

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
Monday, May 13, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7:00PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman  
James C. Groff, Supervisor  
Richard C. Schnaedter, Township Manager  
Lynda Seimes, Township Secretary

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) The Supervisor's meeting originally scheduled for Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday.
- 2) The annual Memorial Day service will be held at the Hilltown Civic Park on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, rain or shine.
- 3) The 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates for the Upper Bucks Co. area include Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School; and Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Quakertown High School. For a complete schedule and listing of accepted products, please visit [www.buckscounty.org/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.org/recycling).
- 4) The Administrative office will be open on Election Day with limited staff to assist residents and provide support to the poll workers.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

- 1) Mr. Jerry Lohan of 715 Telegraph Road noted a minor correction to the minutes of the April 22, 2013 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the April 22, 2013 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Bills List dated May 14, 2013.
- Financial Statement for Month of April 2013.

In response to Mr. Lohan's public comment above, the minutes of the April 22, 2013 Board of Supervisor's meeting were revised, as follows – to page 4, first paragraph, last sentence, which should be revised to state **“At the behest of Supervisor Groff and Chairperson Salvadore, the 30+ residents who were in attendance for the proposed Rezoning Request for Fonthill Court (aka: Telegraph Road TND) were asked to hold their public comment until an advertised Public Hearing is held on this matter.”**

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, with the correction to the April 22, 2013 Supervisor's Meeting minutes as noted above. There was no public comment.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Bid Award – (Bid #2013-1) – Municipal Building Roof Replacement - Bids were opened on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project:

	<u>Base Bid</u>
- Pro Com Roofing, Warrington, PA	\$101,000.00
- David/Randall, Harleysville, PA	\$108,000.00
- A. Brooks Construction, Langhorne, PA	\$110,607.00
- Jim Miller Roofing, Lansdowne, PA	\$115,500.00
- Mum Roofing, Hatfield, PA	\$166,000.00
- Gen II Contracting, Clarksburg, NJ	\$167,720.00

The firm that prepared the bids, Kimmel-Bogrette, has recommended the Board consider additional options: Alt #1 – New Gutters and Spouts (\$13,000.00), Alt. #3 – Ice and Water Shields (\$6,800.00), and Alt. #9 – Warranty Upgrade (\$4,500.00). With those three options, the low bidder remains Pro Com Roofing in the amount of \$125,300.00. Discussion took place.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2013-1 for the Municipal Building Roof Replacement to Pro Com Roofing of Warrington PA, in the total amount of \$125,300.00, which includes the addition of Alt. #1, Alt. #3 and Alt. #9 on the Bid Tabulation/Checklist as prepared by Kimmel Bogrette Architecture. There was no public comment.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Authorization to purchase 2013 Public Works Capital Equipment – Mr. Schnaedter requested authorization to purchase a 2012 Sakai Vibratory Roller from Plasterer Equipment through the Pennsylvania COSTARS Purchasing Program, in the amount of \$95,295.00. This equipment was identified in the Township's 5-year Equipment Program and is contained in the current 2013 Township Budget.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a 2012 Roller through Pennsylvania COSTARS Purchasing Program in the amount of \$95,295.00, as noted above. There was no public comment.

Mr. Schnaedter also requested authorization to purchase a new John Deere Z970R Commercial ZTrak Mower in the amount of \$9,197.60 from Detlan Equipment to replace the 2004 John Deere mower. This item was also identified in the 5-year Capital Equipment Program and is so noted in the 2013 Hilltown Budget.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a new John Deere Z970R Commercial ZTrak Mower in the amount of \$9,197.60, as noted above. There was no public comment.

2) Authorization to bid 2013 Road Projects – The following road projects are recommended for completion in 2013, utilizing Liquid Fuels funding:

Nova Chip Surface Coating: Timber Court, Rosie Lane, Loni Court, Broad Street, and West Creamery Road, at an estimated total cost of \$121,564.00.

Bituminous Seal Coat: Forest Road (from Minsi Trail to Rickert Road), Frontier Road, Middle Road (from the Dublin Borough line to U. Stump Road), Fretz Road (from Middle Road to Broad Street), and Tiffany Drive, at an estimated cost of \$72,120.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of bids for Nova Chip Surface Coating, and for Bituminous Seal Coat both on the above noted roadways. There was no public comment.

F. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1) Supervisor Groff was pleased that Mr. Schnaedter and Mr. Rosenberger have agreed to work on Election Day in order to offer assistance to residents and also to provide support for the poll workers. Chairperson Salvadore and Supervisor McIlhinney agreed.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Mrs. Alice Kachline of Mill Road was disappointed by the comments made by Supervisor McIlhinney against Chairperson Salvadore at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, accusing her of financially benefiting from the proposed route of the public water and sewer lines passing by her property on Forest Road. Supervisor McIlhinney stated that Chairperson Salvadore, because of her vote, will enjoy increased property values due to the extension of public water and sewer lines past her home, which he maintains was a conflict of interest.

2) Mr. Terry Carnes, chairman of the Hilltown Planning Commission, stated that he and other PC members were unaware that the revised route of the water/sewer lines would now run past Chairperson Salvadore's property when they unanimously passed a motion to conditionally approve the Regency at Hilltown development at their last meeting. Mr. Carnes

read from a State publication titled "Township Supervisors Handbook" Sections 8 and 9 (Conflict of Interest). He feels Chairperson Salvadore, by voting on the Regency at Hilltown plan, put herself in violation of the Pennsylvania Public Officials and Employees Ethics Act, because having access to public water and sewer, regardless of one's intention to connect, affects the value of the property.

Chairperson Salvadore commented that she has absolutely no intention of connecting to public water/sewer, and further explained that her property will be preserved through the Bedminster Conservancy and therefore, will never be developed. Chairperson Salvadore stated that she did recues herself from discussion of the Regency at Hilltown plan, however she did vote upon the plan, as is permitted under the Ethics Act as long as the conflict had been disclosed, clarified and declared, which she had done.

Supervisor Groff, who is also the Manager of the Hilltown Authority, assured those present that the reason for the route of the water and sewer lines was to avoid the stream and the recently renovated bridge; and to address issues of health, safety and welfare. Supervisor Groff also advised that the route of the water/sewer lines is clearly shown on the plan, including the owners of the properties the line will pass by.

3) Mr. Dave Christ of 426 Schoolhouse Road is also a member of the Hilltown Planning Commission, and while he understands the reasoning for the route change and still feels it is a good decision, he believes that the information about the water/sewer lines passing Chairperson Salvadore's home should have been disclosed to the Commission.

4) Mr. Joe Marino of Redwing Road is a member of the Plaming Commission as well. He concurred that the Authority Engineer, Mr. Kelso, explained the reasoning for the route of the water and sewer lines to the Planning Commission.

At one time, there was a proposed development (Cinnabar Farms) very near the Regency at Hilltown site, which was proposed to be served by the extension of public water/sewer from Blooming Glen Road to Blue School Road to Schwenkmill Road, thereby addressing approximately 20 properties that were experiencing failing systems along the route. However that development was not approved. Mr. Marino felt that same route should have been followed to serve the Regency at Hilltown site, while still addressing those failing systems.

Mr. Groff explained that originally, an on-site sewage plant was proposed for the Regency at Hilltown however DEP's stringent effluent criteria due to the nearby stream and the cost to operate the plant would have been cost prohibitive. Mr. Groff assured Mr. Marino that the proposed route of the sewer line for Regency is absolutely the best alternative to provide the least amount of disturbance to the bridge and to the stream.

5) Mr. Wally Rosenthal of 530 Rosie Lane related how a woman come to the parking lot of his place of business last week (Rt. 309 Office Furniture), and proceeded to remove the political signs he had posted on his property. When confronted, the woman stated that she had been instructed to remove the signs in order to "beautify the neighborhood," but she would not disclose who had instructed her to do so. Mr. Rosenthal asked the Board to consider language in the Political Sign process addressing the illegal removal of signs.

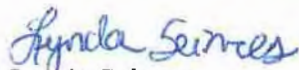
6) Mrs. Jean Bolger of Rt. 152 asked when the bridge on Rickert Road might reopen for travel. Supervisor McIlhinney explained that it is a Bucks County bridge, and the last update Chief Engelhart had provided was that it could take up to two additional years to repair.

7) Mr. Jon Weissman of Rt. 113 is curious as to what damage is caused to the historic Rt. 113 bridge by heavy truck traffic. Supervisor Groff stated that Rt. 113 is a state road and PennDot should be contacted. Mr. Weissman also suggested that signs stating "Reduced Speed Ahead" be installed near the bridge on the approach to the Village of Blooming Glen. Discussion took place.

H. PRESS CONFERENCE: There were no questions from those reporters present.

I. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the May 13, 2013 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes  
Township 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).