

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**Monday, February 23, 2004**  
**7:30 PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were also present:

George C. Egly, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Richard J. Manfredi, Supervisor  
Greg Lippincott, Township Manager  
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor  
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer  
Randall Tanghe, Acting Police Chief  
Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer

Mr. Bennington asked that he be joined in silence to remember two Hilltown Township residents who recently died, Jim Gill, a long time volunteer fireman with the Hilltown Fire Company and Bill Reiser who was a member of the Township's Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

Mr. Bennington announced that the Board of Supervisors met, minus Mr. Manfredi, in Executive Session after the last meeting on February 9, 2004, to discuss legal issues surrounding H & K.

The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, real estate and H & K, and after the last meeting on February 9, 2004, to discuss legal issues surrounding H & K and will meet after this meeting to discuss H & K legal issues.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only** None.

**Approval of Minutes** –

**January 26, 2004** – Mr. Egly noted a typographical error on page 3 and requested that "School Conservation Easement" be changed to "Scholl Conservation Easement".

Mr. Bennington requested the following changes:

On Page 1: "This motion was passed by a vote of 2 to 1 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining as he was not present at that meeting" be changed to "This motion was passed by a vote of 2 to 0 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining as he was not present at that meeting."

On page 4: "Mr. Bennington said that he believes it is important that curb and sidewalks be installed along Route 113 because ultimately the Bolton Farm will be developed and if

sidewalks are not installed on this property then there will be a break between Telegraph Road into Silverdale.” be changed to “Mr. Bennington said that he believes it is important that curb and sidewalks be installed along Route 113 because ultimately the Bolton Farm *may* be developed and if sidewalks are not installed on this property then there will be a break between Telegraph Road into Silverdale.

On page 5: The following language be added at the end of this paragraph: “Mr. Shafkowitz suggested to the applicant that it pay a fee in lieu of sidewalks and that they not be installed until such time as the Township wanted the sidewalks installed in conjunction with future development” *Also, Mr. Bennington did not want the money in lieu of at that point in time because if the sidewalks were delayed five years it would cost more and the money would not be put up front at that point in time. He wanted to make certain that they were done at that point in time.*”

On page 6: Home Depot: Change the following: “This motion passed by a vote of 2 to 1 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining” to “This motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining”.

On page 7: Kirk Subdivision “This motion passed by a vote of 2 to 1 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining” to “This motion passed by a vote of 2 to 0 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining”.

On motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the minutes of the January 26, 2004 Board of Supervisors’ meeting were approved with the above noted corrections. This motion was passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There was no public comment.

**Approval of Current Billing:** Mr. Bennington presented the bills dated January 28, 2004 to February 20, 2004 with a due date of February 24, 2004, as follows:

General Fund	\$104,512.04
Fire Fund	\$ 9,494.15
State Highway Air Fund	<u>\$ 24,188.87</u>
 TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	 <u>\$138,195.06</u>

On motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors approved the bills list dated January 28, 2004 to February 20, 2004 with a due date of February 24, 2004 subject to audit, in the total amount of \$138,195.06, as submitted. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There was no public comment.

**Confirmed Appointment:**

**Telvil/Longacre Tract Preliminary/Final Plan:** Carl Weiner, Esquire was present on behalf of the applicant to discuss the Telvil/Longacre Tract with the Board of Supervisors. He explained that the plan calls for retaining one existing home and the construction of 28 new houses on property located on the south side of Route 113 across from Calvary Church. The project’s engineer explained that this is a 49 acre tract which involves two tax map parcels. She explained there are two existing houses and outbuildings on the property. There are two zoning districts, the CR-2 Residential and

RR-2 Residential. There will be a "P" loop road for the development which will exit onto Route 113 and be aligned with the entranceway to Calvary Church.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Teed, Mill Road, commented that this land was proposed to be developed 2 ½ years ago and asked if it would be returned to the Planning Commission for further review. Mr. Wynn said that it would not go back to the Planning Commission. Ms. Teed asked about the creek that runs under Route 113. She said that the walking bridge that the property owner installed is getting washed away so I know there is erosion in that area. The project engineer confirmed that that is the location where the water will be discharged but the sewer comes out the access road behind Calvary Church. She expressed concern about the erosion in that area.

On motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Planning Commission recommended preliminary/final plan approval subject to obtaining the necessary permits and compliance with all the conditions of the various review letters. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Barness Organization/Myers Tract:** Douglas B. Sanders, Land Acquisition Manager for The Barness Organization was present to discuss the Myers Tract Subdivision with the Board of Supervisors. He explained that the Planning Commission suggested he come before the Board of Supervisors and ask the Board of Supervisors to ask the Water Authority to review this plan. He explained that the applicant went to the Water Authority, deposited the required \$5,000 for review, but Mr. Groff will not authorize Castle Valley to review this plan without some direction from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Bennington suggested that the Barness Organization submit the plans for the Smith Tract and the Myers Tract at the same time for review by the Water Authority. The consensus was that they should be submitted at one time.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the proper procedure associated with and the wisdom of having more than one plan reviewed by the Water Authority at the same time and the perceived problem Mr. Groff has with making a recommendation for plan review without explicit direction from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Sanders explained that it is his belief that Mr. Groff is willing to review plans with direction from the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors but does not believe he has the authority to make the decision without explicit direction.

Mr. Manfredi expressed concern that when the plan is reviewed by the Water Authority and the Water Authority confirms that it can provide water to a site then the plan is reviewed at the Planning Commission and at the Planning Commission the applicant argues that water can be supplied to the site then the applicant requests greater density for the site under the current Ordinances. The Township Engineer responded that it is his belief that review by the Water Authority does not force the Planning Commission to do anything. However, if the Water Authority does not review the plan then the applicant cannot comply with preliminary plan requirements. Mr. Grabowski agreed with the Township Engineer's assessment that the review by the Water Authority does not require the Planning Commission to make any determination about the plan; it is just another review by an agency in the plan application.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Jack McIlhinney asked Mr. Manfredi for clarification if he felt the 3 acre zoning was not to his liking. Mr. Manfredi said he was not saying that at all and clarified explaining that what tends to happen is that the ordinance is what it is, the zoning ordinance states what it states but what has happened in the past is that a chess game begins to be played. People will go to one body and suggest that water can be run to a site and therefore accomplish greater density and then the Planning Commission gets into a debate whether that is a good idea or not and then the plan comes before the Board of Supervisors and then the argument is that the water line keeps moving so because of this type of debate the Water Authority has decided in this particular case for clear direction for plan review, and this puts the applicant in a very difficult position of not being able to move forward with the preliminary plan approval process without review from the Water Authority.

Nancy Boice, Mill Road, expressed concern with this property because it will tear up Route 152 which has recently been repaved. She asked if there is a plan where the Water Authority is willing to extend the water lines or is it development by development.

After further discussion, on motion of Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Egly, the Board of Supervisors, based on the provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of Hilltown Township Section 403 and 519, requested that the Hilltown Township Water Authority review the plan of Barness Organization for the Myers Tract and Elliot Group for the Smith Tract in conjunction with one another for more close review of water as is being requested in that area. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Mr. Manfredi suggested that the Board authorize the Solicitor and Township Engineer to review the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to allow for mandatory review of any application by the Hilltown Township Water Authority as part of the preliminary plan review process.

Mr. Egly said he does not believe anyone has been injured by the process thus far.

On motion of Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Egly, the Board of Supervisors directed the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer to review Section 403 and 519 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to ascertain if a change needs to be made with respect to the review process and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors if the Ordinance can be clarified or modified in order to make the review process more efficient. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Manager's Report:** Mr. Lippincott referred the Board of Supervisors to a list of outstanding proposed Ordinances forwarded to the Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors discussed which ordinances have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the various time deadlines associated with review of Ordinances.

**Public Comment:** Jack McIlhinney, Broad Street, said that the well ordinance, the lighting ordinance, and the barn ordinance have not been reviewed and the impervious surface ordinance was reviewed and rejected. He said he does not see how the Planning Commission would have time to review these ordinances and give an opinion in two weeks time.

On motion of Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors authorized all Ordinances that are pending, that have been reviewed or have not been reviewed be sent to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Township Planning Commission and have them reviewed in the time period allowed by law and returned to the Board of Supervisors at the same time for review and action. This motion failed for a lack of second.

The Board discussed Mr. Wynn's Ordinance report:

1. Impervious Surface Requirements. The consensus of the Board of Supervisors was that this Ordinance can be reviewed by the Planning Commission
2. Use A2, Nursery Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The Board of Supervisors confirmed that the Planning Commission has not reviewed this but this is in Ordinance form and can be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review.
3. Age-Restricted Community Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The Board of Supervisors will review this Ordinance.
4. Lighting Zoning Ordinance Amendment: This was given to the Planning Commission.
5. Trades Business Ordinance Amendment: This was drafted by the Planning Commission and reviewed by the Township Engineer but is not in ordinance format. Ordinance Amendment is ready to be prepared by the Township Engineer.
6. Age Restricted Community. A draft ordinance has been prepared.
7. Well Ordinance: Not prepared.
8. Easement and lot area clarification: Not prepared.
9. Traffic Calming – No direction given to prepare.

**Public Comment:** Marilyn Teed, Mill Road, said she believed the nursery ordinance was already reviewed by the Bucks County Planning Commission. Mr. Wynn said that this ordinance was not so reviewed.

On motion of Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Egly, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer to review the language in the following Ordinances and forward them to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Township Planning Commission for review and comment within the time specified by the MPC regulations and Township Ordinances:

1. Impervious Surface Requirements
2. Use A2, Nursery Zoning Ordinance Amendment:
2. Lighting Zoning Ordinance Amendment

This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

On motion of Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Egly, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer to create the following ordinances using language provided by the Hilltown Township Planning Commission for review by the Board of Supervisors followed by review by the Hilltown Township Planning

Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission for review and comment within the time specified by the MPC regulations and Township Ordinances:

1. Age-Restricted Community Zoning Ordinance Amendment
2. Trades Business Ordinance Amendment

This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0

On motion of Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Egly, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer to create language in ordinance and/or subdivision and land use form for the following for review by the Board of Supervisors:

1. Subdivision procedures for well testing
2. Yards for the recharge easement areas
3. Traffic Calming
4. Noxious Weeds

This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Mr. Bennington discussed with Mr. Groff the timing of a developer coming to the Water Authority for direction as to what they should do on the parcel they are developing and why we were being asked by Mr. Sanders of the Barness Organization to provide some type of direction to you for review of the plan prior to the plan coming back for discussion with the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for preliminary plan approval.

Mr. Groff explained that currently until a plan receives preliminary plan approval from the Township he will not review it. He explained that the Water & Sewer Authority has been run up the flag pole for the past ten years stating that it has run water and sewer lines all over the Township and the Water & Sewer Authority Board is unhappy with this characterization.

Mr. Bennington explained that the Planning Commission cannot review the preliminary plan until there is some direction with regard to the water supply for that specific development. That is why Mr. Sanders came to this Board because his plan is stalled until the Water & Sewer Authority reviews the plan.

Mr. Groff suggested the reviews be done concurrently.

Mr. Wynn suggested that he refuse to review a preliminary plan until the Township notifies him that a plan has been submitted and then when he receives that notification the developer can submit the plan to the Water & Sewer Authority, the fees can be collected and any correspondence from the Water & Sewer Authority be copied to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Wynn confirmed that he would add the necessary language to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to have the Township notify the Water & Sewer Authority that the plan has been received authorizing it to collect the fees, review the plan and copy the Planning Commission on any correspondence generated with respect to the plan.

Mr. Wynn explained to the Board of Supervisors that in the 2003 Budget the Board of Supervisors authorized the process of codification of the Township Ordinances.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the speed limits on various streets. Mr. Manfredi requested a speed study be authorized to ascertain if speed limits could be lowered on various Township roads.

**Public Comment:** Jack McIlhinney, Broad Street, asked if the changes to these Ordinances are available to the public and was told they were.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Manfredi, seconded by Mr. Egly, the Board of Supervisors authorized the staff to forward the proposed Ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Township Planning Commission for their review and comment. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Solicitor's Report.**

**WAWA, Land Development Project Agreements:** Mr. Grabowski explained that WAWA agreements are ready for presentation.

Mr. Manfredi said he would abstain from discussion and/or voting concerning this project as he has a relationship with WAWA and it would be a conflict of interest.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Bennington, the Board of Supervisors approved the waivers for WAWA Land Development (Summit Realty) as outlined by Mr. Grabowski. This motion passed by a vote to 2 to 0 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Bennington, the Board of Supervisors authorized execution of the WAWA (Summit Realty) Land Development Agreement, Financial Security Agreement and Extinguishment of Easement Agreement as outlined by Mr. Grabowski. This motion passed by a vote to 2 to 0 with Mr. Manfredi abstaining.

Mr. Grabowski said a Haines and Kibblehouse Quarry Meeting was held on February 19, 2004. He explained that the meeting scheduled for March has been postponed at the request of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church as a result of religious activities.

Mr. Grabowski explained that advertising has been done for ordinances to be discussed at the first meeting in March.

The Board of Supervisors discussed proceeding with negotiations with Comcast and it was suggested that a fee be imposed for the internet. Mr. Grabowski explained that this agreement is governed by the FCC and they prohibit internet fees.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Township Solicitor and Township Manager to commence negotiations with Comcast Cable. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**PLANNING:**

**Reserve at Hilltown/Hilltown Ridge Final Plan:** Mr. Wynn explained that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Reserve at Hilltown/Hilltown Ridge Final Plan subject to compliance with the items in the January 30, 2004 engineering review letter, resolution of the ownership of some open space areas, revision to the driveway that will remain at Berry Brow, resolution of financial contributions for frontage improvements not being installed along portions of the open space area, less the cost of some off site improvements that the developer will construct including the traffic signal at Township Line Road and Hilltown Pike and the additional improvements being constructed on Mill Road down to Church Road, extending the storm sewer, cart way widening and curbing. Additionally, Mr. Wynn explained that one of the proposed street names, Stewart Drive, will need to be changed because New Britain Township has a Stewart Drive. Mr. Bennington suggested that this road be named "Bennett Drive" after a former supervisor and Mr. McBride agreed.

Mr. McBride explained that the following items would require approval by the Board of Supervisors:

1. The Township to accept the large contiguous 150 acres;
2. The Township take ownership of the pond (Parcel A) towards Chalfont Road with the developer escrowing funds to maintain that area;
3. The areas of the storm water basins conditioned a cash contribution to be determined by the Township Staff and received at the time of the execution of the Development Agreements;
4. Two other areas that are recommended not to be dedicated; one was part of the Stipulation which is the 3 acre quarry and the other areas are located in the midst of the lots and are shown as deed restricted open space primarily because of the grade which must be maintained at all times as an open area.
5. The developer would be responsible to remove in the open spaces those items identified by the Township Engineer as not worthy of their future consideration, i.e., old fences, etc. prior to any issuance of any building permits.
6. In the development plan monies will be set aside to install paver blocks for emergency vehicles to traverse around the current archway into the open space area.
7. Curbing and storm water draining will be installed to the end of Church Road and the property owner has signed an authorization for this easement.
8. Compliance with the Township Engineer's review letter of January 30, 2004.
9. Submission of Declarations to the satisfaction of the Township.
10. Submission of a Right-of-Way Agreement for the area of work on Church and Mill Roads.
11. Execution of the various agreements required by the Township.



Mr. Bennington discussed the intersection at Keystone and Mill Roads wherein a resident has brought to the Township's attention that it is somewhat unsafe and with the anticipated increase in traffic could become more unsafe. He said he would like suggestions as to what could be done to make this intersection safer.

Mr. Wynn said there are two intersections that are potential problems. He suggested that on the curve on Keystone where Mill is off to the left the Township should consider installing a "stop except right turn" sign. At the other intersection down the road a few hundred feet when you come up Mill Road there is a "stop" sign and Keystone goes to the left as a through street. He said cars stopping on Mill Road should be advised that the opposing traffic does not stop. An Ordinance would be required to accomplish these traffic improvements.

Mr. Manfredi asked Mr. McBride to pay for the two signs discussed by Mr. Wynn in the paragraph above and he agreed to do so and asked that it be included in the development agreement.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Judi Greenhalgh, Blooming Glen Road, asked if Nicholas owned the Quarry and Mr. McBride confirmed that he did and this site is monitored yearly by DEP.

Mr. Joe Miketta, 1211 Hilltown Pike, wanted to confirm that he wrote a letter on January 20, 2004 to Mr. Wynn and he appreciated the response but did not agree with all the answers.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors granted final plan approval to Reserve at Hilltown/Hilltown Ridge Final Plan. subject to the following conditions:

1. The Township to accept the large contiguous 150 acres;
2. The Township take ownership of the pond (Parcel A) towards Chalfont Road with the developer escrowing funds to maintain that area;
3. The areas of the storm water basins conditioned a cash contribution to be determined by the Township Staff and received at the time of the execution of the Development Agreements;
4. Two other areas that are recommended not to be dedicated; one was part of the Stipulation which is the 3 acre quarry and the other areas are located in the midst of the lots and are shown as deed restricted open space primarily because of the grade which must be maintained at all times as an open area.
5. The developer would be responsible to remove in the open spaces those items identified by the Township Engineer as not worthy of their future consideration, i.e., old fences, etc. prior to any issuance of any building permits.
6. In the development plan monies will be set aside to install paver blocks for emergency vehicles to traverse around the current archway into the open space area.
7. Curbing and storm water draining will be installed to the end of Church Road and the property owner has signed an authorization for this easement.
8. Compliance with the Township Engineer's review letter of January 30, 2004.

9. Submission of Declarations to the satisfaction of the Township.
10. Submission of a Right-of-Way Agreement for the area of work on Church and Mill Roads.
11. Execution of the various agreements required by the Township.
12. Installation of the two signs on Mill Road as discussed by Mr. Wynn above.

This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Johnson Subdivision Planning Modules:** After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 2004-9. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Township Line Road/Hilltown Pike Traffic Signal:** After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 2004-10. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

**Engineering:** None

**Mylars for Signature:** None

**Public Comment:**

Marilyn Teed, Mill Road, said that she was impressed on how the Board of Supervisors is moving the review of the Ordinance along. She said she filed a public information request form on February 17, 2004 asking for a copy of the original Complaint filed against the Teeds which commenced enforcement proceedings in January, 1996. She said she would not seek repercussions against anyone who has filed a complaint against her and that is not the reason she wants to see the original Complaint. She is rebuilding relationships with her neighbors and needs the Complaint to show that she was not rezoning her property and under the Right to Know Law she is entitled to it.

Mr. Lippincott responded by telling the Board that when he received this request to review records knowing that the law has changed he contacted the Township Solicitor who opined that the Township should release the information requested by Ms. Teed. He then looked through the file and forwarded to Ms. Teed what was in the file. He said he responded in writing stating that he has forwarded everything the Township has in the file.

Ms. Teed commented that she does not believe the Township forwarded everything they have in the file.

Mr. Manfredi stated that the Township does everything according to the law where we protect people's rights, privacy and due process.

Mr. Egly stated that if the Township staff went through the files and the original Complaint is not in the file one cannot be made up.

Ms. Teed said there are people in the Township who were here in 1996 and they know and she said she does not believe it doesn't exist. The first two times she asked for it she

was denied access to it and now she is being told it doesn't exist. Mr. Lippincott said that the first two times she requested the Complaint no one looked for it because it was the policy of the Township not to release that information. He suggested she request to look at the file of zoning complaint forms and go through it to ascertain if what she is looking for might be in that file.

Ms. Teed said that she also requested the requirements for a residential horse farm because it is her understanding that a hayloft in a barn is not allowed, that it must be called something else. She asked if an application has ever been denied in the Township for a hayloft in a horse barn. Mr. Lippincott explained that it is not a zoning requirement, however, it might be a building code requirement. Ms. Teed said there should be standards within the Township.

Ms. Judi Greenhalgh, 874 Blooming Glen Road, addressed two issues. The first being water concerns. She referenced the quarry that might be expanding and deepening and increased development in the Township. She asked if a mapping/tracking system is in place to ascertain where wells are going dry in the Township. Mr. Lippincott said that in order to do this a GSI system or a map of the Township would need to be generated. The Board requested that Mr. Lippincott prepare a colored map to show where wells are going dry in the Township.

Additionally she said that she has been trying to get an answer from Blooming Glen Contractors as to what is going on the property that is southwest of the Blooming Glen Quarry between Minsi Trail and Blooming Glen Road. Tires are being piled in this area. Surveying and some excavating with the installation of a pipe is being done. She is concerned that the berm does not meet the Zoning Ordinance requirements. She said that violations have occurred in the past and she is concerned.

Mr. Bennington requested Mr. Lippincott to go to the site and inspect it and report back to the Board of Supervisors if there are violations and to inspect the site on a monthly basis.

Mark Turk, Broad Street, asked if anyone can propose a zoning ordinance to the Township. He said he is favor of the proposed Hilltown Ordinance but if it does not pass then he would like to propose a trade ordinance similar to one Bedminster has in place. A discussion was held concerning the various comparisons of the Bedminster Ordinance as opposed to the proposed Hilltown Township Ordinance. The Board explained that he should put his suggestions in writing and the Planning Commission will review them.

#### **Supervisors Comments:**

A discussion was held concerning filling the remaining 10 months of Betty Snyder's term on the Planning Commission. The consensus was to re-advertise the opening on the Planning Commission with a larger advertisement and request that those individuals who have shown an interest re-apply.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board authorized the re-advertisement of the remaining term of Betty Snyder's term on the Planning Commission with a larger advertisement and requested that those individuals

who have shown an interest re-apply and that the Planning Commission interview potential candidates at their work session. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

A discussion was held concerning the opening on the Zoning Hearing Board. The Zoning Hearing Board recommended an individual that the Board of Supervisors is not comfortable with appointing.

Mr. Hans Sumpf, 9 Beverly Road, asked concerning the procedure with respect to the vacancies on the various boards in the Township.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board of Supervisors was to discuss the proposed applicants in executive session prior to re-advertising.

Mr. Hans said he cannot believe that the Township cannot reduce the speed on roadways without going through the process of a traffic study. He said common sense must be involved. Mr. Egly explained that this is State law and the Township must abide by State regulations.

Mr. Manfredi asked Mr. Lippincott if he received any feed back from the applicants concerning power point presentations. Mr. Lippincott said that the applicants want the Township to supply a projector and have it available.

Mr. Bennington referred to a letter from Mrs. Marinko at 206 South Perkasio Road who thanked the Township for filling potholes on South Perkasio Road and commended the Road Crew for the fine job they are doing throughout the Township.

The Hilltown Civic Association will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 with the intention of defining the function, direction and operation of the Civic Association.

**Press Conference:** No comment.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Mr. Egly, seconded by Mr. Manfredi, the Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn the February 23, 2004 Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:35 p.m. This motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted

Jean W. Deckert  
Acting Recording Secretary