

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, October 9, 2000
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Bennington at 7:31PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: John S. Bender, Vice-Chairperson
E. Diane Parks, Supervisor
Gregory J. Lippincott, Township Manager
Kerry L. Trauger, Chief of Police
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
Lorraine E. Leslie, Township Treasurer

Chairperson Bennington announced that the Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action on the minutes of the August 28, 2000 Supervisor’s Meeting – Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2000 Supervisor’s Meeting, as written. There was no public comment.

Action on the minutes of the September 11, 2000 Worksession Meeting – Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2000 Worksession Meeting, as written. There was no public comment.

Action on the minutes of the September 14, 2000 Budget Worksession Meeting – Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2000 Budget Worksession Meeting, as written. There was no public comment.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: On behalf of the officers and membership of the Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company, Mr. John Snyder announced, with deepest regret, the recent passing of Mr. Peter Darde, Jr. on October 6, 2000, as a result of injuries he received in an automobile accident on September 27, 2000. Mr. Darde was the longest active member of the fire company, in his 54th year of active service. Mr. Darde’s funeral will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 11:00AM at the Chalfont Methodist Church in Chalfont. Mr. Snyder requested that Mr. Darde be recognized and honored for his many years of service to Hilltown Township with a moment of silence; and that a page of

these minutes be set aside in Mr. Darde's memory. A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Peter Darde, Jr.

C. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING – Chairperson Bennington presented the Bills List dated October 10, 2000, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$277,269.76, State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$5,083.15, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$335.28; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$282,688.19.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated October 20, 2000, as written. There was no public comment.

D. TREASURER'S REPORT - Chairperson Bennington presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of September 30, 2000:

General Fund Checking Account	\$193,207.79
Payroll Fund Checking Account	\$ 1,120.10
General Reserve Fund Checking Account	\$557,757.60
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 60,585.96
Debt Service Fund Checking Account	\$136,597.97
State Highway Aid Fund Checking Account	\$192,164.38
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$272,720.47
Capital Projects Fund	\$138,435.04

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2000, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

E. HILLTOWN AUTHORITY REPORT – Mr. James G. Groff, Authority Manager – Mr. Groff read the Authority Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Groff advised the interior renovations at the new Authority office continue to move forward. The heating and air conditioning work will be complete this week. It is Mr. Groff's hope that construction of the dry wind detention basin will begin in approximately 2 weeks.

On behalf of the Authority Board, Mr. Groff thanked the Supervisors for their attendance at the joint worksession meeting on September 27, 2000 concerning the proposed sewage treatment facility. Mr. Groff and Mr. Kelso, the Authority Engineer, will be meeting with members of the Citizen Liaison Committee in October.

F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works – Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Parks noted that this fall is reported to be a major leaf season, and given that, she asked if Mr. Buzby had any suggestions for resident's leaf disposal. Mr. Buzby replied that the leaf drop off site is located in the rear of the side parking lot of the Municipal Building. Only bagged leaves may be deposited – no grass clippings or branches are permitted. Bagged leaves may be dropped off during the months of October, November, and December. Township leaf pick-up will begin after Election Day.

The Public Works Department is in the midst of their major paving project. Welcome House Road has been completed. The scratch course has been applied and the finish course has been completed on Middle Road, from Upper Stump to Broad Street. This project will continue until completion.

Chairperson Bennington asked the status of the S. Perkasio Road drainage problem. Mr. Buzby asked Mr. Lippincott to check with Mr. Wynn at tomorrow's staff meeting as to the status of the permit approval process.

With regard to salt purchase for this winter season, Mr. Buzby advised the Township has bid through the Consortium, and he is also in the process of investigating piggybacking on the State bid.

G. POLICE REPORT – Chief Kerry L. Trauger – Chief Trauger read the Police Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

On September 29, 2000, the Police Department conducted a speed blitz on Rt. 309, which resulted in 34 citations being issued on southbound motorists within 2 ½ hours. An average low speed of 75 m.p.h. was reported, and the highest speed reported was 90 m.p.h.

To date, Chief Trauger noted 44 bike helmets were distributed and 25-30 gunlocks have been sold.

Supervisor Parks noted that there appears to be another epidemic of mailbox bashing, and asked for some suggestions. Chief Trauger recommended that residents purchase the cheapest mailboxes they can.

Supervisor Bender referred to a recent newspaper article advising that two Hilltown officers arrested seven individuals for theft. Chief Trauger confirmed that seven individuals were apprehended for repeated thefts from Montgomeryville Cycle Center. Chief Trauger commended the members of the Hilltown Police Department who were involved in this arrest.

H. BUILDING REPORT - Mr. Taylor was not present. A copy of the Building Report for the month of September, 2000 is on file at the Township office.

I. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. John Snyder - Mr. Snyder read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

To recognize Fire Prevention Week, the Hilltown Fire Company held a successful demonstration event on Saturday, October 7, 2000 at the Wal-Mart store in the Hilltown Crossings Shopping Center. The Fire Company will also be providing demonstrations at Grasse Elementary School this week.

J. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. John Gillespie - Mr. Gillespie read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

The Silverdale Fire Company would be holding fire prevention demonstrations at Seylar Elementary School on Thursday morning, October 12, 2000; and in the afternoon, at the Middle School. The Silverdale Fire Company will also be jointly participating with the Souderton Fire Company on Thursday evening, October 12, 2000. Further, a presentation will be held at the Country Roads development on Saturday, October 28, 2000.

K. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Mr. John Kachline, Chairperson - Mr. Kachline read the Planning Commission Report; a copy of which is on file at the Township office. Mr. Wynn provided the minutes of the Planning Commission's October 5, 2000 worksession meeting, since he was present at that meeting to discuss the proposed Agricultural Preservation Zoning Ordinance amendment. The proposed amendment will be expanded to include revisions to the Forestry Use (Use A4) in order to comply with requirements of Act 67 and 68, which became effective August 21, 2000.

Ms. Curtin of Heritage Building Group, along with their legal counsel, Mr. Van Luvanee, attended the Planning Commission's October 5th worksession to present the original preliminary plan layout and two sketches. The first sketch was previously reviewed by the Planning Commission and proposes relocation of townhouse and twin homes to provide for twin home development immediately behind the single-family homes along

Diamond Street as suggested by the Planning Commission. The second sketch plan had been presented to the Supervisors on September 25, 2000 and proposed a revised roadway configuration to comply with block length requirements of the Subdivision Ordinance. The second sketch plan shows an additional proposed street and relocation of open space areas. All three plans propose the same number of units (271). Ms. Curtin discussed the two sketch plans and advised the Planning Commission it was her belief that the original plan with the revised location of twin units and centralized open space area was the preferred option. Mr. VanLuvance addressed the Planning Commission, indicating that Heritage Building Group attended the Park and Recreation Board meeting earlier in the evening, where the Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors accept the open space area to the south of the site (along the stream), with the rest of the open space area and recreational facilities to be owned by a Homeowner's Association. It was Mr. Fox's opinion that the first sketch plan with the open space layout in the center of the development was better for the future residents because the open space was closer to more units. Mrs. Snyder was concerned that she had not had adequate time to review the new sketch and open space layout.

There was further discussion by the Planning Commission concerning open space ownership, future trails, and recreational facilities. The Planning Commission members present for the discussion at that meeting stated their individual positions as follows: Mrs. Snyder voted against the initial waiver and would still vote against the waiver to the block length requirement. Mr. Fox felt that Sketch Plant #1 with the open space in the center of the development was a better plan. He had originally voted in favor of the block length waiver and would still vote in that manner. Mr. Kachline originally voted against the waiver and is still against the waiver to the block length requirements, and stated that he feels there are better plans possible for development at this site that have not been thoroughly investigated by the applicant. Mr. Bradley felt that the first sketch plan was a better layout if the Township does not want to accept the open space along Hillcrest Road as shown on the second sketch for a public park. Mr. Bradley supported the block length waiver request and the first sketch plan since the Park and Recreation Board recommended that the Township not accept open space and recreational facilities at this site.

L. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairperson – Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Board Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

At the Park and Recreation Board's September 14, 2000 meeting, a recommendation was made to the Supervisors requesting that \$10,000.00 be budgeted in the 2001 Budget to be used for professional recreational planning services for the Forest Road property by Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy. Mr. Lupinacci explained that the original proposal by

Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy shows costs exceeding \$17,000.00. Mr. Jon Apple, a member of the Park and Recreation Board, who is also a professional landscape planner, had indicated that he could minimize the cost to no more than \$10,000.00. Discussion took place. The Supervisors were agreeable to add a \$10,000.00 line item to the 2001 Budget for professional planning services for the Forest Road property.

The Park and Recreation Board suggested that a contest be held to choose a name for the park that will be constructed on the Forest Road property. The Supervisors agreed. Notification of this contest will be placed in the next Township Newsletter.

Personally, Mr. Lupinacci urged residents to vote in favor of the Open Space Referendum question that will be placed on the ballot on November 7, 2000. Mr. Lupinacci wished to make it clear that the referendum question is for the acquisition of property, and agricultural and historical preservation, not specifically for the development of parks. Rather, any land that is purchased by the Township could be used for potential parks at some point. Before the Township can even address the 58-acre Forest Road property, a considerable amount of time and money will be required.

M. OPEN SPACE REPORT – Mr. Chuck Kulesza, Chairperson -- Mr. Kulesza read the Open Space Committee Report for the month of September, 2000.

Mr. Kulesza agreed with Mr. Lupinacci's statements concerning the Open Space Referendum question, and noted that he personally will be voting in favor of the referendum. Mr. Kulesza feels that the Township should pursue the Open Space Preservation Program with vigorous enthusiasm.

Mr. Kulesza made a presentation concerning the Open Space Referendum at the September 26, 2000 Civic Association meeting. The consensus was that the Civic Association membership agreed that the passage of the Open Space Referendum is necessary and in the best interest of the Township residents. Mr. Kulesza thanked the press for their coverage of that meeting. Further, Mr. Kulesza recognized a group of residents, including members of the Civic Association and Friends of Hilltown, who have pledged their time and money to get information concerning the Open Space Referendum out to as many residents as possible, and to encourage residents to vote "yes" this November.

On Monday, October 16, 2000, Mr. Kulesza will attend the Quiet Acres Homeowner's Association meeting to follow-up on his September 18th meeting with regard to the Open Space Referendum.

The Open Space Committee Public Forum meeting will be held tomorrow evening, October 10th, at 7:30PM here at the Township building. The guest speaker will be Mr.

Michael Frank of the Heritage Conservancy. Mr. Frank's recent publication, "Opportunity Knocks – An Investment in the Community" outlines a great deal of the quality of life and financial benefits of open space preservation. Mr. Kulesza encouraged Hilltown residents to be involved and to attend this meeting.

Supervisor Parks noted there had been a perception at one time that there were no copies of the Open Space Plan available for public review. Mr. Kulesza explained that the Open Space Committee and the Township has made every effort to make the Open Space Plan an accessible document. The Open Space Plan is available on the Township's website (at Hilltown.org), at the Pierce Public Library in Perkaspie, at the Township Building (either for review at the office or on loan to read at your leisure), or it can be purchased from the Township for \$20.00. Mr. Kulesza explained that the \$20.00 fee is simply to cover the printing costs.

N. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. Alex Paci – Eagle Scout Project – Mr. Paci was present to request the approval of the Board of Supervisors to place a memorial to farmers of Hilltown on Township property. Mr. Paci is a Boy Scout with Troop #67 in Hilltown, and wishes to do this as an Eagle Scout Project. The Park and Recreation Board reviewed this proposal and recommended approval (via Recommendation #2000-10). Mr. Bob Wendig, a member of the Park and Recreation Board, has agreed to donate a 1920 John Deere hay rake to the Township. Mr. Paci intends to clean the rake, coat it with a preservative, and have it transported to the municipal building grounds to be placed in a landscaped setting near the Township sign at the corner of Rt. 152 and West Creamery Road. Mr. Jon Apple, also a member of the Park and Recreation Board, has offered to assist with landscaping design. This project will be at no cost to the Township, and the maintenance will be minimal, with Mr. Paci agreeing to provide the maintenance for a few years. The Supervisors felt this was a wonderful idea and encouraged Mr. Paci to proceed.

Motion was made Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve Park and Recreation Recommendation #2000-10, to permit Mr. Alex Paci to continue with his Eagle Scout project as noted above. There was no public comment.

2. Ms. Beverly Curtin – Papiernik Subdivision – Upon direction from the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Curtin appeared before the Planning Commission to discuss the matter further. The original proposal was for 276 units, however since the initial submission approximately one year ago, the number of units have been reduced to 271.

During the review process with the Planning Commission, the developer was asked to consider relocating the townhouse units from the perimeter of the development to the

center in order to make a smoother transition from the existing single-family dwellings to multi-family dwellings. Heritage Building Group prepared a sketch plan addressing the Planning Commission's concerns, moving the townhouse units away from the existing single-family residences. The Planning Commission then recommended granting the waiver request concerning block length once the plan configuration of the townhouse units had been revised.

Discussion took place concerning the various designs for location of open space. Ms. Curtin appeared at the last Park and Recreation Board meeting to discuss open space, where an official recommendation (Recommendation #00-9) was made, which states "At their regularly scheduled meeting on October 5th, the Park and Recreation Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Township Supervisors that the Township accept the wetlands and open space #1 of the proposed subdivision plan for the Papiernik Tract offered by Heritage Builders and that the remaining open space be owned and maintained by a homeowner's association to be founded by Heritage." Ms. Curtin then provided the Park and Recreation Recommendation to the Planning Commission, who were also meeting that evening. Only four Planning Commission members were present at that time, however the two members that had been opposed to the block length waiver remained opposed, and the two other members were still in favor of granting the block length waiver. Therefore, it is Ms. Curtin's understanding that the original Planning Commission recommendation concerning block length waiver still stands.

Supervisor Bender asked if the applicant had considered any comments or suggestions from the Planning Commission concerning the layout of the subdivision early on in the planning process. Ms. Curtin does not recall any suggestions made by the Planning Commission early in the planning process, other than to reduce the number of lots and to consider reconfiguration of the townhouse location.

Chairperson Bennington commented that whether the plan with the long block length or the plan with the road through the middle of the open space is chosen, the same number of units is proposed. Discussion took place.

The applicant has requested the following waivers:

- Section 510.5 – A waiver is requested from the requirement that horizontal curves not be permitted on a proposed street within 50 ft. of the ultimate right-of-way of an existing or proposed street.
- Section 511.1.A – The proposed twin unit located at the western intersection of Hampshire Drive and Ridgeview Court has the driveway located approximately 50 ft. from the ultimate right-of-way of Ridgeview Court. Section 511.1.A requires a minimum separation of 60 ft.

- Section 504.2.K -- Lot depth to width ratio requirements for all townhouse units. The 3 to 1 limit on lot depth to width ratio is a standard typically applied to single-family dwellings. A lot design strictly in accordance with minimum requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (with a minimum lot width of 22 ft. and a minimum lot area of 2,200 s. ft.) has a lot depth to width ratio of 4.5 to 1.
- Section 504.2.D – A waiver has been requested from the requirement that side lot lines intersecting street lines must be at substantially right angles or radial to street lines for certain townhouse units located on curved sections of the proposed streets. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the waiver request conditional upon the revised plan providing an enlarged detail of the proposed improvements along the frontage of the affected lots to ensure there are no encroachments of driveways onto adjoining properties.
- Section 511 – The Planning Commission unanimously recommended waiver of the requirement to install concrete monuments at every property corner within the development. Specifically, and as approved for the Orchard Hill Subdivision, the townhouse units will be concrete monumented at the end of each building with the internal property boundaries field marked with iron pins.
- Section 504.2.A – This section limits block length to 1,600 feet. Although the applicant disagrees with the interpretation of the Ordinance, they have requested a waiver of block length for Hampshire Drive, which is approximately 2,800 ft. from intersection to intersection with Ridgeview Court when measured along Hampshire Drive. The applicant believes the measurement should only be along Ridgeview Court where the intersection distance meets the requirements of the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to grant the six waivers for the Papiernik Subdivision; and to accept Recommendation #00-9 from the Park and Recreation Board to accept the wetlands and open space #1 of the Papiernik Tract and that the remaining open space be owned and maintained by a homeowner's association to be founded by Heritage Building Group. There was no public comment.

O. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Greg Lippincott, Township Manager –

1. The AT&T Conditional Use Hearing will be held on Monday, October 30, 2000 at 6:30PM, prior to the Supervisor's Meeting. The regular Supervisor's meeting originally scheduled for October 23, 2000 was rescheduled to Monday, October 30, 2000.

2. A new three-year Public Works Contract has been settled.

3. Mr. Lippincott recently discussed Mr. John Snyder's concerns regarding worker's compensation coverage when the Hilltown Fire Company and Fire Police respond outside the Township boundaries. Mr. Snyder made recommendations for updating existing Resolution #97-33 and the possible adoption of a Resolution addressing these updated issues. Solicitor Grabowski reviewed Mr. Snyder's recommendations and was agreeable to them.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2000-33, regarding worker's compensation coverage for the Hilltown Fire Company and Fire Police when responding outside the Township boundaries.** There was no public comment.

4. Mr. Lippincott sought authorization to advertise for an additional laborer on the Public Works Department for the year 2001.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement for an additional laborer on the Public Works Department for the year 2001. There was no public comment.

5. The Comprehensive Plan Task Force has invited the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission members to attend its Wednesday November 1, 2000 meeting at 7:00PM. The Task Force would like to update the Board on their progress to date.

6. Mr. Lippincott presented Mr. Guttentplan's Work Status Report concerning the Comprehensive Plan Update, a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

7. Mr. Lippincott presented the Zoning Report for the month of September, 2000; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

8. Fuel Bids and Heating Oil Bids were opened this afternoon at 2:00PM. Bid results are as follows:

- Bid #2000-7 Diesel Fuel – Farm and Home Oil Co.
- \$1.1210/Gallon (Autogas Card System – Telford)
- \$1.1360/Gallon (Delivered to Maintenance Garage)
- Bid #2000-8 Super Unleaded Gasoline – Farm and Home Oil Company
- \$1.1226/Gallon
- Bid #2000-9 Heating Oil – Farm and Home Oil Company
- \$1.1334/Gallon

Mr. Lippincott noted that the Township will also be piggybacking on the State bids for Diesel Fuel and Super Unleaded Gasoline, and recommended that the Board accept the bids from Farm and Home Oil Co., with the condition that the Township will also take advantage of the State bid.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2000-7 for Diesel Fuel to Farm and Home Oil Company in the amount of \$1.1210/Gallon (Autogas Card System) and \$1.1360/Gallon (Delivered to Maintenance Garage); to award Bid #2000-8 for Super Unleaded Gasoline to Farm and Home Oil Company in the amount of \$1.1226/Gallon; to award Bid #2000-9 for Heating Oil to Farm and Home Oil Company in the amount of \$1.1334/Gallon; and to also piggyback on the State Contract for the purchase of Diesel Fuel and Super Unleaded Gasoline. There was no public comment.

9 As part of the D.C.N.R. Keystone Grant, a Resolution must be adopted in order to enter into a Hilltown Township/Dublin Borough Open Space Purchase.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2000-34, to enter into a Hilltown Township/Dublin Borough Open Space Purchase.** There was no public comment.

10. The Police Department is applying for a Municipal Seat Belt and Child Restraint Education and Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. A requirement of the grant application is the adoption of a Resolution authorizing Chairperson Bennington's signature on the grant application.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #2000-35, authorizing Chairperson Bennington's signature on the grant application.** There was no public comment.

11. There are six Escrow Releases for the Board's consideration this evening, two of which are cash held by the Township:

Bricks Villa Phases I & II	Voucher #12A	\$ 116.40
Longleaf Estates Phase I	Voucher #46	\$ 1,216.78
Longleaf Estates Phase II	Voucher #05	\$ 1,959.85
Orchard Glen	Voucher #62	\$ 300.56
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Voucher #02	\$ 378.06
Quiet Acres	Voucher #35B	\$ 55.14

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to release the six escrows as noted above. There was no public comment.

12. With regard to the Community Development Block Grant, Mr. Lippincott was recently informed that there is a minimum requirement for request for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00. Therefore, the Blooming Glen former municipal building historical designation project has been rejected because it was only in the amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Lippincott explained that the Supervisors have the option of removing \$2,500.00 from the road paving project or from the Historical Society project; or the Supervisors could consider full funding in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the historical designation of the entire village of Blooming Glen, instead of just the former municipal building. A lengthy discussion took place.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to revise and reallocate the Community Development Block Grant funding to reflect \$40,000.00 to the Hilltown Historical Society, \$12,500.00 for the historical designation survey for the entire village of Blooming Glen, and the remaining amount of funds towards the Maron Road paving project. There was no public comment.

P. CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Greg Lippincott, Township Manager –

1. Correspondence has been received from Mr. Rich Manfredi requesting information related to adopted policies and procedures for reducing speed limits in Hilltown Township. Mr. Lippincott has spoken to Mr. Manfredi concerning this issue.

2. Correspondence has been received from Mr. Jack Fox, president of the Hilltown Historical Society, seeking the Board's consideration for additional Community Development Block Grant funding if there should be any monies available after bids are awarded for Hilltown Township's two designated projects.

3. In response to the Supervisor's request for financial information from the Silverdale Fire Company, correspondence was received from Mr. John Perritt, president

of the fire company, seeking a meeting with one or two of the Supervisors, their financial chairman, Tom Louden, and Mr. Perritt. At that time, Mr. Perritt notes that Silverdale Fire Company's financial information will be disclosed on all their finances as audited for 1999, in order for the Supervisors to make an informed decision on Silverdale's request for donation towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

Supervisor Parks suggested that the financial information simply be submitted to each of the Supervisors. Chairperson Bennington agreed, noting that he is not comfortable scheduling a meeting with just one Supervisor present.

4. The Township was copied on correspondence from East Rockhill Township to Governor Ridge in support of legislation to regulate the use of hand-held cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle.

Chairperson Bennington thanked East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors for their support, and pointed out that Suffolk County in New York just recently passed a ban on the use of hand held cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. West Chester County, New York is also planning to do the same next week. Chairperson Bennington envisions that the state of New York will be the first state to make this very important issue a state law.

5. Correspondence was received from Dr. Yarnell, president of the Pennridge School Board, once again requesting authorization to connect to the public sewer line at Beverly Road as a means to address the sewage needs of Seylar Elementary School. Apparently, this request is a result of publicity generated due to the recent court order permitting the Elliot Building Group to connect to the public sewer system via a manhole on Beverly Road, for the Hilltown Chase Subdivision.

Chairperson Bennington commented that the Township has done everything humanly possible to assist the Pennridge School District with the installation of their package treatment plant. Supervisor Bender agreed, and noted that at the February 28, 2000 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board pledged to do everything they could to assist the School District in the approval process of their package treatment plant, and that the Township Engineer was to make himself available for assistance, as well. Unfortunately, it appears from this correspondence that communication between the business manager and the superintendent, who were both present at that meeting, and the president of the school board, was garbled. Supervisor Bender stated that the Hilltown Board of Supervisors has not changed their policy about prohibiting the extension of public sewer into the RR Zoning District, and feels that the Pennridge School District should move forward with their renovations to Seylar Elementary School. Further, Supervisor Parks noted that Dr. Yarnell's premise is that the Pennridge School District should be able to "piggy-back" on the court order. She explained that the court order to which the

Township conceded was completely specific to a single property, and therefore, there is no ability to extend based upon that court order, which was property specific and situation specific. The only reason the Supervisors agreed to this settlement with the Elliott Building Group was because it very clearly gave no opportunity for any other properties to piggy-back into that system. The Supervisors directed Mr. Lippincott to forward correspondence to Dr. Yarnell advising that the Township stands ready to work with the Pennridge School District to expedite the construction of the Seylar Elementary School package treatment plant, and to explain that Hilltown Township's policy has not changed. Supervisor Bender suggested that copies of the minutes of the Supervisors meetings where this issue was discussed from August 1999 through February 2000 be included, as well.

Q. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE:

1. Pileggi Land Development (Re-sign and Re-date)

R. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

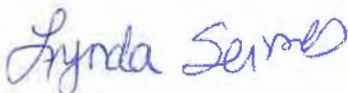
S. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Parks encouraged Township residents to attend the Open Space Public Form meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 7:30PM, and noted that the Supervisors would like voters to make their own, informed decisions.

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

U. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously, the October 9, 2000 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Worksession Meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

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



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PETER DARDE, JR.

August 9, 1930 - October 6, 2000

PETER DARDE JR.

Peter Darde Jr., 70, of Line Lexington, died Friday at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia. He was the husband of Nathalee (Isaacs) Darde. The couple had been married 41 years.

Born in Line Lexington, he was a son of the late Peter Sr. and Susan (Stock) Darde. He graduated from the former Lansdale High School, Class of 1948. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was employed as a tool and die maker for over 40 years by the Hunter Spring Co. and U.S. Gauge, both divisions of Ametek Corp., in Sellersville.

Mr. Darde was a member of Chalfont United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Sellersville Moose Lodge No. 1539 and the Hunter Spring Co. Breakfast Club.

He was a member of the Hilltown Fire Company for 53 years.

His hobbies included hunting, old cars, camping and traveling. He enjoyed fixing things.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Cynthia A. Bishop and her husband, Kevin, of Hilltown and Linda J. Ganakis and her husband, Ted, of Wilmington, Del.; five grandchildren; a brother, Donald Darde and his wife, Rose Marie, of San Diego; and three sisters, Pauline Smith and her husband, Edward M., of

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Souderton, Susan M. Hause and her husband, Leonard, and Betty A. Sellers and her husband, Lawrence, all of Line Lexington.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Darde, in 1980.

Services will be Tuesday morning in Chalfont United Methodist Church. Arrangements are by the Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home in Souderton.

PETER DARDE, JR.
1930 - 2000

Age 70, of Line Lexington, died Friday, October 6, at University of PA Hospital, Philadelphia. Husband of Nathalee (Isaacs) Darde. Calling hours Tuesday, 9-10:45 AM at Chalfont United Methodist Church, 11 Meadowbrook Lane, Chalfont, PA 18914. Funeral service following calling hours. Interment in Hilltown Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church's Trustee Fund at the address above or Hilltown Twp. Fire Co., PO Box 231, Line Lexington, PA 18932. Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home, Souderton.

Treasured Seasons

For everything there is
an appointed season,
And a time for everything
under heaven -
A time for sharing,
a time for caring,
A time for loving,
a time for giving:
A time for remembering,
a time for parting,
You have made everything
beautiful in its time
For everything You do
remains forever.

In Memory of
PETER DARDE, JR.

Husband of
Nathalee (Isaacs) Darde

Born in Line Lexington, PA
August 9, 1930

Entered Into Rest
October 6, 2000

Age: 70 Years

**Funeral Service at
Chalfont United Methodist Church
Tues., Oct. 10, 2000: 11:00 AM**

Officiants
The Rev. Richard H. Andrews
The Rev. Kenneth L. Beale, Sr.

Interment in
Hilltown Union Cemetery
Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home
Souderton, PA