

Minutes

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

March 18, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Paul Frankenfield. The treasurer's report was read by Feryl Spanninger and approved by Dale Hartshorne and seconded by Paul Frankenfield. A motion was made by Dale Hartshorne to accept the minutes of the last meeting and seconded by Paul Frankenfield. The bills as presented were approved for payment.

Dale Hartshorne reported that illness and two previous commitments were the reasons none of the supervisors were able to attend the Annual Convention of Local Elected Officials. Mr. Arthur Heidrich and Mrs. Dorothy Gutekunst attended in place of Paul Frankenfield and Dale Hartshorne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Powers were present at the meeting and reported that since our last meeting, there had been no fires at the junkyard on Keystone Drive. Chief Boose and Mr. Heidrich had gone out to inspect all junkyards and they reported finding the junkyards in good condition.

Since no reply was received from Sue Lang, attorney for Mr. Mager, relative to our doing stream alignment on his property, Mr. Heidrich was asked if we might go in on his property to clean up the debris in the stream as well as align the stream to prevent flooding on Twinbrook Road. Both Mr. John Gubelman and Mrs. Russell Mohr indicated their willingness also but would like Mr. Frankenfield to discuss what he intended to do before proceeding.

The reporter from the Doylestown Intelligencer was asked to give some publicity to the fact that the H. & K. Materials hearing on March 21st will be held at the Margaret Seyler School.

The supervisors have been invited to attend the next Civic Association Meeting and a suggestion was made that perhaps The Civic Association would handle any activities connected with the U. S. Bi-Centennial Celebration.

In response to petitions presented by Mrs. Lois Drees on traffic problems on Keystone Drive between Fairhill Road and Route 113, it was suggested that slow signs, arrows indicating curves, and curve signs be erected. If speed limit signs are put up, it should be done on all of Keystone Drive. Feryl Spanninger indicated that speed zone signs should also be erected.

A thank you letter for the blinker light at the Margaret Seyler School from Mr. Newell, Principal, was read.

A letter from Attorney Francis Grabowski on the hearing held for J. Richard Fretz, Blue School Road, was read indicating that Fretz was denied variance.

A letter from Mr. Grabowski to the Hilltown Township Supervisors was read re: Appeal No. 7135- Wm. T. Poust, Sr. Mr. Poust is still using the building for commercial usage and he had agreed to move out within six months and the six months period expired 2-20-74. Mr. Heidrich has spoken to Mr. Poust and Mr. Poust reported he will move by April 1, 1974.

It was reported that Mr. Wilson wrote a letter to Attorney J. Mazullo, Jr., representing Wm. J. Boyd, junk yard owner, giving all the rules to be abided by so an agreement can be reached.

Feryl Spanninger read the February police report.

The April 18th date for the meeting of the supervisors and the representative of the Seidel Water Co. was verified.

Resolution 74-5 was signed by the three supervisors. This resolution recommends a study by the Planning Commission for an amendment to the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance to prevent "strip" type commercial development along Route 313. Dale Hartshorne commented on having sufficient land for parking, etc. Mr. Wilson recommended that "the Planning Commission review any permits granted in those areas" when ordinance is written.

A proposed ordinance was submitted by the County Planning Commission relative to restricting building where there are steep slopes. Given to Mr. Wilson for follow-up.

A letter of thanks was received from Today, Inc. for our \$1000.00 donation. Dale Hartshorne reported that they will be moving into Doylestown within three or four months and that they are considering buying the Burger Chef Place on Route 611 to use as a doughnut shop. Thus being able to employ residents of Today, Inc. in gainful employment.

A letter to Mr. Wilson from Jackson and Roberts in reply to a request for a performance bond for the removal of sewage from holding tanks reported that this type of bond cannot be written. A complete review will be done on this problem by the supervisors and the planning commission.

We will continue collecting a \$1500.00 escrow on road widening.

Specialists from the Local Government Research Assoc. will be in our Hilltown Township office on April 4th and 5th. to assist in streamlining our office accounting procedures. A motion was made by Dale Hartshorne and seconded by Feryl Spanninger to have these men come at a fee not to exceed \$1000.00

Green Meadows Development Co. will be instructed to reimburse their escrow account for rock excavation. Legal details are being handled by Mr. Wilson.

The supervisors toured the township inspecting land for recreation use. Need compliance of the Planning Commission. Will meet for discussion after this meeting.

Dale Hartshorne reported on a project he had in mind. A possibility of leasing farmland and then allowing the residents of Hilltown Township to have a 25' by 35' plot for raising vegetables at a rental fee of \$2.00. The County would cooperate on this and the local 4H clubs are very enthused. Dale Hartshorne would steer this project long. A question was raised whether there would be liability by the township. A Suggestion was made to have release forms for both the township and the farmer.

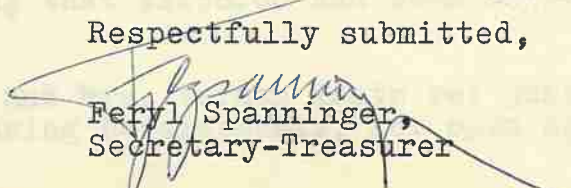
Paul Mosser, neighbor of Clearview Estates, called Feryl Spanninger asking about the legal rights of water draining off onto his property. Clearview Estates have had to revise their drainage plan on that tract. Feryl Spanninger will follow-up on this matter.

Sealed bids received were then opened. For the police car: Quakertown Auto Sales- 1974 Mercury- \$3625.00, Quakertown Auto Sales- 1974 Ford Custom 500- \$3318.00, Foss & Hughes- 1974 Mercury- \$3995.00, Liverman Chevrolet- 1974 BelAire Sedan- \$3687.95. For road oil: Loder and Sharp- MC30 oil- 50¢ per gallon, AC200 oil- 51¢, RC800 w/additive- 51¢, delivered and applied rental on Motor Paver per hour with operator- \$40.00, Rental on 10 ton Ramden Roller per hour with operator- \$20.00. For stone: H.&K. Materials- #18 crushed stone- \$2.34 delivered, \$1.59 FOB Quarry per ton, #2 crushed stone- \$2.34 delivered, \$1.59 FOB Quarry, #3 Crushed stone- \$2.19 delivered, \$1.44 FOB Quarry, #4 crushed stone- \$2.19 delivered, \$1.44 FOB Quarry, #3/4 Modified stone- \$2.19 delivered, \$1.44 FOB Quarry, #3A modified stone- \$2.19 delivered, \$1.44 FOB Quarry, #1 Grit- \$2.45 delivered, \$1.70 FOB Quarry. Applied and delivered price for Temple Spreader per ton- 35¢. Delivered to Blue Goose- 10¢ per ton. No bids received for gas and oil.

Dale Hartshorne made a motion that Mr. Frankenfield should prepare specifications and advertise for a new dump truck.

Feryl Spanninger made a motion to adjourn- seconded by Paul Frankenfield.

Respectfully submitted,


Feryl Spanninger,
Secretary-Treasurer

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