

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, July 8, 2002
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson John S. Bender at 7:33PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairperson
Betty P. Snyder, Supervisor
Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager
Kerry L. Trauger, Chief of Police
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
David W. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer
Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer

A. COMMENDATION PRESENTATION – The Board of Supervisors presented Commendations to Ms. Denise Hermany and Mr. Timothy Browning, both of whom recently resigned from the Hilltown Township Open Space Committee after five years of service. The Board thanked Ms. Hermany and Mr. Browning for devoting their time in the true spirit of volunteerism to the community, recognizing their tireless efforts, exemplary and meritorious service, and their insight and vision with regard to the future open space needs of Hilltown Township.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

C. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING - Chairperson Bender presented the Bills List dated July 9, 2002, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$73,233.65 and State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$4,226.47; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$77,460.12.

Motion was made by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated July 9, 2002. There was no public comment.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT – Chairperson Bender presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of June 30, 2002:

General Fund Checking	\$ 220,423.94
Payroll Checking	\$ 103.28
General Reserve Fund	\$ 421,781.01
Open Space Fund	\$ 239,415.15
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 46,282.55
Debt Service Checking	\$ 283,976.84

State Highway Aid Checking	\$ 260,635.90
Escrow Fund Checking	\$ 548,171.41
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,144,243.93

Motion was made by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2002, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

E. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works – Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of June 2 through June 29, 2002; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Discussion took place concerning the repainting of stop bars at intersections.

F. POLICE REPORT – Chief Kerry L. Trauger – Chief Trauger advised that due to the excessive accident activity and the short holiday week, no report was available at this time.

Chief Trauger is requesting the drafting of an Ordinance prohibiting parking on both sides of Rt. 113 through the Village of Blooming Glen. Discussion took place. The Board will give consideration to this request over the next few weeks.

Chief Trauger read correspondence announcing the promotion of Detective Sgt. Christopher Engelhart to the position of Lieutenant effective July 1st. Lt. Engelhart is a 19-year veteran of the force who has been instrumental in the resolve of numerous high profile cases over the years. Chief Trauger cited Lt. Engelhart's dedication, professionalism, and leadership skills that have made him an officer that others respect and attempt to emulate.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, and carried unanimously to promote Detective Sergeant Christopher Engelhart to the position of Licutenant effective July 1, 2002. There was no public comment.

G. BUILDING REPORT – Mr. David W. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer – Mr. Taylor read the Building Report for the month of June, 2002; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Bennington asked why construction has begun at the Orchard Hill project when sewer is not yet available to the site. Mr. Lippincott explained that according to the Development Agreements, Heritage Building Group was permitted to begin construction as of May 1, 2002, with the Pump and Haul Agreement in place, however they cannot take occupancy of those buildings until all the sewer line infrastructure is complete.

A lengthy discussion took place.

H. HILLTOWN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT – Mr. James C. Groff, Authority Manager – Mr. Groff presented the Hilltown Authority Report for the month of June, 2002; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

I. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT – No one was present.

J. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. John Gillespie – Mr. Gillespie read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of June, 2002; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

K. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Mr. John Kachline, Chairperson – Mr. Kachline read the Planning Commission Worksession Meeting Report of July 1, 2002; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

L. PARK AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT – Mr. Jon Apple, Chairperson – Mr. Apple presented the Park and Recreation Board Report for the month of June, 2002.

Discussion took place concerning Hilltown's participation in the recent Community Day with East Rockhill Township.

M. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – No one was present.

N. ZONING HEARING BOARD REPORT – No one was present. A copy of the report for the month of June, 2002 is on file at the Township office.

O. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Ms. Barbara Salvadore – Dublin EMS Presentation – Ms. Barbara Salvadore, Hilltown Township's representative to the Dublin EMS Board, was in attendance to provide a slide presentation of same. Ms. Salvadore provided the history of Dublin Regional EMS, explaining that the Dublin Fire Company dissolved ambulance coverage as of December 31, 2001. There was an Agreement of Transfer and Separation between the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company and the Dublin Regional Emergency Medical Service as of December 31, 2001, as well. The nine member Board of Directors consists of Mike Heffron – Former Chief of the Chalfont Fire Co. Ambulance, Keith Kostick – EMT Dublin Fire Company EMS, Nancy Cowperthwaite – Bedminster, Nancy Godshall – Former Deputy Chief Duhlin Fire Co. EMS, Kent Moore – Dublin Borough, Barbara Salvadore – Hilltown Township, Robert Cotton – New Britain Township, William Kirk – Plumstead Township, and Patricia Asheuer – First Union Bank. It is the Dublin EMS mission to provide a secure and superior quality of life for those who live,

work, invest, and visit our community. They will use all the necessary resources at their disposal, effectively, and efficiently through public education, medical emergency and rescue services, and will actively participate in each community serving as role models. Ms. Salvadore advised that the Dublin EMS is funded through family subscription plans, business subscription plans, patient billing, donations, and fundraising.

The Supervisors thanked Ms. Salvadore for her representation of Hilltown Township and for her work so far with Dublin EMS.

P. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager --

1. Mr. Lippincott presented the Zoning Report for the month of June 2002; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

2. A written extension until August 15, 2002 was received from the applicant of the Berry Brow Subdivision.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, and carried unanimously to accept the extension for the Berry Brow Subdivision until August 15, 2002. There was no public comment.

3. Mr. Lippincott advised that the entire Hilltown Township staff is now certified in CPR and First Aid Training.

Q. CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager –

1. Correspondence was received from the fifth grade class at Seylar Elementary School, to once again request waiver of Scout Cabin rental fees for their class picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2002. The class will provide the required \$100.00 refundable security deposit.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, and carried unanimously to grant waiver of Scout Cabin rental fees for the Seylar Elementary School class picnic on Saturday, July 20, 2002, with the required \$100.00 refundable security deposit. There was no public comment.

2. Recently, the Supervisors sent correspondence to the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, thanking them for the backlog of deed information they forwarded to the Tax Collector, and advising that if a 30-day turnaround of deed transfer information were to continue, Hilltown Township would consider that time frame reasonable and the Supervisors believe it would remedy the situation.

R. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE: None.

S. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mrs. Marilyn Teed of Mill Road wished to make a correction to the minutes of the July 1, 2002 Planning Commission worksession meeting presented earlier by Mr. Kachline, advising that she did not feel that meeting was unproductive, rather she felt that her comments were helpful.

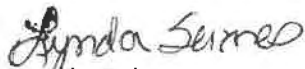
2. Mrs. Jean Bolger of Rt. 152 questioned the recent blasting being done by Heritage Building Group for their projects at Orchard Hill and the Heritage Executive Campus. Mr. Lippincott explained that the blasting is for the construction of the sewer lines for those projects. There are DEP regulations that Heritage must meet, including notifying residents within 200 ft. of the blasting site, and videotaping resident's dwellings, upon their request, in the event any damage results on private properties during the blasting procedure. The developer is required to notify the Township and any residents within 200 ft. of the blasting site, prior to any blast. A lengthy discussion took place.

T. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the July 8, 2002 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary

(*These minutes were transcribed from tape recordings taken by Mrs. Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer).