

Minutes
Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting
May 6, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Paul Frankenfield, who then introduced all official personnel present at the meeting. He welcomed all visitors, especially a group of high school seniors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by Dale Hartshorne and seconded by Paul Frankenfield. The treasurer's report was read and approved by Dale Hartshorne and seconded by Paul Frankenfield. Dale Hartshorne moved that the bills be paid as presented, seconded by Paul Frankenfield.

The supervisors signed the applications for County Aid which entitles the township to \$2,088.04, our share of the Liquid Fuels money.

A letter from Mr. Walter Rubel to the supervisors re: application for planning assistance from the County Planning Commission was read. The supervisors signed said application and instructed Dorothy Gutekunst to return same to the county.

Feryl Spaninger read the zoning officer's report for April noting that \$672.00 had been collected by him for various permits, etc. The Police Chief's report for March was also read.

Two thank you letters were read, one from Arthur L. Heidrich commending Mr. Frankenfield and his men for the fine job done on Twinbrook Road and along Pleasant Spring Creek, and the other letter from Bob Burckhart expressing his appreciation for the prompt attention given to the drainage problem fronting his property on Clearview Road.

A letter from Victor Jaczun to the supervisors re: Mager vs Hilltown et al was read advising that judgement was entered in favor of the township. Mr. Mager has twenty days to appeal. Unless an appeal is made by May 23 or 24, the matter would be final.

Letters from Mr. Charles Wilson were read. 1. re; 2nd Class Townships-Grants to Fire Companies Outside of the Twsp. This may now be done- law to this effect January 1, 1975. 2. re: Seidel Water Company- follow-up to recent meeting and writing to the P.U.C. for date of hearing. Mr. Frankenfield commented that he was opposed to this company supplying service because of inadequate transmission lines, etc. It was noted that Silverdale Borough has taken action against this company. 3. letter to Frank J. Willard, Regional Air Pollution Control Engineer re: H. & K. Materials, Inc. Application for Asphalt Plant Licensing. We request that no grant of licensing be made at the present time as the hearings are still in process. Reply received from Mr. Willard in response to Mr. Wilson's letter stating that even if the Department would approve the application, the Township could still deny, on the basis of zoning laws, permission to construct. 4. Letters to James Leister and Michael Singer re: Lexington Lumber Co. Subdivision. Necessary steps to be taken in order to dedicate road to the township. Mr. Wilson will follow-up. 5. Letter to Ian Abarbanel re: Appeal of J. Richard Fretz, Inc.- Blue School Road Property. Request for a meeting in order to move the Court for a conference.

A letter from the Perkasio Fire Co. requesting a donation toward their Apparatus Fund Drive was read. Will be taken care of in June along with the other fire companies.

Bids received for the purchase of a new dump truck were opened. Two bids were received. 1. Ebert Motor Co. - net price \$10,999.75. 2. Paul W. Histan Co. Inc- net price \$9,651.00. As Paul Histan was low bidder, bid awarded to him.

Mention was made of the fact that we will be receiving bids on a blinker light at our next meeting, May 20th.

A letter to Mr. Ronald Ziegler from A. M. Roberts, Chief-Division of Environmental Protection re: Sewage Disposal Area Per-

mit, Melvin Moyer, Rickert Road was read. The permit for the use of this property for the disposal of hauled sewage wastes is hereby revoked, effective immediately.

As there was not enough response to the garden plots, the project will be dropped for this year. Mr. Hartshorne commented that in driving around the township area, he noted that many people are having gardens of their own.

Mr. David Culp of 725 E. Creamery Road registered a complaint about dumping of trash on his property. Mr. Heidrich and Chief Boose had already been out to inspect this situation and reported a problem determining where property line is. Mr. Culp reported he has evidence of papers with names of Patricia Mager indicating source of dumping. Mr. Wilson will write a letter and pursue matter.

A letter from E. L. Woods, Jr., District Traffic Engineer re: traffic signals at Bethlehem Pike and Hilltown Pike was read. Several controller signals are not functioning and our signal contractor will have to check this before final inspection can be completed.

Feryl Spaninger received a complaint about a deeper ditch at Rickert Road & Highview Rd. Suggestion made to put up reflector as a warning of this situation.

Feryl Spaninger read his letter of resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Hilltown Board of Supervisors effective May 6, 1974. Dale Hartshorne moved to accept his resignation, seconded by Paul Frankenfield. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Spaninger recommended the appointment of Dorothy Gutekunst to fill his unexpired term of Secretary-Treasurer ending Dec. 31, 1974. Dale Hartshorne moved to accept this recommendation, seconded by Paul Frankenfield.

Dale Hartshorne reported briefly on Sewage facilities for Sub-Region 1 of the Upper Neshaminy Basin. A suggested resolution was presented and signed by the supervisors. Essence of adopted resolution; 1. Sewage Facilities Plan #2 which provides for a two-plant system without cost equalization. The Lansdale Boro and Hatfield Township treatment plants are to be retained, and 2. Management Program #1 Modified which provides for (a) the establishment of a coordinating Commission and (b) for negotiations among appropriate municipalities regarding the operation of the Hatfield Township Treatment Plant, and 3. A Coordinating Commission Member, Dale Hartshorne is hereby appointed as our representative to negotiate appropriate matters.

Dale Hartshorne briefly briefed the students present on the workings of township government and problems related thereto.

Discussion was held on the deterioration of Reliance Road due to the extensive development. Mr. Frankenfield will contact our engineer to look over the situation and to make recommendations for correcting the problem.

Mr. Cummings, builder for Mr. Dise in rebuilding burned-out home, was advised that in order to retain the approval of the Board of Health, house must be rebuild exactly to existing foundation.

Motion was made by Dale Hartshorne to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Feryl Spaninger.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer

In attendance:
Paul Frankenfield
Feryl Spaninger
Dale Hartshorne
Arthur Heidrich
Blair Boose
Charles Wilson
Dorothy Gutekunst