HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 4:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor James Groff, Township Manager Richard Schnaedter, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart.

- 1. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> None.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a) Minutes of the December 8, 2014 Supervisor's Meeting
 - b) Financial Report November, 2014
 - c) Bills List November 26, 2014 December 17, 2014
 - d) Sellersville Fire Company 2015 Fire Agreement Signature from the BOS

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. <u>CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:</u>

Emily Coleman – seeking positions on Planning Commission, Water & Sewer, Parks & Recreation, Agricultural Officer/Emergency Management – Ms. Emily Coleman was present to speak of her desire to sit on one of the Township Boards as listed in her application. Ms. Coleman stated she is a recent graduate of the University of Delaware with Bachelor of Science degrees in Natural Resource Management and Agricultural & Natural Resources as well as minors in Wildlife Conservation and Resource Economics. Ms. Coleman spoke about her employment as well as her internships with Powerhouse Growers, Forward Ever Sustainable Business Alliance, and Everyday Green doing new construction inspections in heating and air conditioning to rate the house for efficiency. Supervisor Bemington stated the Park and Recreation Board would be the Board he would be inclined to make Ms. Coleman a part of. Ms. Coleman stated the Park and Recreation Board and the Agricultural Boards would be the Boards she would be most interested in. Chairman McIlhinney stated the Park and Recreation Board was eliminated a few years ago because of some friction hecause the Board lost sight of what they were supposed to be doing but the Board will be re-constituted in 2015. Ms. Coleman

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stated Park and Recreation is really important in the community and it would be great to build places like Peace Valley Nature Center and have the community involved. Supervisor Bennington stated the Park and Recreation Board would also organize the Easter Egg Hunt and the Fall Festival, with additional volunteers, along with possible self-sustaining camps as they do at Peace Valley Park. Chairman McIlhinney stated it takes a lot of effort and commitment by a number of people for the Park and Recreation Board and the Township will support the system. Chairman McIlhinney stated the appointments will be made at the re-organization meeting on January 5, 2015.

- b) Roy Williams (Bill) Riemenschneider seeking position on Park & Recreation Mr. Bill Riemenschneider was present to speak of his desire to sit on the Park and Recreation Board stemming from his Forestry Degree obtained from West Virginia University and his experience as a tree tender with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. As a previous member of the Abington Environmental Advisory Board, he worked on tree assessment and grants. With community help and donations, they established a riparian buffer along a creek in Abington and a rain garden. Mr. Riemenschneider is the owner/general manager of an insurance agency in Lansdale and stated he would like to make a contribution to the community and be given the opportunity to volunteer his time on the Park & Recreation Board. Chairman McIlhinney stated Mr. Riemenschneider's experience would be an asset to the Park & Recreation Board and the appointments will be at the re-organization meeting on January 5, 2015.
- 5. <u>LEGAL: Solicitor's Report</u> None.
- 6. <u>PLANNING:</u> None.
- 7. <u>ENGINEERING:</u> None.
- 8. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>: None.
- 9. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> None.
- 10. <u>SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:</u> None.
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- 12. <u>PRESS CONFERENCE:</u> No members of the press were present.

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13. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the December 22, 2014 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Schnaedter

Township Manager/Secretary

(*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).