

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor James Groff, Township Manager Richard Schnaedter, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart, Township Solicitor Stephen Harris, and Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman McIlhinney announced the meeting will proceed with the police department promotion. Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart requested the Board of Supervisors promote Officer Louis R. Bell to the rank of Detective. Chief Engelhart stated Officer Bell has been doing criminal investigative work for the Township for the last 2 ½ years and has done an excellent job in that position. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to promote Officer Louis R. Bell to the rank of Detective. There was no public comment. Regina Armitage, Magisterial District Judge, swore in Detective Louis R. Bell.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Supervisor's Reorganization Meeting
- b) Bills List January 1, 2015 – January 22, 2015

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

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report –

a) Ordinance – PSATS Unemployment Compensation – Solicitor Harris reviewed the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust which provides more affordable unemployment compensation insurance and recommends adoption of the ordinance authorizing the participation of Hilltown Township in the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. Motion was made by

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Maintenance & Operation Agreement for Alloy and Stainless Fasteners Inc., Phase 1. There was no public comment.

f) Regency at Hilltown – Solicitor Harris reviewed the documents for Regency at Hilltown that need execution by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Harris noted the Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority Agreement should be delivered to the Township next week and suggested the Township authorize the execution by the Board of Supervisors for the Subdivision Agreement and the Financial Security Agreement and hold them until the Authority Agreement is received. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, and seconded by Supervisor Groff, for the Subdivision Agreement and Financial Security Agreement for Regency at Hilltown be executed by the Board of Supervisors and held until the Water and Sewer Authority Agreement is received. The motion passed 2-1 with Chairman McIlhinney having the opposing vote. There was no public comment.

g) Hillside Estates – Solicitor Harris reviewed the plans that need to be executed by the Board of Supervisors in order for Hillside Estates to be recorded. Mr. Harris stated the monuments still need to be set and suggested the plans and documents be held until there is confirmation from C. Robert Wynn's office that the monuments are in place. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, for the Board of Supervisors to execute the plans for Hillside Estates and for the plans to be held for recording until confirmation from Mr. Wynn's office is received that the monuments have been installed. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING:

a) Hilltown Pike Subdivision – Revised Final – Mr. Wynn reviewed the Hilltown Pike Subdivision that was approved by the Board in April 2012, stating the applicant decided to tear down the farmhouse that was going to remain and instead install six new houses instead of five. Mr. Wynn's discussed his review letter dated November 20, 2014. The Planning Commission recommended revised final approval at their January 20, 2015 meeting. Mr. Paul Dietz, Urwiler & Walter, was in attendance to review the changes in the plans, including the new dwelling to be built on lot#6. A new review letter was issued by the Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority which stated lot #6 can now also be served by gravity along with the remaining lots. Also, the impervious surface has been re-calculated in regards to stormwater and the basins were

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Public Comment: Mr. Bill Riemenschneider, Park and Recreation Board, stated he has experience in riparian buffers and offered his service, if needed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Police Promotion – This was completed earlier in the meeting.

b) East Creamery Road Traffic Study – Chief Engelhart stated East Creamery Road is currently unposted so it is 55 MPH. Chief Engelhart conducted a traffic study on that roadway one year ago and he would like the Board to consider drafting an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit to the recommended 35 MPH based on the study. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, authorizing the Solicitor to draft and advertise an Ordinance reducing the speed limit between Rickert Road and Callowhill Road (both directions) to 35 MPH. There was no public comment.

c) Hilltown Historical Society – Restoration of Historical Barn (Civic Park) – Beverly Slifer, 1019 Orchard Road, the newly elected President of the Historical Society, gave a presentation in regards to the Thomas-Musselman Log Barn located in the Civic Park, and the possibilities of saving it, moving it to the Homestead ground, or its demolition. There is a possibility a reality show, Juma Entertainment, may choose this log barn as a prospect for their 2015 schedule to move it to the Homestead. The Society does not have the funds or means to repair, relocate, or demolish the barn. If Juma Entertainment does not choose the Thomas-Musselman Log Barn, demolition may be the only solution. A verbal quote was received by Heartland Demolition & Restoration in the amount of \$10,000 to demolish and remove the log building to graded ground, or the Township could give the Society \$7500.00 in agreement that the Society would use the funds to demolish the barn with Heartland, working with the Society through the non-profit Foundation for Historical Building Rescue. After further discussion, it will be re-addressed after June 30, 2015.

d) Scott Drumbore, H&K - Requesting for Extension of Hours of Operation of Concrete, Asphalt, & Crushing plant - Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, and seconded by Chairman McIlhinney, to allow the concrete batch plant, asphalt batch plant, and crushing plant to operate between the hours from 6:30 PM to 6:30 AM, Monday through Saturday, between