

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, August 9, 2010
7:00PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 7:06PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Barbara A. Salvadore, Vice-Chairperson
 James C. Groff, Supervisor
 Christopher S. Christman, Township Manager
 William E. Wert, Asst. Mgr./Dir. of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
 Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police
 Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
 C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
 Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters and for informational purposes.

2. The regular meeting of the Supervisors originally scheduled for 7PM on Monday evening, August 23, 2010 has been cancelled. However a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors will convene at 11:30AM on August 23rd in order to award bids for the Keystone Drive/Orchard Road Paving Project and for the Forest Road Park Access/Parking Lot Paving Project.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Minutes of the July 26, 2010 Supervisor's Meeting.
- Bills List dated August 10, 2010.

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

D. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor –

1. Ashland Meadows – Individual Rain Garden Maintenance Agreement/Stormwater Basin Modification Agreement – Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to accept and approve the Ashland Meadows Individual Rain Garden Maintenance Agreement and Stormwater Basin Modification Agreement. There was no public comment.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Draft Development Sign Ordinance – Mr. Wynn’s correspondence dated August 4, 2010 was discussed. The Board unanimously agreed that the allowable square footage for the sign should be 20 sq. ft., as recommended by Mr. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer. The Board also agreed to an 8 ft. height limitation. Mr. Wynn will revise the draft Ordinance to include the aforementioned provisions, and forward it to both the Bucks County Planning Commission, and Hilltown Planning Commission for recommendation.

2. EMS Funding – Mr. Christman’s August 4, 2010 memo was discussed. Despite two email attempts to Mr. Cook of Grand View Hospital requesting a copy of a public audit highlighting only the ambulance service, no response has been received.

Since Grand View Hospital has not responded in a timely manner to these repeated requests, Chairman McIlhinney recommended that the funding allocated to them be divided equally and distributed to the remaining three ambulance squads who have complied with the Township’s requests. Supervisor Salvadore suggested that the request for a public audit should be made of the CFO of Grandview Hospital prior to any decision being made. Supervisor Groff is frustrated with the lack of response as well, but suggested that additional time be provided, and that the matter be tabled for a decision at the September 13th worksession meeting. The Board was agreeable.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. H&K Quarry’s Request for Extension of Hours – Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously to grant the request by H&K Quarry to extend hours of operation at their concrete plant from August 19, 2010 through September 2, 2010, to begin as early as 1:00AM with closing at the normally scheduled time of 6:30PM. There was no public comment.

F. ZONING HEARING BOARD ADVISORIES:

1. Gebler – 408 Brookside Drive – Applicant requests two variances to enable construction of a residential addition. The existing dwelling is currently non-conforming in two respects:

- The existing dwelling intrudes into the front yard set-back, though that has no bearing on this proposal, as the variance is for intrusion into the rear yard setback.
- The existing impervious coverage exceeds the allowable 14% for the CR-1 Zoning District.

****7:23PM – Following a brief discussion, Chairman McIlhinney recessed the regularly scheduled meeting in order to enter into Executive Session to discuss this matter further. The regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting was reconvened at 7:30PM.**

The Board unanimously agreed to direct Mr. Taylor to attend the upcoming Gebler Zoning Hearing.

G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Charles Brous of 699 Callowhill Road requested that the Board consider petitioning PennDot to erect a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Callowhill Road and South Perkasic Road, in light of another very serious traffic accident at that intersection last week. Discussion took place. The Board directed Mr. Christman to forward correspondence to PennDot to request consideration of a 4-way stop sign at the Callowhill Road and South Perkasic Road intersection.

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

J. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor Groff, and carried unanimously, the August 9, 2010 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

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