

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, January 28, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7:10PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman
James C. Groff, Supervisor
Richard C. Schnaedter, Township Manager
Christopher E. Engelhart, Police Chief
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) The Board met in Executive Session following the January 7, 2013 Reorganization meeting to discuss personnel, and also met for informational purposes prior to this meeting.
- 2) The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Forum on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7PM to consider and hear public comment concerning the proposed Haines and Kibblehouse Quarry Agreement Amendment. An inclement weather date of Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7PM has been established.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the January 7, 2013 Supervisor's Reorganization Meeting.
- Bills List dated January 29, 2013.
- 2013 Fire Protection Agreement for Signature – Hilltown Fire Company.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to approve and accept the Consent Agenda items as noted above. There was no public comment.

D. APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP MANAGER – Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to appoint Richard C. Schnaedter as Township Manager. There was no public comment.

E. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1) Mill Road Bridge – Following review of Qualification Statements from eight consultants, McCormick Taylor has been recommended to be retained for the construction portion of the project. PennDot must be notified and approve the Township's selection, at which time they will then negotiate a contract price with the selected consultant.

Motion was made by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously to recommend the appointment of McCormick Taylor to be retained to oversee the construction portion of the Mill Road Bridge project. There was no public comment.

Additionally, Mr. Wynn noted that the final Title Sheet has been received for signature by the Board of Supervisors following this meeting. PennDot advised on January 15th that utility clearance for the Mill Road Bridge project has been approved. The clearance report indicates that PennDot has established an Oct. 24, 2013 bid letting for the construction of the new structure.

2) Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Various – The Bucks County Planning Commission review dated December 5, 2012, and Mr. Wynn's latest correspondence dated January 9, 2013, along with the draft Zoning Ordinance Amendment was discussed.

With respect to the current maximum height of 150 ft. for a cellular telecommunication structure, Supervisor McIlhinney noted that the language found on page 2, Item C of the proposed Ordinance refers to a possible increase in height of a wireless support structure by more than 10% but not to exceed 20 ft., whichever is greater. At the same time, the distance from the property boundary has not changed, which concerned Supervisor McIlhinney. Mr. Wynn explained that the revision complies with Federal requirements. Lengthy discussion took place.

Supervisor McIlhinney also commented that communication towers are permitted, via Special Exception in almost all zoning districts, except for PC-2, MHP, and AQRC zoning districts, and wondered why those three have been excluded. Discussion occurred.

The Board unanimously agreed to send these Ordinance amendments back to the Hilltown Planning Commission for their consideration and recommendations on the concerns brought forth this evening.

3) Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance Amendment – Various – Mr. Wynn's latest correspondence dated January 9, 2013 and the Bucks County Planning Commission review dated December 5, 2012, along with the proposed SALDO amendment were discussed.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to advertise the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance amendments as discussed this evening for future Public Hearing and adoption. There was no public comment.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Consider setting Tax Collector Compensation for years 2014 through 2017 – As required by the Pennsylvania Local Tax Collection Law, the Supervisors are permitted to amend the rate at which the Tax Collector is paid for their upcoming term (2014 through 2017) by adopting Resolutions no later than February 15th of the year of the municipal election. This is to allow those individuals considering running for the office of Tax Collector to know the proposed compensation.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to set the Tax Collector Compensation for the years 2014 through 2017, which will be adopted by separate Resolutions at the February 11, 2013 meeting as follows: 2% salary increase, \$4.00 per interim bill, and \$35.00 per Tax Certification. There was no public comment.

2) Hatfield Township Traffic Signal Agreement – The Board considered the proposed Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreements with Hatfield Township. Supervisor McIlhinney was concerned that Hilltown Township will be financially liable for the closed-loop system that PennDot had previously proposed.

Following discussion, the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed that they would like to meet with representatives of both Hatfield Township and PennDot to discuss the agreements and to verify that Hilltown Township would not be responsible for any additional associated costs with respect to the closed-loop interconnect system proposed by PennDot.

3) Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company -- Agreement Letter – The Fire Company is presently applying for financing to purchase a rescue pumper, and as such, the Supervisors have been asked to sign a non-financial document simply acknowledging that the Hilltown Fire Company serves the Township for fire-fighting purposes.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to acknowledge that the Hilltown Volunteer Fire Company serves Hilltown Township for fire-fighting purposes; that Hilltown Township accepts no financial responsibility for the payments on the purchased rescue pumper, and further, requests that the lender acknowledges in writing that the Township has no financial responsibility for this or any other purchase by the Hilltown Volunteer Fire Company. There was no public comment.

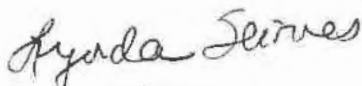
G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Nonc.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the January 28, 2013 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings taken by Mrs. Lorraine Leslie, Township Treasurer; and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).