

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARY SCHEDULED MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:00PM 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 Peter Harrison, and Township Engineer C. Robert Wynn.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a) **Chairman McIlhinney announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss labor contracts.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Supervisor's Meeting
- b) Bills list dated April 30th – May 9th, 2014
- c) Bills list dated May 14th – May 23rd, 2014

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our many Veterans who did not come back from our wars.

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

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

5. LEGAL: Solicitor's Report –

a) Solicitor Harrison presented the Contract for Professional Services in the amount of \$2,500.00 in regards to a potential traffic signal at the Rosenthal property located at the intersection of Route 309 and Swartley Road, and recommended the execution by the Board. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, for the Board of Supervisors to execute the Contract for Professional Services in the amount of \$2,500.00 in regards to Mr. Rosenthal's property located at the intersection of Route 309 and Swartley Road. There was no public comment.

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6. PLANNING: C. Robert Wynn Associates:

a) Regency at Hilltown Street Names – Robert Wynn presented the street names requested by Toll Brothers for the Age Qualified Regency at Hilltown Subdivision located at Route 313 and Minsi Trail as: Road A – Bushwood Drive, Road B – Webb Drive, Road C – Spalding Drive, and Road D – Jase Drive. These names still have to be approved by the Post Office but have been reviewed by Chief Engelhart and Dave Taylor and found acceptable. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to approve the street names as listed above for the Regency at Hilltown Subdivision. There was no public comment.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) TMDL Project – Growing Greener Grant – Riparian Restoration Project at Hilltown Ridge Open Space Area – At last month’s Board meeting, Mr. Wynn suggested a project that would include the Township owned open space along Township Line Road to restore the riparian corridor by planting the forest buffer along the channel, removing invasive plants, planting new trees, and repairing eroded areas of the channel. There are six proposals out to foresters for the plan and he hopes to have them by next month. Mr. Wynn stated the Bucks County Planning Commission advised him of a Growing Greener Grant Application that will include water quality in an impaired watershed including those polluted by agricultural, urban runoff, and abandoned mine discharge. Bucks County Planning Commission implied they would provide a letter in support. The grant application would include all costs that will be incurred by the Township after approval of the grant including any survey, design, permitting (erosion and sedimentation control, NPDES, general permits for bank restoration and pond improvements), preparation of plans and specifications, construction, and contract estimated between \$15,000.00 and \$30,000.00, which can be in-kind services. The Township’s portion would be 15% either in dollars or matching work by the road department. Estimated cost for meeting with PADEP and completion of the application is \$3,000.00 which is not reimbursable through the grant. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, for the expenditure of \$3,000.00 for Mr. Wynn to prepare the grant application for submission at next month’s meeting. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Bennington requested clarification in regards to the April 24, 2014 Waste Management permit renewal application to add single stream recycling operations. Mr. Wynn stated it is to also include the collection of recyclables and use the transfer station for that purpose, and there is no expansion.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Barry Casper Resignation letter from the Planning Commission – Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to accept Barry Casper's resignation letter from the Planning Commission. There was no public comment. Supervisor McIlhinney suggested the applicant who had expected to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission, and was not, should be contacted first in regards to the open position. Supervisor Bennington disagreed and felt that anyone who wishes to apply for the position should do so. There should be no special preferences given. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, to advertise for the open position on the Planning Commission. There was no public comment.

b) H&K Quarry- Request for extension of hours of operating hours for June, 2014, Both Concrete/Asphalt Batch Plants – The Township received a request for extension of operating hours for June, 2014 – both concrete/asphalt batch plants. H&K has requested to operate 6:30 pm to 6:30 am, Monday through Saturday for the month of June.

Public Comment: Shawn Barnes, 300 Quarry Road, stated the operating hours during the day is expected but the night time noise between 6:30 PM and 6:30 AM interrupts the quality of life for his family. During the past couple of months, there has been a nighttime presence of maintenance on the vehicles, including back up noises. He has worked and been in communication with Scott Drumbore who stated he is working on schedule changes. Supervisor McIlhinney stated the extended hour request is for the Skunk Hollow Quarry and not Blooming Glen. Supervisor Bennington stated the Township will reach out to Blooming Glen Quarry to assess the situation and find out what is going on per the agreement. It was also noted to have the Township Solicitor look over the agreement. Mr. Barnes gave written documentation to the Township Manager in regards to his noise assessment.

Public Comment: Mike Shenk, 11 Quarry Road and resident for ten years, questioned the 2013 revenue from Blooming Glen Contractors. Supervisor McIlhinney instructed the Township Manager to provide Lorraine Leslie with his phone number and she will give him a call back with the requested information. The Township Manager stated the minimum revenue is \$100,000.00 over the course of the year.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously, to approve the increased hours of operation for H&K Quarry according the request letter for the month of June. There was no public comment.

c) Bid Award: Bid 2014-001 – Super Pave – Morgan Lane, Victoria Lane, Orchard Road – The Township went out to bid for Super Pave for Morgan Lane, Victoria Lane, and Orchard Road. Five bid responses were received and the low bid was Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$79,568.85. Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, to accept Bid 2014-001 for Super Pave and award the bid to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$79,568.85. There was no public comment.

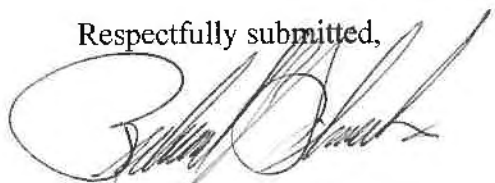
10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Bennington questioned if there was a requirement for a public meeting to discuss the financial report for the year 2013. The Township Manager stated that it was not necessary. Supervisor Bennington questioned the status of the Bucks County Open Space funds. Manager Schnaedter stated he spoke with Lynn Bush and the final guidelines would be available soon. Supervisor Groff asked that the Township Manager speak with the Historical Society in regards to the Civic Park Barn and to also look into the running path/bike path because the blacktop is starting to break up. The Township Manager announced this Saturday, at 10:00 AM at the Township building, in cooperation with Lowes, rain barrels will be made for the cost of \$20.00.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: No members of the press were present.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the May 27, 2014 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

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).