

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JOINT MEETINGS/REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
Monday, June 11, 2007  
6:30PM

The June 11, 2007 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard J. Manfredi at 6:34PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: John B. McIlhinney, Vice-Chairman  
Barbara A. Salvadore, Supervisor  
Kenneth B. Bennington, Township Manager  
Lynda S. Scimes, Township Secretary  
Christopher E. Engelhart, Chief of Police (arrived at 6:55PM)

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session at 3:30PM today to discuss employment matters, real estate and legal matters.

2. A Public Hearing will be held during the June 25, 2007 Supervisor's meeting to consider the adoption of the following Ordinances:

- Family Accessory Residence Ordinance
- AQRC Ordinance
- Trades Ordinance
- Farmstead Ordinance
- Barn Ordinance
- Impervious Surface Ordinance

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

1. Mr. Chuck Kulesza suggested that the proposed AQRC Ordinance should be last on the agenda at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, since he believes it will entail considerable discussion by members of the general public.

C. JOINT MEETINGS:

1. Planning Commission: Mr. Mark Funk, Mr. Kirk Hansen, Mrs. Denise Hermany, Mr. Chuck Kulesza, Mr. Jeff Lapp, Mr. Joe Marino, and Ms. Lori McCauley of the Hilltown Township Planning Commission were in attendance.

Chairman Manfredi referred to the responsibilities of the Planning Commission as outlined in the Municipalities Planning Code. Supervisor McIlhinney explained that the Planning Commission's primary duty is to review subdivision and land development applications for compliance with Township Ordinances, and unless specifically requested to do so by the Board of Supervisors, the PC should not deviate from those duties. He

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felt that the PC exceeded the original scope of direction from the Board of Supervisors when they continued with the review of the Zoning Ordinance once the original 7 Ordinance amendments were complete. Mrs. Hermany suggested that there be better communication between the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Manfredi believes that the various boards and committees should be structured and professionally staffed. Supervisor McIlhinney noted that funding for additional staff would be a major consideration. Chairman Manfredi feels it is incumbent upon the Board of Supervisors to insure that the volunteer board members have enough staff support to complete their tasks in a timely manner.

Mr. Hansen expressed concern that he and several other PC members are receiving their meeting packets from Mr. Wynn's office on the day of the meeting itself, which does not provide sufficient time for review. Mr. Kulesza agreed that there is an issue with the mail service from Mr. Wynn's Quakertown office to the PC member's homes.

Supervisor McIlhinney reminded the PC that an agenda for their Worksession meeting must be published and available for the general public prior to the meeting itself. Mr. Kulesza confirmed that Mr. Wynn prepares the agenda for the regular meeting and that he, as chairman, prepares the agenda for the Worksession meeting, which is not available until the day of the meeting. Mr. Funk suggested that Mr. Wynn be charged with creating the Planning Commission's Worksession agenda.

Ms. McCauley wondered how the Planning Commission should pose their recommendations so that the Supervisors might be more apt to consider them. Chairman Manfredi stated that the Supervisors consider each of the PC's recommendations on a case-by-case basis as to how the recommendation relates to the requirements of the Township Ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan. He encouraged the PC to consider the legal ramifications of their recommendations and to work within the parameters of the Ordinance. Mr. Lapp cited the recent AQRC Ordinance, noting that there was some confusion as to how the PC's review should be conducted – either site specific or Township-wide. It was his understanding that when the Supervisors reviewed the AQRC Ordinance, they considered it site-specific and decided to reject the PC's recommendation for a change to 50% open space. Discussion took place.

Mr. Kulesza noted that the Traffic Engineer provides an initial review of a subdivision or land development plan, however the Planning Commission is then not privy to a second review that might be generated by Mr. Heinrich once a response is obtained from the applicant. For instance, the Hilltown Crossings expansion plan that is before the Township at the present time generated a great deal of concern by the PC with respect to traffic issues. Unfortunately, the PC has not been privy to Mr. Heinrich's comments about the applicant's response to the original traffic review, is critical.

The Planning Commission offered the following comments with respect to the revised Ordinance to confirm and re-establish the Planning Commission, which will be reviewed in greater depth at their next Worksession meeting:

- Mrs. Hermany felt that Section 7.E with respect to "Voting Conflict and Voting Abstention" on page 3 was a bit wordy and should be condensed.
- Mr. Marino suggested that Section 4.A with respect to "Removal From Office" on page 2 should consider requirements of the Sunshine Law to hold a public hearing in order to remove an individual from the Planning Commission. The Supervisors agreed to forward this section to the Solicitor for review with Sunshine Law compliance.
- Chairman Manfredi suggested that the language in Section 7.A with respect to "Meetings" should be revised to state that meetings shall be set by Resolution on an annual basis at the Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting. Supervisors Salvadore and McIlhinney agreed.
- Mrs. Hermany cited Section 6.A and B "Election of Officers – Annual Meeting and Nominations," which states "An annual organization meeting shall be held on the third Monday in January" and further states "At the annual organization meeting, members shall make nominations; and the election of officers specified in Section 5 shall follow immediately thereafter." The Planning Commission has always nominated and elected officers at their first Worksession meeting of the year, and then made the announcement of new officers at their regular meeting on the third Monday in January. Chairman Manfredi believes that the PC is required to reorganize at a specific meeting. Discussion took place.
- Supervisor Salvadore referred to Section 3.C, requiring PC members to attend planning seminars once per year. She encourages continuing education for the PC, and suggested that funds be made available to accomplish this. Mr. Marino commented that the PC members have twice made arrangements to attend seminars offered by PSATS, yet each time those seminars have been cancelled or postponed. Supervisor Salvadore noted that some seminars could be held here at the Township building.
- Mrs. Hermany suggested that this Ordinance be provided to any individuals who submit an application to serve on the Planning Commission so that they are aware of and understand the requirements to serve.

Public Comment:

1. Mrs. Marilyn Teed of Mill Road advised that it is her opinion that the Planning Commission has ignored the Municipalities Planning Code for many years. She noted that there are directives in the MPC that require the PC to make their recommendations based upon documentation and data. If that were to occur, Mrs. Teed believes the Board of Supervisors might take the PC's recommendations more seriously. Further, Mrs. Teed suggested that it would be helpful to retain a record of which waivers are granted.

There was no further public comment.

2. Park and Recreation Board: Mr. Jon Apple, Mr. Rick Lamhrecht, and Mr. Nick Lupinacci of the Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board were in attendance.

In a Township of this size, Chairman Manfredi stressed that it would be impossible for a volunteer board to develop, maintain and be responsible for a recreation program. Therefore, the Supervisors are considering staffing the recreation department with a Park and Recreation Director to develop and run the Township's recreation programs. It is Chairman Manfredi's opinion that the Township can no longer rely solely on Deep Run Valley Sports Association to provide recreation to the community. Supervisor McIlhinney echoed those sentiments, and noted that the Supervisors hope to proceed with the Forest Road Park within the next few months, at which time more information and details about the park and recreation program will become available. Supervisors Salvadore and McIlhinney initially investigated Doylestown Township's Park and Recreation Plan, and were very impressed with the program they have developed. It is the Board's hope that something similar could be offered in Hilltown Township.

Discussion took place as to how the Park and Recreation Board is supplied with subdivision plans to review. Supervisor McIlhinney believes that the Township Engineer and Township Secretary forward proposed development plans to the Park and Recreation Board only when the subdivision is required to provide recreational facilities.

Mr. Lambrecht commented that it has been frustrating at times that many of the ideas and suggestions by the Park and Recreation Board, such as the trip to the Phillies Game, do not come to fruition due to lack of interest from the community. Discussion took place about how crucial it is to publicize the events in local newspapers, on banners and signs throughout the municipality, and on the Township website. Mr. Apple referred to the Bucks County Park and Recreation Board, which is very progressive and provides for well-developed programs.

Discussion took place about the potential opportunities for use of the building at the Hilltown Civic Park.

Mrs. Teed suggested that the Park and Recreation Board maintain better records, so that each member is aware of their job responsibilities and available resources, citing the confusion that occurred at the last Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Lupinacci noted that in the early 1990's the Park and Recreation Board was actively involved in the planning of trail systems, with the hope of interconnecting recreational facilities throughout Hilltown Township. Mr. Apple felt it would be helpful if the P & R Board had access to overlay maps showing existing/proposed trails and open space parcels.

It was noted that the Bucks County Tennis Association is sponsoring a "Tennis in the Park" program at the Hilltown Civic Park beginning July 10, 2007.

Mrs. Teed has always felt that recreational facilities should be provided for each of the five voting districts in the Township, and asked how park locations are determined. Chairman Manfredi replied that park locations are based on assets and resources, and what Township-owned properties might be suitable for construction of a recreational facility. It is anticipated that construction of the Forest Road Park will proceed in the very near future, a project that Supervisor McIlhinney has been actively pursuing.

Public Comment:

1. Ms. Sandy Williamson asked the status of the possible relocation of the Musselman Barn, currently located at the Hilltown Civic Park. Mrs. Teed recalls discussions of moving the barn to the municipal building property. Supervisor McIlhinney cited the expense involved, which was estimated at approximately \$68,000.00. Further, he felt the building itself had no historical significance to Hilltown Township, and in his opinion, would not be a priority.

There was no further public comment.

3. Open Space Committee: Mrs. Donna DiMella, Mr. Charlie Moyer, Mr. Joe Salvadore, Ms. Jeanne Scanlon-Brickajlik, and Ms. Sandy Williamson of the Hilltown Township Open Space Committee were in attendance.

Chairman Manfredi felt it was very important to be assertive and aggressive with respect to identifying possible open space parcels, which is why the Board asked Mr. Bennington to prepare an Open Space Report that identifies parcels of 20+ acres of land for the Board's consideration. He reiterated that the volunteers on the Open Space Committee should be advisory only, with staffing provided to them to gather data and do the leg work.

Mr. Moyer recalls that the former Assistant Township Manager, Mr. Lippincott, routinely attended Open Space meetings, was very proactive in the pursuit of the purchase of open space, and was instrumental in obtaining the open space grant. He feels that the Open Space Committee would benefit from a liaison between their committee and the Supervisors. Further, Mr. Moyer feels that the Open Space Committee should be made aware of how much money the Township is willing to pay property owners, and suggested that the Township needs to be more financially competitive with developers. The Open Space Committee also supported the Park and Recreation Board's request for overlay maps or GIS software to pinpoint open space properties that might be contemplated for possible acquisition.

Ms. Williamson stated that the Open Space Committee hosted informational forums in the past, which were very well attended and very productive. These forums included several guest speakers who supported various points of view, including realtors and tax experts for financial planning. Mr. Moyer added that the open space forums provided residents with various open space options available such as conservation easements, as well as providing pertinent information with respect to estate planning and tax benefits. Supervisor Salvadore felt it was very important for individuals to have all the necessary information when considering participation in the open space program. Mr. Moyer suggested that more information concerning the open space program be advertised on the Township's website.

Supervisor McIlhinney attended the last Open Space Forum and recalls that the consensus that evening was that short of being a millionaire and having a cash flow on an annual basis that would be amenable to tax write-offs, very few individuals would be in the position to accept or enter into an agreement for open space purchase. Mr. Moyer noted that there are other alternatives available. Dialogue continued.

The Open Space Committee offered the following comments with respect to the revised Resolution to confirm and re-establish the Open Space Committee:

- Mr. Moyer referred to page 2, Section 6.A and Section 7.A, noting that the Open Space Committee meets on the **first** Tuesday of the month, not the second Tuesday of the month. He also referred to page 2, Section 6.C noting that the word "Commission" should be replaced with the word "**Committee.**"

Mrs. DiMella enthusiastically supported the idea of staffing the various Township boards and committees with an individual who might act as a liaison between the Committees and the Supervisors. She further noted that the Committee members are confused as to what their role is, and requested more specific direction from the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment:

1. Mrs. Marilyn Teed of Mill Road recalls that a map of the Township's open space area shows that it is concentrated in the Blooming Glen area. It is Chairman Manfredi's understanding it was the strategy of a previous Board of Supervisors to preserve open space land around the Dublin Borough area.

To encourage cohesiveness, Mrs. Teed suggested that the Township hold an annual picnic for all of the staff, employees, boards and committees.

There was no further public comment.

**\*8:34PM – The joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors and the various Township Boards and Committees was recessed at 8:34PM. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was reconvened at 8:47PM.**

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2007
- Manager's Report/Public Works Report/Zoning Report
- Park and Recreation Board Report
- Planning Commission Report
- Silverdale Fire Company Reports (April and May)
- Hilltown Fire Company Report

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to approve and accept all of the above noted items, except the Park and Recreation Board Report and the Planning Commission Report, which would be considered for further discussion. There was no public comment.

Park and Recreation Report - The Park and Recreation Board requested status of the proposed Forest Road Park. The Supervisors assured them that this issue would be discussed at a future meeting.

Planning Commission Report - The Board sought clarification of the Planning Commission's recommendation for the applicant of proposed Hilltown Crossings Expansion to meet with the Township Engineer and Township Traffic Engineer to discuss traffic issues. Mr. Kirk Hansen, member of the PC, clarified the recommendation. The Board directed Mr. Bennington to advise the applicant that an escrow is required to hold the suggested staff meeting, as noted above.

Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously to accept the Park and Recreation Report and Planning Commission Report as noted. There was no public comment.

Mr. Bennington announced that he had provided the Board of Supervisors with the requested Open Space Report just prior to this meeting.

E. BID AWARDS:

- Bid #2007-3 – Paving Project (Pinewood Lane, Longview Road, East Creamery Road, Washington Avenue, and Chelfield Drive) - Results are as follows:

M&M Stone Company	\$217,182.00
Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc.	\$222,364.00

- Bid #2007-4 – Installation of Bituminous Seal Coat with E3M (approximately 66,745 sq. yards) – Results are as follows:

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC	\$ 84,973.00
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- Bid #2007-5 – Keystone Drive Culvert Repair – Results are as follows:

Campisi Construction, Inc.	\$ 52,000.00
Anthony Biddle Contractors, Inc.	\$ 78,275.00
Gateway Project Management, LLC	\$ 79,830.00
Nimaris Construction	\$ 81,886.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2007-3 – Paving Project to M&M Stone in the amount of \$217,182.00; to award Bid #2007-4 – Installation of Bituminous Seal Coat to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$84,973.00; and to award Bid #2007-5 – Keystone Drive Culvert Repair to Campisi Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$52,000.00, pending review of the bid documents by both the Township Engineer and Solicitor. There was no public comment.

F. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

G. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Verizon Wireless Conditional Use Hearing Decision – At the Conditional Use Hearing held on May 31, 2007, Verizon Wireless requested authorization to install a

150 ft. monopole and installation of an unmanned equipment shelter within a 50 ft. 30 ft. compound on TMP #15-34-55 located at 1531 Hilltown Pike.

Based upon the advice of the Township Solicitor, Chairman Manfredi noted that the Board of Supervisors had no other choice but to reluctantly approve the Verizon Wireless Conditional Use request as submitted, though they intended to impose several conditions.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, to grant Verizon Wireless's request for a Conditional Use to install a 150 ft. monopole and installation of an unmanned equipment shelter within a 50 ft. by 30 ft. compound on TMP #15-34-55 located at 1531 Hilltown Pike, with the following conditions:

- The proposed telecommunications tower, including any proposed or future appurtenant attachments such as antennas and lightning rods, shall not exceed the height of one hundred fifty feet from ground level, and shall be constructed of Cor-Ten Steel (brown weathering steel).
- The telecommunications shelter shall have a pitched roof compatible with existing residential structures in the RR Zoning District in which the proposed use is proposed.
- Applicant, at the time of submission of an application for a building permit, shall provide evidence of agreement to Hilltown Township that it will provide a color selection to the proposed monopole and all appurtenances proposed or future to be a color as agreed to by the Township.
- The applicant shall comply with all other requirements of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended; and shall also comply with all of the requirements of the Hilltown Township Engineer's letter of May 15, 2007 (Exhibit T-4).

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Gene Cliver of Telegraph Road wondered what the objection was when a majority of Township residents who own and operate cell phones would be making use of this tower's service.
2. Mr. Marty Watson of 1519 Hilltown Pike sought clarification of the requirement for a pitched roof on the telecommunications shelter. Supervisor Salvadore explained.

3. Mr. Robin Voigt lives across the street from the proposed tower, and expressed concern with the timeline for construction, its noise impact, and how it might affect traffic in the area. Supervisor McIlhinney believes that the impact would be minimal since the exact location of the tower is on the downside slope of a 20-acre property in the woods. Mr. Voigt expressed regret that this proposal was granted, because he feels will disrupt a peaceful village area. Supervisor McIlhinney agreed, noting that there were other viable location alternatives that the applicant refused to consider.

4. Mrs. Marjorie Kostishion of 1532 Hilltown Pike was very disappointed that approval was granted, and requested that there be no lighting on the top of the tower. Supervisor McIlhinney believes that the FAA does not require a blinking light on top of the tower since it is proposed to be less than 200 ft.

Supervisor McIlhinney amended the original motion, which was seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, and carried unanimously to add the condition that no blinking light be permitted to be attached to the tower, subject to any FAA regulations. There was no further public comment.

Chairman Manfredi suggested that Mr. Bennington and Solicitor Grabowski draft correspondence to the applicant, Verizon Wireless, once again expressing the Board of Supervisors preference that they consider another location for this proposed communications tower. Supervisors McIlhinney and Salvadore agreed.

2. Solicitor Grabowski provided a final draft Ordinance amendment to F6, Communications Tower and Cellular Telecommunications Facility Use in Ordinance form.

Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, and seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, to consider the proposed Ordinance Amendment to F6 as noted above.

Supervisor Salvadore suggested that additional language be inserted to state "All appurtenant attachments, such as antennas and lightning rods, shall not exceed the height of one hundred fifty feet from ground level." Further, language will be added relative to the telecommunications shelter having a pitched roof compatible with existing residential structures in the area.

Supervisor McIlhinney expressed concern with page 4, Item 2(c), which states "A communications tower or a cellular telecommunications facility is permitted as a conditional use in residential districts CR-1, CR-2 and RR only when combined with an existing nonresidential use." It was his opinion that communications towers or cellular telecommunications facilities should be prohibited in the RR zoning district.

Referring to page 2, Item 2(b), which permits the use of communications towers in nonresidential districts Q, PC-1, LI, HI and VC, Supervisor Salvadore felt that it should not be a permitted use in the Village Center Zoning District. Supervisor McIlhinney believes that Solicitor Grabowski allowed the use in the Village Center District because of the location of the municipally owned water tower that is currently located in the VC District. Discussion took place.

Supervisor McIlhinney suggested that the requirement for construction of the tower using Cor-Ten Steel (brown weathering steel) be added, as well as a prohibition of flashing lights on top of the tower unless required by FAA regulations.

Chairman Manfredi suggested that "VC" be removed from page 2, Section [2](b) - Use in Non-Residential Districts, and moved to page 4, Section [2](c) - Use in Residential Districts. Supervisor McIlhinney felt that perhaps its use on a water tank or other municipal structure in the VC District should be permitted only by Special Exception, not by Conditional Use. Discussion ensued. Supervisor McIlhinney also felt it should be made quite clear that "VC" refers to "Village Commercial" and not "Village Center."

The Board requested a verbatim transcript of this discussion be sent to Solicitor Grabowski for review.

Original motion carried unanimously. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, to authorize the above noted revisions to the proposed Ordinance amendment to F6, Communications Tower and Cellular Telecommunications Facility Use, and then to forward same to the Bucks County and Hilltown Planning Commissions for review, and then advertisement for Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Marty Watson of Hilltown Pike asked if the notification process for Conditional Use Hearings is addressed in this particular Ordinance, since it was a problem during the Verizon Conditional Use Hearing. Chairman Manfredi replied that the notification process is found in a different section of the Zoning Ordinance.

2. Ms. Sandy Williamson of Mill Road approved of the Board's direction to send correspondence to Verizon urging them to reconsider their location for a cell tower.

Motion carried unanimously. There was no further public comment.

3. Solicitor Grabowski's correspondence and information packet dated June 4, 2007 concerning a draft Ordinance proposed by the Fire Prevention Bureau, which would allow for insurance company billing by a primary responder, was discussed.

Supervisor Salvadore has spoken Mr. Tom Savage, Executive Director of the PA Fire and Emergency Service Institute, who provided information about the proposed Ordinance, which has been adopted in other communities, but has not yet been totally resolved by the courts. For instance in Delaware County, a court has ruled that fire companies can bill for supplies that are used, while in Allegheny County, a court has ruled that fire companies cannot bill. Mr. Savage suggested that municipalities write the Ordinance to give the fire companies the authority to bill. He also recommended that Supervisor Salvadore contact Mr. Bill Jenaway, an expert on this subject, who is presently on vacation. The Board unanimously agreed to table this issue until additional information is received.

4. The Board discussed the proposed Policy and Procedure #2007-02 that Mr. Bennington was directed to prepare, with the following revisions requested:

- #1 should be revised to remove the word "**tape**" and should now state "At their meeting of May 14, 2007, the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors directed that all Township Boards and Commissions Worksession meetings (and/or special meetings) will be recorded in toto."
- #2 should be revised as follows "**Recording** will include cassette as well as compact disc."

Once these revisions are made, Mr. Bennington was directed to forward the Board/Commission Meeting Recording Policy to the Boards and Commissions for review.

5. Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, and seconded by Supervisor Salvadore, to consider the Ordinance amendment removing Use B2 (Mobile Home Park) and Use B4 (Patio Homes, Condos, etc.) from the Village Center Zoning District, to forward same to the Bucks County and Hilltown Planning Commission for review, and to then authorize advertisement of the draft Ordinance amendment for Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

1. Mrs. Judy Greenhalgh of Blooming Glen asked for clarification of the B2 and B4 Use. Supervisor McIlhinney advised that Use B2 is Mobile Home Park and Use B4 is Patio Homes/Condos.

Motion carried unanimously. There was no further public comment.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Supervisor Salvadore, and seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, to **adopt Resolution #2007-17, the Enhanced Modified Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection for Mill Road Neshaminy Creek Bridge Project;** and to **adopt Resolution #2007-18, authorizing Agreement with PennDot for the township Manager to obtain electronic access to PennDot's engineering and construction management systems.**

Public Comment:

1. Ms. Sandy Williamson's property borders this particular bridge on Mill Road and she has a great interest in historic bridges. Ms. Williamson is hopeful that the small-town rural character of the bridge can be preserved, and offered her assistance through the process.

Motion carried unanimously. There was no further public comment.

3. Discussion of PennDot's recently established mandatory requirements for road shoulder signage/cross markings, and prohibiting use of shoulders as additional driving lanes (i.e.: Rt. 113/Diamond Street Intersection) – Supervisor McIlhinney requested that the Board authorize Mr. Bennington to write a letter of protest to PennDot, with copies to the State Representative and State Senator. He believes PennDot's recently established mandate is outrageous considering the width of the shoulder, which is more than adequate to carry traffic for right hand turns, particularly at the Diamond Street/Rt. 113 intersection. Chairman Manfredi suggested that PennDot also be asked to consider widening Rt. 113 and Diamond Street at the intersection to facilitate right turn lanes, and to reconfigure the traffic signal itself with a left turn arrow.

The Board directed Mr. Bennington to write the letter of protest as noted above, and to include Mr. Rohr's earlier correspondence with Mr. Bennington's response letter to Mr. Rohr.

Public Comment:

1. Mrs. Judy Greenhalgh of Blooming Glen felt that the hash marks on the shoulder serves to make the intersection more dangerous and confusing.

2. Ms. Sandy Williamson of Mill Road fears a rear end collision by not driving on the shoulder if the motorist in front is making a left turn.

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Manfredi has become increasingly concerned with the lateness of the hour for adjournment of some meetings, particularly the last meeting that adjourned at 12:30AM. He cited the late hour's affect on the Supervisor's decision making process on important issues, and believes the Supervisors should consider other alternatives for scheduling of Public Hearings. The Board agreed to discuss this issue further at a future meeting.

2. Chairman Manfredi stressed the importance of the Township providing comprehensive recreational programs and facilities.

3. Chairman Manfredi has been asked to consider serving on the Bucks County TMA Board, and will provide Supervisors McIlhinney and Salvadore with copies of the correspondence making that request.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mrs. Marilyn Teed of Mill Road suggested that Chief Engelhart also send correspondence to PennDot expressing opposition to their mandate prohibiting use of shoulders as additional driving lanes, noting that his opinion might carry more weight as an authority in traffic control.

2. Mr. Gene Cliver of Telegraph Road challenged the Supervisor's authority with respect to zoning, and suggested that the issue of abolishing zoning be placed on the Presidential ballot in 2008.

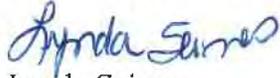
3. Mr. Kirk Hansen urged more publicizing of the Bucks County Hazardous Household Waste collection program, which Hilltown participates in. It was noted that there are four collection locations and dates, all of which are advertised on the Township website, and in area newspapers.

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

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L. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Salvadore, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously, the June 11, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting as adjourned at 9:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes  
Township Secretary

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