch will be planned in the future, work to be accomplished over a two year period.

Mr. Vincent Pischl inquired about the erection of Stop signs in Green Meadows; he was advised the signs are ready, Mr. Frankenfield is to provide the posts.

Mr. Heidrich, Zoning Officer, informed the Board that he had been contacted by Mr. Harold Yoder, Reliance Rd., that Phase II had been started at Green Meadows and Mr. Yoder feels that a foundation is over on his property line, and mud is a problem with the rains etc.; the Supervisors advised that Mr. Leister, the engineer is to monitor conditions and problems.

Mr. Hartshorne is representing the township at a meeting of the Civic Association Sept. 23, 1975, for the kick-off of the Hilltown Township Bi-Centennial Committee Activities, with a flag presentation and an election of Civic Assoc. officers. October 5, 1975 is to be Bi-Cen Sunday in the township.

Mr. Hartshorne made the motion for adjournment, with Mr. Frankenfield seconding, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Official Records
 Supervisor
 Mr. Hartshorne
 Mr. Spaninger
 Mr. Frankenfield
 Mr. Heidrich
 Mr. Leister
 Mr. Yoder
 Mr. Pischl
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