

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
Monday, May 14, 2012**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Barbara A. Salvadore at 7:02PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman  
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 meeting on April 23, 2012 to discuss real estate issues.

2. Chairperson Salvadore mentioned that Supervisor Groff would not be in attendance this evening due to a family emergency.

3. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

4. A Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Civic Park on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 10AM, rain or shine.

5. Chairperson Salvadore presented a Commendation to Boy Scout Troop #187, who spent the day on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> completing a community service project of mulching and landscaping the gardens surrounding the Township Building. Participants in the project included Max Haughin, Bert Haughin, A.J. Skoufos, Andrew Hartley, Tim Hartley, Sheila Hartley, Sam Oswald, Chris Kirchoff, Brian Handel, Brendan Caldawaller, Stephen Melbaum, Tim Pruss, and Karl Pruss.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting.
- Bills List dated May 15, 2012.
- Financial Statement dated April 2012.
- Witkowski Sketch Plan Staff Meeting Notification.

Supervisor McIlhinney questioned the specific proposal for the Witkowski Sketch Plan, and suggested the item be tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously to approve and accept the April 23, 2012 meeting minutes, Bills List dated May 15,

2012, and Financial Statement dated April 2012, but to table the Witkowski Sketch Plan Staff Meeting Notification pending receipt of additional information. There was no public comment.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Consider Proposals for Demolition of the Beyer Farmhouse: - Three proposals were received for the demolition of the Beyer Farmhouse, with following results:

- Blooming Glen Contractors	\$14,500.00
- Toth Brothers	\$18,495.00
- Tinari Contractors, Inc.	\$24,250.00

Discussion took place as to the specifics of the proposals.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously to award the Beyer Farmhouse demolition project to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$14,500.00. There was no public comment.

2. Consider Proposals for Specifications for Municipal Building Roof Repair/Replacement – Since only one proposal was received, the Board of Supervisors tabled this item pending receipt of additional proposals.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2011 Financial Report Presentation – Mr. Schnaedter briefly reviewed the 2011 Financial Report. He noted that total assets for 2011 increased by over 3% while total liabilities decreased by 14.51%, with net assets totaling \$25 million dollars. Total revenues increased by a little less than 11% in a one year period, which equates to \$7.9 million dollars. With the exception of the Recreation Capital Reserve account, all funds enjoyed a healthy increase from the previous year. The total funds went from \$4,238,000.00 to over \$5,792,721.00 in a twelve month period. Though he was not employed by the Township in 2011, Mr. Schnaedter commended the staff for the excellent stewardship of the Township finances. Chairperson Salvadore and Supervisor McIlhinney agreed.

2. Consider H&K Quarry Request for Extension of Hours for the Month of May 2012 – Correspondence from H&K Quarry dated April 27, 2012 was received, requesting the extension of operation hours for the concrete batch plant and/or the asphalt batch plant for the month of May 2012. Mr. Schnaedter acknowledged that he did receive one complaint from a neighboring property owner about construction noises, which has been relayed to H&K. A representative of H&K stated that they are seeking an alternate route that would traverse a less densely populated area of the Township in order to address this issue.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously to approve the request by H&K Quarry for extended hours of operation of 6:30PM

to 6:30AM, Monday through Friday for the month of May at the concrete batch plant and/or the asphalt batch plant to focus primarily on the ongoing Rt. 202 Project and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension Project. There was no public comment.

E. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Mr. Greg Pickwell of 2335 Hilltown Pike asked the Board to consider adoption of a Property Maintenance Ordinance to address lawn height in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Pickwell and several of his neighbors complained to the Code Enforcement Officer about an overgrown neighboring property that is no longer being sufficiently maintained. He explained that the lawn on this adjacent property is presently 3 1/2 – 4 feet high, which causes sight distance issues for his family when exiting their driveway, and raises health concerns due to the prevalence of ticks from a mild winter, and the increase of rodents, snakes and mosquitoes that an overgrown property can accommodate. Discussion took place. The Supervisors will discuss the issue with Mr. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer, and with Solicitor Grabowski prior to the next Supervisor's meeting.

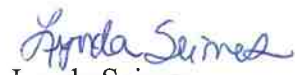
2) Mr. Terry Carnes of 21 Pinewood Lane referred to the Supervisor's recent acceptance of approximately 20 acres of open space for the proposed Guttman Tract. Mr. Carnes urged the Board to reconsider, stating that any open space obtained by the Township takes that property out of tax revenue producing status, while increasing additional maintenance costs and liability issues. Supervisor McIlhinney agreed with Mr. Carnes, and commented that he was opposed to accepting the Guttman Tract open space parcel, even though the News Herald incorrectly reported the opposite.

3) Mr. Schnaedter requested a five minute Executive Session with the Board following this meeting to discuss a real estate transaction.

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

H. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Chairperson Salvadore, and carried unanimously, the May 14, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynda Seimes  
Township Secretary

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