

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
Tuesday, January 2, 2001
7:30PM**

The 2001 Hilltown Township Reorganization Meeting began at 7:30PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bennington announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss personnel issues.

A. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON: Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington as Temporary Chairperson. There was no public comment.

B. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY: Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Lynda S. Seimes as Temporary Secretary. There was no public comment.

C. CALL TO ORDER: The Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2001 was called to order by Temporary Chairperson Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:32PM. Also in attendance were Supervisor John S. Bender, Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager, and Lynda S. Seimes, Township Secretary, to record and take minutes of this meeting.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

1. Mr. Harry Mason of Morgan Lane questioned item #17 on the agenda, the Disposition of Records Resolution #2001-8, and noted that he hopes the Township does not destroy records that can make it more difficult to follow a paper trail, as it was in the past. Mr. Lippincott explained that the statute of limitations on these financial records is seven years, and the Resolution is to dispose of all financial records for the year 1993, excluding quarterly payroll records and all pension records.

E. OFFICER APPOINTMENTS: Nominations were made for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Township Secretary, Township Treasurer, and Assistant Township Treasurer for 2001:

1. Chairperson – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor Kenneth B. Bennington as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2001. There was no public comment.

2. Vice-Chairperson – Motion was made by Chairperson Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to appoint Supervisor John S.

Bender as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2001. There was no public comment.

3. Township Secretary – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Lynda S. Seimes as Township Secretary for 2001. There was no public comment.

4. Township Treasurer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Lorraine E. Leslie as Township Treasurer for 2001. There was no public comment.

5. Assistant Township Treasurer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Gregory J. Lippincott as Assistant Township Treasurer for 2001. There was no public comment.

F. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: The following motions were made by the Board of Supervisors for the positions as stated:

1. Township Manager – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Gregory J. Lippincott as Township Manager for 2001. There was no public comment.

2. Chief of Police – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Kerry L. Trauger as Chief of Police for 2001. There was no public comment.

3. Director of Public Safety – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Chief Kerry L. Trauger as Director of Public Safety for 2001. There was no public comment.

4. Director of Public Works – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Thomas A. Buzby as Director of Public Works for 2001. There was no public comment.

5. Code Enforcement Officer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint David W. Taylor as Code Enforcement Officer for 2001. There was no public comment.

6. Assistant Code Enforcement Officer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Gregory J. Lippincott as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for 2001. There was no public comment.

7. Zoning Officer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Gregory J. Lippincott as Zoning Officer for 2001. There was no public comment.

8. Assistant Zoning Officer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint David W. Taylor as Assistant Zoning Officer for 2001. There was no public comment.

G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS: In 2000, Supervisor Bender advised that the three Supervisors unanimously agreed to accept requests for proposals for the positions of Township Solicitor and Township Engineer. There were six proposals for the Township Solicitor position, with three firms interviewed; and there were fourteen proposals for the Township Engineer position, with three firms interviewed.

1. Township Solicitor – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Francis X. Grabowski of Grabowski Associates as Township Solicitor for 2001. There was no public comment.

2. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Jeffrey Trauger of Grim, Biehn, and Thatcher as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 2001. There was no public comment.

3. Township Engineer – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint C. Robert Wynn of C. Robert Wynn Associates as Township Engineer for 2001. There was no public comment.

4. Township Certified Public Accountant – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Julia Stevens of Dunlap Associates as Township Certified Public Accountant for 2001. There was no public comment.

5. Township Depository – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Union National Bank and Trust as Township Depository for 2001. There was no public comment.

H. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

1. Planning Commission – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Betty Snyder

to another four-year term on the Hilltown Township Planning Commission. There was no public comment.

2. Zoning Hearing Board – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Timothy Browning to another three-year term on the Hilltown Township Zoning Hearing Board. There was no public comment.

3. Water and Sewer Authority – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Melvin “Rocky” Wright to another five-year term on the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority. There was no public comment.

4. Park and Recreation Board – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Jon Apple to another five-year term on the Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board. There was no public comment.

There is another vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board due to the resignation of Bea Waite, however the candidates have not yet been interviewed for that vacancy. An appointment will be made at a later date.

5. Vacancy Board – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint William H. Bennett, Jr. to another one-year term on the Hilltown Township Vacancy Board. There was no public comment.

6. Emergency Management Coordinator – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint William Devlin to another one-year term as the Hilltown Township Emergency Management Coordinator. There was no public comment.

7. Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Keith Seifert to a one-year term as the Hilltown Township Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. There was no public comment.

8. Agricultural Officer/Emergency Management – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Kenneth Beer to a one-year term as the Hilltown Township Agricultural Officer of Emergency Management. There was no public comment.

I. RECOMMENDATION OF TREASURER'S BOND LIMIT – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Bond Limit of \$1.5 million dollars for 2001. There was no public comment.

J. EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION TO PENSION FUND – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-1, resolving that Hilltown Township will not require any pension contributions from the Hilltown Police for the year 2001; and to adopt Resolution #2001-2, resolving that Hilltown Township will not require any pension contributions from the Hilltown Township Non-Uniform Employees for the year 2001.** There was no public comment.

K. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING DATES FOR 2001 – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-3, accepting the Supervisor's meeting dates for the year 2001, with meetings to be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of the worksession meeting for January, which has been cancelled; and to reschedule the regular meeting originally scheduled for Monday, May 28th to Tuesday, May 29th, due to the Memorial Day holiday; and to reschedule the regular meeting originally scheduled for Monday, December 24th to Wednesday, December 26th, due to the Christmas holiday.** There was no public comment.

L. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2001 – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-4, accepting the Planning Commission meeting dates for the year 2001, with meetings to be held on the first and third Monday of every month; with the exception of the worksession meeting originally scheduled for January 1st which has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 4th due to New Year's Day; and with the exception of the worksession meeting originally scheduled for Monday, September 3rd, which has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 6th due to the Labor Day holiday.** There was no public comment.

M. NON-UNIFORM HOLIDAYS FOR 2001 - Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-5, to establish the following Non-Uniform holidays for 2001:**

Monday, January 1	New Year's Day
Friday, April 13	Good Friday
Tuesday, May 15	Primary Election Day
Friday, May 25	Friday Before Memorial Day

Monday, May 28	Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 3	Labor Day
Tuesday, November 6	Election Day
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23	Day After Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day

There was no public comment.

N. ADOPTION OF 2001 BUILDING, ZONING, MISCELLANEOUS FEE SCHEDULE – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-6, establishing a fee schedule for building, zoning, and miscellaneous items for the year 2001.** There was no public comment.

O. ADOPTION OF 2001 TAX RATES: Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-7, establishing Tax Rates for the year 2001, as follows:**

Real Estate	9 mills
Earned Income	¾%
Per Capita	\$10.00
Real Estate Transfer	½%
Amusement	10%
Fire Protection	3 mills
Occupational Privilege	\$5.00
Debt Service	6 mills
Fire Hydrant Tax	Special Assessment
Street Lights	Special Assessment

There was no public comment.

P. ADOPTION OF DISPOSITION OF RECORDS RESOLUTION – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2001-8, to dispose of all financial records for the year 1993, excluding quarterly payroll records and all pension records.** There was no public comment.

Q. ESTABLISHING TAX COLLECTOR COMMISSION RATES FOR THE YEARS 2002, 2003, 2004, AND 2005 – Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution**

#2001-9, establishing Tax Collector Commission Rates beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2005. There was no public comment.

The commission rates for the office of Tax Collector are as follows:

- Year 2002 – Flat rate of \$18,605.00 plus \$4.00 per interim, billed twice per year.
- Year 2003 – Flat rate of \$19,165.00 plus \$4.00 per interim billed twice per year.
- Year 2004 – Flat rate of \$20,330.00 plus \$4.00 per interim billed twice per year.
- Year 2005 – Flat rate of \$20,940.00 plus \$4.00 per interim billed twice per year.

R. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

S. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Bender advised that there are 8 applicants for the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors Bender and Bennington will interview all eight applicants within the next two weeks, with hopes of appointing an individual to that vacancy at the January 22, 2001 meeting.

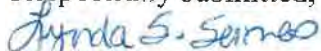
The applicants for the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors include Joe Wilson, Betty Snyder, Chuck Kulesza, John Snyder, Bruce Knipe, James Huratiak, Barbara Salvadore, and Daniel Kell.

2. Chairperson Bennington read a statement announcing that he has decided to seek re-election for a third six-year term on the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

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

U. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously, the January 2, 2001 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

For Immediate Release: Bennington Re-election Announcement

January 2, 2001

It is very hard to believe that twelve years have passed since I first announced my candidacy for Hilltown Township Supervisor in 1989. It has been an interesting and often tumultuous twelve years, and upon reflection one of the most satisfying periods of my life.

Many people have urged me to run for a third term and, quite frankly, it is not an easy decision to make. First and foremost a candidate must consider his or her family.

Monthly meetings are just a small part of being a Township Supervisor. The job also requires many hours of time spent reading through voluminous materials and, as you can imagine, many meetings and many telephone calls. However, if you truly care about the community, you find that it is worth the commitment.

After I first took office in January 1990, Betty Kelly, Bill Bennett and I spent untold hours trying to correct problems that were many years in the making. I am not exaggerating when I say that the Township was in danger of going belly up financially. However, with hard work and perserverence, we managed to put Hilltown Township back on the road to financial stability. Just a few weeks ago we adopted the 2001 Budget with no tax increase. That was the tenth time in my eleven years that there was no tax increase. We also reported a surplus from Year 2000. By watching every penny the Supervisors believe that Hilltown Township can continue to be a model of fiscal responsibility.

In a brochure that I sent out to Hilltown voters twelve years ago, I listed a number of issues that needed to be addressed. I have NEVER wavered in my full support of the

below listed issues:

- (1) Financial stability
- (2) Hiring the best qualified personnel to run the day to day operations of the Township.
- (3) Controlled development based upon guidelines of all Hilltown Township plans
- (4) Full support of ALL seven volunteer fire companies that serve Hilltown Township
- (5) Open communication between Boards and Authorities
- (6) Open Space preservation, and parks for Hilltown residents

Being a Township Supervisor requires honesty, integrity, an ability to listen to all sides

of an issue and, above all, to ALWAYS consider the people whom you represent. As a Supervisor you are required to make decisions which may not please everyone. I have ALWAYS been straightforward in the decision making process, and I have ALWAYS ALWAYS had the township residents' best interests at heart.

With all of the above in mind, I have decided to seek re-election for a third six year term.

Thank you for your continued support,



Ken Bennington