

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor James Groff, Township Manager Lorraine Leslie, Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn, Township Solicitor Stephen Harris, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart.

Chairman McIlhinney stated the Police Department Sergeant Promotion will be moved up on the agenda. Chief Engelhart stated he requests that Officer Timothy Murphy be considered for the promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Last year, Sergeant Dave Mahaffey retired and Sergeant John Gildea was promoted upon his retirement. Sergeant Mathew Dreyer will be retiring at the end of May, and, as part of the screening process that was held last year, Officer Murphy is prepared to assume the position of Sergeant. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to promote Officer Timothy Murphy to the rank of Sergeant. There was no public comment. Magisterial District Judge, Regina Armitage, proceeded with the swearing in and gave the Oath of Office to Sergeant Murphy.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.
3. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a) Minutes of the April 9, 2018 BOS Meeting
 - b) Bills List – April 24, 2018
 - c) Bills List – May 14, 2018
 - d) Financial Report – April 30, 2018

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to accept and approve items a) through d) on the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment.

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

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5. LEGAL:

a) Tabora Farm & Tomaris ZHB: Solicitor Harris stated the Tabora Zoning Hearing Board Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018. The Board of Supervisors wish Solicitor Harris to attend the Tabora Farm Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.

b) Tomaris ZHB: Solicitor Harris stated the Tomaris Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2018. The applicant, residing at 1133 Petrick Lane, requests a variance to permit a 54" fence to intrude into the front yard where only a 48" fence is permitted. The Board of Supervisors stated they do not wish Solicitor Harris to attend the Tomaris Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

6. PLANNING:

a) The Arbors at Hilltown Subdivision (Final): Mr. Robert Wynn stated Mr. Richard Carroll, Hallmark Building Group, is present on behalf of The Arbors at Hilltown Subdivision. Mr. Wynn stated his review letter dated April 5, 2018 was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on April 16, 2018 at which time the Planning Commission unanimously recommended final conditional approval subject to the completion of all items remaining in Mr. Wynn's review letter which Mr. Carroll indicated they will comply with the items remaining. Also, there are certain improvements along Orchard Road which are not being installed by the applicant and they have chosen to make a capital contribution in the amount of \$36,724.50 for the improvements. The estimate takes credit for two items: they are going to bring the handicapped ramps on the opposite side of the road into compliance with current ADA requirements, and, to link the two developments, they are going to put in a patterned crosswalk at the intersection. Mr. Carroll stated they have an agreement and are down to the documentation in regards to the easement with the neighboring property owner. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to grant final conditional approval to The Arbors at Hilltown Subdivision contingent upon Mr. Wynn's review letter dated April 5, 2018 and the submission of the capital contribution in the amount of \$36,724.50 for waived street improvements. There was no public comment.

b) Stone Depot Land Development Waiver: Mr. Robert Wynn stated the Stone Depot Land Development Waiver plan was submitted to the Township pursuant to the February 26, 2018 settlement agreement between Mr. Pileggi and Hilltown Township. Solicitor Scott Semisch is in attendance representing Mr. Pileggi. Mr. Wynn's review letter dated April 6, 2018, which

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identifies various items that need to be addressed on the plan, was discussed by the Planning Commission who unanimously recommended the waiver of land development application. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to grant the Stone Depot Land Development Waiver contingent upon the completion of the items remaining Mr. Wynn's review letter dated April 6, 2018. There was no public comment.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) Alloy & Stainless Fasteners Land Development Maintenance Period: Mr. Robert Wynn stated there is correspondence dated April 23, 2018 regarding Alloy and Stainless Fasteners Land Development. The 18 month maintenance period has been completed and all of the improvements are satisfactory for Phase I of the project. Mr. Wynn recommended the authorization of the release of the maintenance bond subject to the developer paying all engineering, legal, and Township administrative costs incurred by the Township during the course of the project. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to except the completion of the 18 month maintenance period for Alloy & Stainless Fasteners Land Development Phase I and authorize the release of the maintenance bond subject to the developer paying all engineering, legal, and Township administrative costs incurred by the Township during the course of the project per Mr. Wynn's review letter dated April 23, 2018. There was no public comment.

b) Hilltown Reserve II Maintenance Bond: Mr. Robert Wynn stated the Reserve at Hilltown II Subdivision maintenance period is coming to an end. Per Mr. Wynn's correspondence dated April 12, 2018, his recommendation is to not accept completion of the maintenance period because of the dead shrubs and trees that are in the stormwater basin areas that need to be replaced and the landscape area in the middle of the cul-de-sac is not well maintained. Mr. Carroll has agreed to remove and pave the area in the middle of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Carroll will return to the Board once the items are completed.

c) Mill Road Culvert Bids: Mr. Robert Wynn stated 11 bid were received for the Mill Road Culvert replacement ranging from \$170,960.75 to \$338,097.00. The low bid was received from Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$170,960.75 and they have also provided the bid bond, executed contract, and other documents required to be submitted with the bid. Mr. Wynn recommends the Board of Supervisors accept the low bid from Blooming Glen Contractors in the

amount of \$170,960.75 subject to the receipt of the performance and payment bond, and the insurance. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to award the low bid for the Mill Road Culvert replacement to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$170,960.75 subject to the receipt of the performance and payment bond, and the insurance. There was no public comment. Mr. Wynn added the Township has received the General Permit from DEP to do the project along with the approval from both property owners to temporarily encroach on their properties.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Scott Drumbore – H&K – Requesting for extension of hours for June for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry – Chairman McIlhinney stated H&K has requested to operate the concrete batch plant, asphalt batch plant, and the crushing plant between the hours of 6:30 pm to 6:30 am, Monday through Saturday, between June 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated April 10, 2018. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to grant the extension of hours for the month of June for the Concrete and Asphalt Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated April 10, 2018 with the exception of striking the part in the letter in regards to "and/or private customers." The motion passed 2-1 with Supervisor Bennington having the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

b) Request for fence within the easement boundary at 203 Beech Lane: Mr. Sieftring was in attendance to request a fence be placed within the easement boundary at 203 Beech Lane. Chairman McIlhinney stated they allow a fence to be placed in the easement as long as the fence is removable, and if the Township has to enter the easement area, they will not repair any bushes and shrubs that may get damaged. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to grant the request for the placement of a fence within the easement at 203 Beech Lane providing it is a removable fence and it is known by the resident that the Township will not repair any bushes or shrubs that may get damaged if they need to enter the area. There was no public comment. Solicitor Harris stated he has prepared the fence agreement for Township signatures and he will get it recorded once it is returned with the homeowner's signatures.

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c) Michael Ianneta – Removal of a fence: Mr. Michael Ianneta, member of the HOA of Equestrian Court, was in attendance to request the removal and disposal of a split rail fence located on Mill Road. It was noted that the fence is not required by the Township and does not serve any purpose. Mr. Matt Gainnini, President of the Philadelphia Glider Council, granted the request of the removal of the split rail fence. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to grant the request for the members of the HOA of Equestrian Court to remove the split rail fence located Mill Road. There was no public comment.

d) Solicitor Harris stated a traffic study has been done for Quarry Road recommending the speed limit be reduced from 55 MPH to 35 MPH. Mr. Harris stated he will prepare an ordinance and will submit it to the Board at the next meeting for approval and advertisement.

e) Solicitor Harris stated he has prepared the ad for the sale of the Blooming Glen School which will need to be advertised twice in advance of the sale. A sign will be placed in advance of the sale to give people plenty of time to investigate the property. It was decided to award the bid at the first Board meeting in July. Motion as made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of the former Blooming Glen High School for sale and the authorization to order the appropriate sign. There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney stated he would like to thank the Public Works Department for the excellent landscaping done in the front of the Township building and out by the road. Supervisor Bennington confirmed with Chief Engelhart that everything is all set for the Calvary Church 5K run. Supervisor Bennington also thanked his fellow veterans for all of their service to the country as well as giving their lives for our country. Supervisor Bennington stated he is glad to see the letters to Leslie Richards in regards to the state roads because they are awful. Supervisor Groff stated he received a call from Clair Black, Silverdale Borough Council member, who stated they are doing some speed humps to reduce speed on Green Street. He asked the Board of Supervisors if they could look at the speed on Green Street in front of Hilltown Walk prior to entering the Borough and if the Township would consider lowering the speed limit. Mr. Wynn stated Silverdale Borough received a grant from PennDOT to put the speed humps in the part of Green Street that is in the Borough.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Jim Trucksess, B&B Bubble Wash, was in attendance to discuss the recent flooding in front of his car wash located on Route 313. He proceeded to show

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the Board of Supervisors paperwork regarding an easement from 1973 and pictures of the damage done to the 60" pipe behind his location that was crushed when the Giant gas station was built. He continued to state he notified the shopping center about it but did not receive any acknowledgement from them in regards to the ownership of the pipe. After a lengthy discussion, it was stated that the Township is not involved in this issue and Mr. Trucksess would have to contact a private attorney. It was also stated for Mr. Taylor to look at the trash issue at Wendy's.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff and carried unanimously, the May 14, 2018 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine E. Leslie
Township Manager

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).