

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

July 28, 1975

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dale Hartshorne. As there were many visitors, the chairman introduced all the other supervisors and other members of the township official family.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Feryl Spanniger, seconded by Paul Frankenfield. The bills as presented for payment were approved by Paul Frankenfield and seconded by Feryl Spanniger.

The supervisors will go out on road inspection on Monday August 4th at 6:30 P.M.

Subdivision plans were signed for Richard Shaner, however the request was made by the supervisors to please have the names of the adjoining property owners written on the plans. Mr. Shaner reported that Mr. Urweiler would come into the township office and do that.

The Gross subdivision plans were given to the supervisors to decide on curbing and widening. Widening will be required and an escrow agreement will have to be drawn up by Mr. Wilson as soon as he receives the information from James Leister, the engineer.

There was a large delegation from the Green Meadows development present at the meeting. James Leister, our engineer reported on his inspection of the area along with Mr. Heidrich, our building inspector. Suggestions given to the developer and to the board were as follows: regrade the area adjacent to the apartments and along lands of Reitz. That this area preferably be sodded and at least seeded. Many other areas should be graded and adjustments be made for elevation, etc. Mr. Leister will meet with the developer on Friday, August 1st, to determine if he will make these improvements as suggested. Mr. Brian Anderson, Spokesman for the group, was in agreement with this report and they will await for the action that is to be taken. Mr. Joe Valentine of the Bucks County Board of Health reported on the stagnant water condition. He had detected larvae in the stagnant water on July 18th but by July 22nd when he returned to the site the water had dried up. He feels proper drainage will also correct this situation.

The bids for the installation of flashing lights at the J. M. Grasse Elementary School and the Sacred Heart Elementary School were opened. H. Wampole bid was \$6,083.80 and the Signal Service bid was \$5,180. The supervisors voted to accept the Signal Service bid. Mr. Leister took the copies of the bids and will inform the bidders of the decision.

Mr. Wilson presented two resolutions he had prepared for signature and adoption. Resolution #75-3 adopts a new fee schedule for zoning hearings and resolution #75-4 adopts new fees for hearings on amendments to the zoning ordinance or curative amendments. Mr. Wilson also presented an ordinance which is an amendment to our ordinance #70-1 on move-in and move-out permits and the penalties involved. This ordinance will be published in the papers and be ready for adoption at our next meeting. Mr. Wilson is also working on the holding tank ordinance in regards to escrow amounts required. It was decided this should be a graduated amount starting at \$1000.00

Mrs. Gutekunst was asked by the supervisors to prepare a resolution commending Mrs. Robbins for her zeal in always working for the good of the township and as the Chairman of the Bi-Centennial Committee.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that registration for Bucks County Voters will be held at the Hilltown Township Maintenance Building located on 113 at Diamond St. on September 4, 1975 from 2 to 9 P.M.

A group of citizens from Clearview Road were again at the meeting to learn what conclusions had been reached on the dog kennels of Mr. Dennison located on Clearview Road. Mr. Heidrich reported that he and Chief Boose had made an inspection and found there were dogs outside and that the new kennel being constructed conforms with all the regulations as to side yard distances, etc. Mr. Dennison was at the meeting and was very cooperative in answering any questions. Dr Amana asked for reassurance that these dogs

would not attack or bite anyone. Mr. Dennison assured him that the dogs are always on leash, his and anyone bringing a dog to him for training.

There was a large group of people from the Maron Road area present protesting the new state regulations instituted at the intersection of Bergey Road and Route 309. Their protest was not against the right turn only from Bergey Road but against the no left turn off of Route 309 by southbound motorists which is the way these people have convenient access to Maron Road. Also there is an extra lane at this point for this purpose. Contact will be made with an engineer from PennDOT to meet with Chief Boose and some of the residents .

Mr. and Mrs. Collins of Route 113 and State St. presented a grievance about the broken culvert and drainage pipes at this corner. They have been getting water in their cellar every time we have a bad rain. Mr. Galli of the State Highway Department was there and he said this was not the responsibility of the state since this line was probably installed many years ago by the township or residents of the area. Mr. Wilson is to pursue the legality of this approach since the opinion of the supervisors and the engineer was that when the state takes over a road they also assume responsibility for any pipes, culverts, underground installations, etc.

Mr. Patrick Kelly and Mr. Peter Thompson, Attorney for Mr. Charles Mager, asked for a favor in connection with venting the original bathroom in the dwelling on Creamery Road. A field inspection had been made by Mr. Heidrich, Dale Krach of the County Board of Health, Richard Houk, Electrical Inspector, Walter Hackler of Richard Cowan & Associates, and Chief Boose. Mr. Hartshorne suggested Mr. Heidrich and the engineer go back and check this out again and report back as to whether this one improvement could be eliminated.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that a letter had been received from the Federal Insurance Administrator informing us that Gannett Fleming Corddry & Carpenter, Inc. have been hired to conduct a flood elevation study for Hilltown Township. This project is to begin in June, 1975 and completed in about 24 months.

Mrs. Gutekunst also reminded the supervisors about applying for our grant in the Community Development Project. Mrs. Gutekunst was told to contact the county office in relation to submitting a proposal, application, etc.

The supervisors held an informal discussion on improving the facilities of the Police Department of Hilltown Township. Mr. Hartshorne will bring in the drawings made by E. Smith and they will pursue this matter at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst

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Secretary-Treasurer

