

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
Monday, January 23, 2012, 7PM**

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

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. A Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for 7:30PM this evening to consider the application of Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, who is proposing the replacement of six antennas on the existing 105 ft. high telecommunications monopole located at 709 County Line Road in the PC-1 Zoning District.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Minutes of the January 3, 2012 Reorganization Meeting
- Bills List dated January 24, 2012

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

D. PLANNING – C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer –

1. Wimmer Lot Line Adjustment – Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to grant conditional final plan approval to the Wimmer Lot Line Adjustment, pending satisfactory completion of Items 3 through 6 of the November 21, 2011 engineering review, and receipt of written verification of variance approval from the Zoning Hearing Board; and also approved the waiver requests for the Wimmer Lot Line Adjustment as contained in the December 15, 2011 Horizon Engineering correspondence. There was no public comment.

E. ENGINEERING – C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer –

1. Pleasant Springs Creek Gravel Bar Removal – At the direction of the Supervisors, Mr. Wynn solicited proposals for removal of the gravel bar located approximately 400 ft. downstream from the Hillcrest Road Bridge within the Township-owned open space area as a result of Tropical Storm Lee. To date, written proposals were received from Ken Beer and Sons Excavating in the amount of \$18,520.00 and Toth Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$16,170.00. Mr. Wynn also received a telephone quote from Litzenberger Excavating, Inc. with a cost of \$19,900.00. Mr. Litzenberger is aware that the Township cannot accept proposals without bidding in excess of \$18,500.00 and therefore was not submitting a written proposal. In addition, Mr. Wynn has had several discussions and email correspondence with Mr. Hess of Blooming Glen Contractors, and expects to receive a written proposal by the time of this meeting. Mr. Wynn noted that the Pleasant Springs Creek is a trout-stocked fishery according to DEP classification, and as such, work must be accomplished by February 29, 2012 or work cannot occur until after June 15, 2012. This project is one that the Township has applied for and is hoping to receive reimbursement from FEMA to complete.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize acceptance of the proposal by Toth Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$16,170.00 for the removal of the gravel bar located approximately 500 ft. downstream from the Hillcrest Road Bridge within the Township Open Space area, as noted above. There was no public comment.

2. Hilltown Crossings Land Development – Mr. Wynn's correspondence dated January 4, 2012 was discussed. Although the developer requested return of the Performance Bond, all work has not yet been accomplished, and there will be a requirement for an 18-month maintenance period with escrow.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to deny the request of the developer of the Hilltown Crossings Land Development for return of the Performance Bond; and to require an 18-month maintenance period with appropriate 15% escrow for this land development, per Mr. Wynn's correspondence dated January 4, 2012. There was no public comment.

3. Draft Floodplain Ordinance – A draft Ordinance was prepared by Mr. Wynn and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors via cover correspondence dated January 16, 2012. Lengthy discussion took place. Supervisor McIlhinney would like to review the proposed draft Ordinance with Mr. Wynn prior to moving forward. The Supervisors unanimously agreed to table the Draft Floodplain Ordinance for further review. There was no public comment.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Requirement for Appointments to Board of Auditors – At the Reorganization meeting, Supervisor Groff stated that Solicitor Grabowski provided a legal opinion as to whether there is a requirement to appoint individuals to vacancies on the Board of Auditors, particularly since there are no working Supervisors for which the Auditors would set wages, and also since an independent firm actually conducts the Township's annual audit. Discussion occurred.

Supervisor Groff suggested that the Township determine if Ms. Bela Soni, who interviewed for one of the seats on the Board of Auditors, is still interested in serving. It was noted that Mr. Wally Rosenthal of Rosie Lane has expressed interest in one of the vacancies as well. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Adoption of 2011 Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mr. Schnaedter's memo dated January 23, 2012 was discussed. It notes that former Manager Chris Christman, former Asst. Manager Bill Wert, and the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, Ray Fegley, attended the 2011 training sessions regarding the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Fegley has since indicated recommendation for approval and adoption of the proposed Resolution. Mr. Schnaedter has also reviewed the entire document, which highlights the obvious such as number of fires per community, listing of flood-prone areas, etc. He noted that adoption of the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan is imperative in that critical disaster relief funds could be in jeopardy without its adoption. Discussion took place.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2012-10, adopting the 2011 Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan.** There was no public comment.

H. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

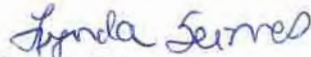
1. Supervisor Groff requested that the Board meet in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss Legal, Personnel, and possible Land Acquisition issues.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

J. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

K. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the January 23, 2012 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynda Seimes  
Township Secretary

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