

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC FORUM CONCERNING THE HAINES AND KIBBLEHOUSE QUARRY
AGREEMENT EXTENSION REQUEST
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – 7PM**

The February 6, 2013 H&K Public Forum was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

This evening's Public Forum was scheduled to provide an opportunity for the public to express their opinions and to question representatives from Haines and Kibblehouse regarding the proposed 2005 Agreement Amendment. The Board of Supervisors would not be taking any questions, nor would they be rendering any decision this evening. This Public Forum was appropriately advertised in the Doylestown Intelligencer. Mr. John Haines of H&K was in attendance, along with Mr. Scott Drumbore, the applicant's engineer, and Mr. Joseph LaFlame, the applicant's legal counsel, to present the proposal to extend the August 25, 2005 Agreement for mining operations at the Blooming Glen Quarry (hence forward "BG Quarry" for purposes of these minutes). Approximately 60 people were in attendance with 10 of the visitors being from H&K; and 8 being from the Blooming Glen area. The applicant's proposal is outlined below as taken from their September 24, 2012 correspondence to the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Duration of Mining – Blasting, crushing and other processing of stone are proposed to be extended at the BG Quarry location from its scheduled termination date of August 2020 to December 31, 2045. This additional time would permit the available reserves to be depleted at this location without amendment to current operations – such as increased truck activity.
- 2) Quarry Fee – Currently H&K pays the Township \$.010/ton of stone mined and sold from the BG Quarry. H&K proposes increasing the fee to the Township from \$0.10/ton to \$0.35/ton for 1B and 2B stone mined and sold from the BG Quarry location.
- 3) Material Discount to Township – Currently, H&K provides the Township with a 5% discount on stone, sand, asphalt and concrete purchased. As of January 1, 2013, H&K will increase said discount to 10%.
- 4) Annual Quarry Fee Cap – Currently the Quarry Fee is calculated annually (i.e. March 15th for the preceding year), paid within 45 days upon a mutually agreed upon amount and there is no minimum annual Quarry Fee. Commencing 1/1/13, the minimum annual Quarry Fee is proposed to be \$100,000.00 for any given

13) Mr. Jon Apple of 700 Church Road feels the reclamation process was downplayed and overlooked during the 2005 Agreement. His main concerns were with increased truck traffic and the potential for continued damage to Township roadways; along with safety and environmental issues.

14) Mr. Mike Beatrice of 925 Church Road was unhappy with the burden that truck traffic puts on local Township roads, and expressed his concern with the amount of soot and carcinogen emissions from the truck traffic.

15) Mr. Danny Kell of Keystone Drive suggested the Board negotiate a HOST fee from H&K in order to bond the roads for the continued amount of truck traffic. Mr. Kell also asked if H&K has any intention of selling the quarry.

16) Mrs. Bridget Ciambone of 827 Blooming Glen Road is not in favor of the quarry agreement being extended and is very concerned about the truck traffic and the amount of fully loaded trucks traveling uncovered. Mrs. Ciambone asked if H&K was willing to reimburse residents, retroactively, for wells that have gone dry due to mining operations.

17) Mrs. Jean Bolger of 324 Rt. 152 questioned the reclamation process, and stated her opposition to extending the 2005 Quarry Agreement.

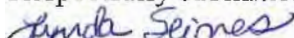
18) Mr. Nevin Moyer of Quarry Road feels that H&K has been a good neighbor, citing an instance where they re-drilled his well and supplied water for his cattle during a dry summer.

19) Mr. Mike Murphey, a former Hilltown resident who sold his property to H&K, suggested that there be a time limit placed on reclamation. He also recommended that the Board appoint a committee of residents to renegotiate the 2005 Agreement.

There was no further public comment and/or questions.

ADJOURNMENT: The advertised H&K Public Forum was adjourned at 9:26PM.

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).