

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, August 11, 2003
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Betty P. Snyder at 7:30pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairperson
John S. Bender, Supervisor
Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
Randall Tanghe, Detective Sergeant, Police Department
Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer

Chairperson Snyder announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss real estate.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairperson Snyder presented the Bills List dated August 12, 2003, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$60,796.29, Fire Fund payments in the amount of \$15,950.00, and State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$59.00; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$76,805.29.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated August 12, 2003. There was no public comment.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairperson Snyder presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of July 31, 2003:

General Fund Checking	\$ 22,441.33
Payroll Checking	\$ 161.61
General Reserve Fund	\$ 4,588.10
Open Space Fund	\$ 638,119.14
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 85,606.25
Debt Service Checking	\$ 234,943.83
State Highway Aid Checking	\$ 210,566.76
Escrow Fund Checking	\$1,029,652.33
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 239,465.81

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2003, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

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D. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: – Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
Mr. Buzby presented the Public Works Report for the period of July 15 through August 9, 2003; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Buzby advised that immediately following the meeting everyone was invited to tour the new Public Works Facility.

E. POLICE REPORT: – Detective Sergeant Randall Tanghe – Detective Sergeant Tanghe presented the Police Report for the month of July 2003; copies of which are on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Bennington asked if the Green Meadows patrols are continuing. Detective Screegant Tanghe advised that these patrols were continuing with some positive results and that the Green Meadow's Homeowners's Association seemed pleased. Discussion took place

F. BUILDING REPORT: – No one was present. A copy of the Building Report for the month of July, 2003 is on file at the Township office.

G. HILLTOWN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT: – Mr. James Groff Mr. Groff presented the Hilltown Water and Sewer Authority Report for the month of July, 2003; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Groff stated that after reading minutes from a Planning Commission meeting, comments regarding the Authority needed to be straightened out. First of all, the Authority has never installed water lines to any development. Every development that has water lines, those lines have been installed by the developer and are then turned over to the Authority at no charge. Mr. Groff also stated that every development that has public water was a project that received approval by Hilltown Township.

The second item Mr. Groff wished to address was the reference to the Municipal Planning Code regarding notification by the Authority to the Township regarding an extension or expansion of service. Section 608.1 of the Municipal Planning Code states that a Municipal Authority that plans to expand water via a new main extension to a proposed development that **has not** received any municipal approvals within the municipality shall notify the municipality by certified mail of its intent and shall provide the municipality the opportunity to provide written comment on whether the proposed expansion of service is consistent with the Zoning Ordinance. Every project that the Authority has been involved with has received approval by Hilltown Township. Furthermore, the Authority has given notice to the Township through a letter that is given

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to the Township Engineer of its ability or inability depending where the lines are to provide water service or capacity to a proposed development.

Mr. Groff also wished to address the fact that the Authority does get phone calls from many developers wishing to gather information on fire hydrant locations, capacity, maps. These developers may already be working in the Township or considering working in the Township or may never work in the Township. They are merely collecting information to plan ahead. However, whenever a developer wants to meet with the Authority to discuss water service the Township is notified via e-mail to the Township Manager.

Mr. Kachline, questioned where does a developer get the permission to run water lines into the rural residential area and reduce lot sizes to 50,000 sq. ft. when preliminary plans are presented to the Planning Commission. Mr. Bennington explained that the Zoning Ordinance states that there is a three acre minimum in the rural residential area unless the developer can run water lines in which case the minimum is 50,000 sq. ft. Discussion took place.

H. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT: – No one was present.

I. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT: – Mr. John Gillespie, Fire Chief – Mr. Gillespie read the Silverdale Fire Company Reports for the month of July, 2003; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

J. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: – Mr. John Kachline, Chairperson – Mr. Kachline read the Planning Commission Report for their worksession meeting of August 4, 2003; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

K. PARK AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT: – No one was present.

L. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT: – No one was present.

M. ZONING HEARING BOARD REPORT: – Mr. John Snyder, Chairman – Mr. Snyder read the Zoning Hearing Board Report for the month of July, 2003. A copy of the Zoning Hearing Board Report is on file at the Township office.

N. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None

O. MANAGER'S REPORT: – Mr. Gregory Lippincott, Township Manager -

1. Mr. Lippincott presented the Zoning Report for the month of July 2003; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

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2. A letter has been received from the Bucks County Commissioners stating that Hilltown Township has a population of 300 or more inhabitants per square mile. This certification is being provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 206 of the First Class Township Code.

3. Hilltown Township has successfully entered into agreements to preserve 37.5 acres of prime agricultural land within the Township. Settlement is scheduled for this coming Friday to acquire agricultural preservation easements on four properties. The purchase of these easements is at \$8,000.00 an acre which is based on appraisals and agreements with the owners. These properties are adjacent to each other. Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender and carried unanimously to proceed to settlement on these properties.

4. Silverdale Fire Company has applied for funding of \$100,000.00 to replace their current Fire House. The Fire Company has received all the variances, permits and approvals necessary to start construction. They have selected the best bid for the actual building, demolition of structures grading and landscaping.

P. CORRESPONDENCE: – Mr. Gregory Lippincott, Township Manager -

1. Correspondence was received from PennDot in response to the Township's request of July 17, 2003 on behalf of the Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company, to install Fire Station/Emergency Vehicle Entrance signs at the two fire station locations in the village of Line Lexington and near the village of Hilltown. PennDot has reviewed both locations and provided concurrence for the Township to erect and maintain W11-8 (36" x 36", Publication 236) signs on the approach of both locations.

2. Correspondence has been received from Jim Coyne requesting the Board of Supervisors not to re-instate the Quarry Committee but hire qualified experts to review all the reports and findings of the applicant's experts and report their results to the Board of Supervisors.

Q. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE: None

R. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Kachline asked to clarify the Quarry Meeting Schedule. The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2003 and Thursday, August 21, 2003 and will be held here at the Township building beginning at 7:00pm.

S. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: - None

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

U. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously, the August 11, 2003 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors worksession meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine E. Leslie
Township Treasurer