

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, June 11, 2012**

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
Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police
Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) The Board met in Executive Session following the last meeting to discuss Real Estate and will meet in Executive Session following tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the May 29, 2012 Meeting
- Bills List dated June 12, 2012
- Financial Statement dated May 2012

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

D. COMMENDATION PRESENTATION:

1. Hilltown Boy Scout Troop #67 and Mr. Steve Gratias – 2012 Memorial Day Remembrance Service – Chairperson Salvadore presented members of Hilltown Boy Scout Troop #67 a Commendation for their participation in the Memorial Day Remembrance Service at the Hilltown Civic Park by presenting the colors and raising the flag. An Appreciation Commendation will also be mailed to Mr. Steve Gratias, who played Taps at the Memorial Day Remembrance Service.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of future of PROS Committee – Several months ago, Mr. Schnaedter was tasked with observing and providing recommendations with respect to the future continuance of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Schnaedter felt it would be advantageous to separate the duties of the committee by removing the open space aspect from its purview. In his estimation, the acquisition of open space should be

the sole responsibility of the Board of Supervisors, mainly due to the issues of confidentiality during price negotiations. The Park and Recreation Committee could then once again focus on specific yearly events and festivals such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival and Memorial Day celebration. Mr. Schnaedter commented that he could act as the liaison with the Park and Recreation Board, and the administrative staff would provide assistance as necessary.

Supervisor McIlhinney noted that he had objected to combining the Park and Recreation Committee with the Open Space Committee when it was done several years ago, and as such, he would be happy to have the Supervisors once again assume responsibility for the open space aspect. Supervisor Groff agreed, noting that he would be more comfortable with the open space component being administered and handled by the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Salvadore suggested that the new committee might consider conducting an updated recreation survey to insure that the public's recreational wants and needs are clearly defined. As such, she also recommended that the new committee be named "Park and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee." Discussion occurred.

Mr. Schnaedter was directed to prepare an Ordinance removing the open space component from the Park and Recreation Committee for the Board's consideration.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vacancy on Planning Commission – Mr. Schnaedter announced that Ms. Lori McCauley is resigning her position on the Planning Commission effective June 30, 2012 since she is moving out of the area. Ms. McCauley's term expires on 12/31/14.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of a vacancy on the Hilltown Township Planning Commission. There was no public comment.

2. 2012 Capital Projects Schedule – The Capital Projects Budget for 2012 was presented to the Board for consideration and prioritization:

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Mill Road Bridge	\$ 2,500	-0-	\$ 2,500
Township Building (Replacement Roof)	\$50,000	-0-	\$50,000
Township Building (Seal coat, paving, or Carpeting)	\$25,000	-0-	\$25,000
Replacement Computers	\$ 3,000	-0-	\$ 3,000
Police Vehicle	\$42,000	-0-	\$42,000

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Police Radios (Local)	\$25,500	-0-	\$25,500
Traffic Camera (Rt. 113/Callowhill)	\$ 3,500	\$3,465	-0-
Improved Street Lighting	\$20,000	-0-	\$20,000
Welcome House Road Culvert	\$100,000	-0-	\$100,000

Discussion took place regarding the Bucks County's radio upgrade project, the Public Works Department's request to install endwalls, and the possible purchase of additional police vehicles. The Board unanimously agreed to table this matter for further discussion at the June 25, 2012 meeting, at which time Chief Engelhart will provide an updated police vehicle inventory, and when Mr. Wynn and hopefully Mr. Buzby, would be in attendance.

G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1) Supervisor Groff asked for an update on the Bucks County-owned Rickert Road bridge repair. Chief Engelhart had heard that it could take up to 2 to 3 years for completion. Mr. Schnaedter was directed to contact the Bucks County Public Works Department to ascertain a more specific date for completion.

2) Correspondence was presented from Mr. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer, dated June 7, 2012 referencing a request from the Summer Lea Homeowner's Association to install a Community Sign on a small plot of HOA owned land at the intersection of Diamond Street and Glenwood Drive. Mr. Taylor's correspondence notes that in accordance with Zoning Ordinance sections 160-79.G(6) and (7), the proposed sign's architectural details must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Personally, Supervisor McIlhinney is opposed to a proliferation of signs in the Township. He commented that the proposed sign is quite large and detailed information concerning the materials to be used have not been submitted for the Board's consideration as required by Ordinance. Discussion occurred. The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to table this matter pending receipt of additional information concerning proposed sign materials.

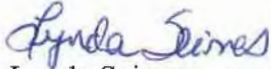
H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Sue Psomiadis of 708 Callowhill Road was shocked to hear that the Rickert Road Bridge could take as long as 2 to 3 years for completion.

I. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions posed by those reporters present.

J. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the June 11, 2012 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings, and are not considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).
