

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, October 11, 1999
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:30PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
 John S. Bender, Supervisor
 Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
 Kerry L. Trauger, Chief of Police
 David W. Taylor, Building Inspector

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING – Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List dated October 12, 1999, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$60,183.76, State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$229.85, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$976.48; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$61,390.09.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated October 12, 1999. There was no public comment.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager – Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of September 30, 1999:

General Fund Checking	\$ 106,707.68
Payroll Fund Checking	\$ 1,271.54
General Reserve Fund	\$ 795,031.41
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 57,532.09
Debt Service Fund Checking	\$ 251,324.22
State Highway Aid Fund Checking	\$ 217,233.74
Escrow Fund Checking	\$ 282,245.98
Capital Projects – Series 1989	\$ 27,170.52
Capital Projects – Series 1994	\$ 103,892.10

Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 1999, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

D. POLICE REPORT – Lt. Det. Bill Leyden – Det. Leyden presented the Police Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office. Det. Leyden extended the Police Department's appreciation for Supervisor Bennington's active participation in the recent D.U.I. checkpoint. A second D.U.I. checkpoint will be held on October 23rd and 24th, and the Supervisors are invited to participate.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Bennett presented Det. Leyden with a gold pocket watch, commemorating his 25 years of excellent service with the Hilltown Township Police Department.

E. HILLTOWN AUTHORITY REPORT – Mr. James G. Groff, Operations Manager – Mr. Groff read the Hilltown Authority Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Discussion took place concerning the transfer of EDU's from one property to another. Supervisor Bennington was concerned about Heritage Building Group transferring EDU's from the C.D. Moyer property to their Longleaf II development. Mr. Groff explained that the Authority Board did have a policy that they would not transfer EDU's, however upon further review with DEP, it was determined that DEP makes the ultimate decision concerning transfer of EDU's.

F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Due to the absence of Mr. Buzby, Mr. Horrocks presented the Public Works Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

G. ZONING REPORT - Due to the absence of Mr. Lippincott, Mr. Horrocks presented the Zoning Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

H. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. John Snyder, Vice-President – Mr. Snyder read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

As fire calls have increased over the past few years, the Hilltown Fire Company has become concerned with an issue of safety with their Rt. 152 entrance and exit into Station 61. In 1985 when Station 61 was constructed, Mr. Snyder advised there were approximately 40-45 annual fire calls, however now there are approximately 200 fire calls per year. Since that time, with the construction of the park across the street from the station, and with the increased vehicle traffic due to the development explosion, the fire company is concerned with a passing zone that is permitted on Rt. 152 just north of

Hilltown Pike. Traveling north on Rt. 152, the "no passing" zone ends at Mill Road, and traveling south on Rt. 152, the "no passing" zone begins at approximately the middle of the park property. Therefore, the Hilltown Fire Company will be sending correspondence to PennDot requesting that Rt. 152, from its intersection with Hilltown Pike to the north entrance of the park, be made a "no passing" zone. This correspondence will also be copied to the Supervisors, Representative Druce and Senator Conti.

Chairman Bennett cautioned Hilltown residents about the increased traffic, along with increased speeds, on numerous Township roads, due in part to the Rt. 309 road construction. Motorists have been using alternate routes because of the delays involved with the road construction.

I. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. Keith Seifert, Chief - Mr. Seifert read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

J. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Mr. John Kachline, Chairman – Mr. Kachline read the Planning Commission Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

The Planning Commission is concerned with the Comprehensive Plan Outline as prepared by the Township consultants, the Waetzman Group. Upon review of this outline, it appears that the Waetzman Group intends to write most of the Comprehensive Plan themselves, which the Planning Commission is opposed to. Supervisor Bennington disagreed and stated that the outline is merely a guide for review procedures of the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Bender commented it was the Supervisor's intention that the Waetzman Group will be an adjunct, and that there will most definitely be input from Township residents, Boards and Committees. Mr. Horrocks noted the scope of the Waetzman Group's involvement depends totally upon the Board of Supervisors directly. Supervisor Bender suggested a summary be prepared of what work has been done already and the parties involved so that the Waetzman Group can coordinate tasks yet to be completed. Further, Supervisor Bender is very interested in formulating the Community Task Force so that all Township residents can participate. Mr. Horrocks suggested that ads be placed in the newspaper and notification be made through the Township newsletter to all Township residents. Supervisor Bennington suggested Mr. Guttenplan of the Waetzman Planning Group attend the next Supervisors meeting to discuss the implementation process, and the remaining Board members agreed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to advertise for applicants to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force. There was no public comment.

Supervisor Bender suggested Mr. Kachline contact Ms. Lynn Busch, the newly appointed director of the Bucks County Planning Commission, to meet with the Hilltown Planning Commission.

K. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT – Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairman – Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Board Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Lupinacci and Mr. Lippincott met with Dublin Borough officials with regard to Dublin's portion of the Bucks County Open Space grant. Dublin Borough does not intend to consider any plan for open space within the Borough itself. Therefore, Mr. Lippincott and Mr. Lupinacci are discussing possible scenarios with Dublin officials to consider the combined acquisition of property bordering the two municipalities, or the possibility of continuing a trail from Dublin Borough into Hilltown Township to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, utilizing Dublin's open space grant funds.

Supervisor Bennington and Mr. Lupinacci attended a recent Pennridge Coordinating Committee meeting, with respect to discussions concerning a cooperative regional community day event to encompass the entire Pennridge community.

Mr. Lupinacci noted there is a vacancy on the Open Space Committee and four candidates are scheduled to be interviewed tomorrow evening. Further, the Open Space Committee and the Park and Recreation Board has pledged to conduct mutual worksession meetings in order to coordinate efforts. Mr. Lupinacci would also like to include the Planning Commission in quarterly meetings. Discussion took place.

Mr. Lupinacci advised the Hilltown Civic Association is participating in the Adopt-a-Highway Program, which will take place on Saturday, October 16, 1999 at 8:30AM. The Civic Association has "adopted" the section of road between Rt. 152 and Hilltown Pike to Dublin Road and Hilltown Pike.

L. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

***8:00PM – ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mr. Horrocks advised an Ordinance to consider the reduction of the speed limit on Schultz Road, and Brinkley and Briarwood Drives; and to establish "No Parking" on the south side of Schultz Road has been advertised and is before the Board this evening for possible adoption. The speed limit on Brinkley and Briarwood Drives is proposed to be reduced to 25 m.p.h., and the speed limit on Schultz Road is proposed to be reduced to 35 m.p.h..

Supervisor Bennington asked who recommended no parking on the south side of Schultz Road. Mr. Horrocks replied that recommendation was made by local firefighters and the police department. Chief Trauger commented Schultz Road is not wide enough to permit parking on both sides of the street from a safety aspect. Supervisor Bennington asked if any emergency vehicles have had difficulties accessing Schultz Road in the past. Chief Trauger explained that there have been vehicles parked on both sides of the street which has caused problems in the past. When the Hilltown Woods plan received final plan approval, Supervisor Bennington asked why this parking restriction was not taken into consideration. Mr. Horrocks noted the plan for the Hilltown Woods Subdivision was approved many, many years ago, not within the last three or four years when the development was actually constructed. Chief Trauger advised that perhaps the Township did not realize how restrictive the road would be with vehicles parked on both sides of the street when the plan was approved. Supervisor Bennington wondered how many other developments have received final plan approval with this same type of problem. Chief Trauger stated that Schultz Road was an existing street and was not created because of the development.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Al Palatucci of 109 Brinkley Drive commented that even though Schultz Road has been in existence for many years, there were never dwellings on the north side until recently. Now that there are homes located on Schultz Road, Mr. Palatucci is concerned with the issue of speeding. Mr. Palatucci believes the speed limit should be 25 m.p.h., not 35 m.p.h. as proposed because Schultz Road is now a residential neighborhood. Further, Mr. Palatucci feels that stop signs should also be erected on Schultz Road at the entrance to the Hilltown Woods Subdivision.

Chief Trauger explained that all existing Township roads had speed limits of 55 m.p.h. if not posted. He does not believe there are enough houses along Schultz Road to warrant a 25 m.p.h. speed limit. The Police Department conducted a speed study on Schultz Road, with the results pointing to a speed limit of 35 m.p.h. on Schultz Road, and 25 m.p.h. on the development's internal roadways. Mr. Horrocks advised that the other change to the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code that has occurred specifies that internal streets can be regulated without conducting a speed study. However, for any public roads, the PennDot requirements for speed studies and speed surveys must be adhered to.

With regard to Mr. Palatucci's suggestion of erecting stop signs along Schultz Road, Chief Trauger does not believe it would be practical. Mr. Horrocks noted the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code states that the use of three or four-way stop signs to reduce speed are not permissible.

2. Mrs. Kim Mielke of 102 Brinkley Drive stated that school buses constantly speed through the development and down Schultz Road every morning. Mrs. Mielke asked if "Watch Children" or "Children At Play" signs could be erected. Supervisor Bennington encouraged Mrs. Mielke to note the numbers of the buses who violate the speed limit and contact the Director of Transportation at the Pennridge School District to report the violation. Mr. Horrocks stated that if the residents of Hilltown Woods are interested in having "Watch Children" signs installed, it is Township policy that if the residents purchase the signs, the Public Works Department will install them. Normally those types of signs cost approximately \$50.00 each.

3. Mrs. Betty Snyder of Mill Road asked if any other type of traffic calming techniques could be used to slow the speed of vehicles on Schultz Road. Mr. Horrocks commented that most residents do not want traffic calming devices, such as speed bumps, installed in front of their home because they are opposed to the noise. Further, speed bumps on roadways make it impossible to plow the street during the winter months.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #99-8, to reduce the speed of motor vehicles on Schultz Road to 35 m.p.h., and to reduce the speed of motor vehicles on Brinkley and Briarwood Drives to 25 m.p.h.; and to establish no parking on the south side of Schultz Road.**

4. On behalf of the residents of Hilltown Woods, Mr. Charles Schaefer of 109 Schultz Road thanked the Board of Supervisors and the Police Department for the adoption of this Ordinance.

M. BUILDING REPORT – Mr. David W. Taylor, Building Inspector – Mr. Taylor read the Building Report for the month of September, 1999; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

***ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING – 1999 BOCA CODE**

Mr. Horrocks advised an Ordinance to consider the adoption of the 1999 BOCA Code has been advertised and is before the Board this evening for possible adoption. The proposed Ordinance establishes the office of Building Inspector; authorizes the appointment of a Building Inspector and determines the duties and powers thereof; establishes a Code Hearing Board to hear appeals; adopts the 1999 BOCA National Building Code (14th Edition); adopts the ICC International One and Two Family Dwelling Code, 1998 Edition; adopts the 1997 ICC International Plumbing Code; adopts the 1999 BOCA National Fire Prevention Code; adopts the NFPA 70 National Electrical Code 1999 Edition; adopts the 1998 ICC International Mechanical Code; adopts the 1998 ICC International Property Maintenance Code; provides for issuance of permits,

collection of fees, inspections, and prescribes penalties for violation of the foregoing Codes.

Solicitor Grabowski explained Hilltown Township has had the BOCA Building Code in existence for many, many years. The BOCA National Building Code is updated every three years. The 1999 BOCA Code contains many issues that previous Codes did not address. The reason Hilltown Township did not adopt the newer Codes since 1993 is because there have not been any substantive changes until this time. Solicitor Grabowski explained this proposed Ordinance contains certain revisions as requested by the Township Engineer's office, dealing with grade changes and erosion and sedimentation control measures.

If a uniform building code is adopted by the State, Supervisor Bennington asked if the 1999 BOCA Code would be the one the municipalities would have to comply with. Mr. Taylor replied that they would. Mr. Taylor summarized the key points of the 1999 BOCA Code, as compared to the previous Code. Discussion took place.

Supervisor Bender asked what impact the 1999 BOCA Code would have on historical restoration. Mr. Taylor advised that BOCA contains a specific provision granting the Building Inspector undue power to waive certain requirements for historical restorations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. John Gillespie of 310 Moyer Road asked if the plumbing code will be revised by the adoption of this Ordinance so that it requires a 1" line or larger for the sprinkler systems. Mr. Taylor replied that sprinkler systems are required to be installed per NFPA 13D. Mr. Gillespie agreed, but noted that on a residential dwelling, a plumbing feed must be run into the building which is 1" or larger. Mr. Horrocks reminded Mr. Gillespie that the requirement for sprinklers is only for new construction, and therefore, whatever the requirement for a water line is at present will be revised to address new requirements.

2. Mr. Bob Grasmeyer of 20 Beverly Road asked how often the BOCA Code will be reviewed and adopted by the Township, given the new technology that changes from year to year. Mr. Taylor explained that some municipalities adopt new BOCA Codes every three years. It is at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to adopt **Ordinance #99-9 to establish an office of Building Inspector; authorize the appointment of a Building Inspector and determine the duties and powers thereof; establish a Code Hearing Board to hear appeals; adopt**

the 1999 BOCA National Building Code (14th Edition), adopt the ICC International One and Two Family Dwelling Code, 1998 Edition; adopt the 1997 ICC International Plumbing Code, adopt the 1999 BOCA National Fire Prevention Code; adopt the NFPA 70 National Electrical Code 1999 Edition; adopt the 1998 ICC International Mechanical Code; adopt the 1998 ICC International Property Maintenance Code; provide for issuance of permits, collection of fees, inspections, and prescribing penalties for violation of the foregoing Codes; with the language change to reflect the fact that requirements for sprinkler systems apply only to new construction, not existing dwellings. There was no public comment.

***PUBLIC HEARING – Refinancing Bonds.**

Solicitor Grabowski advised a proposed Ordinance has been advertised for the consideration of refinancing the outstanding Bond Issue debt. In 1989, the Township refinanced borrowings, which essentially paid for the construction of the Municipal Building. In 1994, interest rates dropped to the extent that it was to the benefit of the Township to refinance. Once again, the Board is considering refinancing the existing bonds issued in 1994. Mr. Gordon Walker of Penn Capital Advisors was hired to meet with the Supervisors to discuss current municipal tax bond rates and proposals from approximately ten commercial banks. During the last four weeks, the Bond market has been continuing to creep upward, and it appears that this trend will continue through the end of the year. Therefore, the Supervisors have considered the best bank rate supplied by Union National Bank with a 4.85% interest rate for a term of five years, and thereafter, a variable rate of 60% of Union National's bank prime rate, with a minimum rate of 4% and a maximum rate of 8% for the remaining twelve years of the loan. The proposal was structured so that the outstanding bonds or whatever the financing would be, would not extend beyond the maturity date agreed upon in 1994. Four weeks ago, the Board looked at the bond market to determine current interest rates and from a standpoint that bond rates are fixed rates through the entire 17 years. Another wrinkle added to the discussion was that the Township is under discussion concerning the purchase of open space. If a referendum question were to be considered by the Township next year, or if the Township would simply decide to borrow more money to do any number of things, including the purchase of open space, consideration had to be given to the borrowing process. Solicitor Grabowski advised that it would not make sense for the Township to execute a Bond Issue in 1999, if in fact they may wish to do one in 2000 or thereafter. It would be too short term to be economically feasible to pay all the expenses incurred with a Bond Issue. Last month, the Supervisors discussed the possibility that the best bank loan should be considered. The loan from Union National Bank would give the Township the ability to readdress the issue anytime within the first five year period, if perhaps the Township wished to consider borrowing more funds for the purchase of real estate in the year 2000. The greatest benefit is that a bank loan would provide an immediate reduction in the interest rate from the existing 1994 bonds. Mr. Walker

calculated the annualized savings to be approximately \$75,000.00 by taking advantage of the bank loan. In addition, it would eliminate the need for the Township to make its second annual payment under the existing bonds in December of 1999. In order to guarantee the rate of 4.85%, Union National Bank advised that the loan must close on or before November 16, 1999.

At the last meeting, the Board authorized Solicitor Grabowski to advertise an Ordinance. The reason for the Ordinance is because of the Unidebt Act of Pennsylvania, which provides for regulation and limitation as to how much a municipality can borrow. Solicitor Grabowski explained that Pennsylvania has a very strict and limited control through the Department of Community Affairs and Economic Development who must review Ordinances. With that requirement, the Ordinance was advertised for consideration this evening. If the Board adopts this Ordinance, it must be re-advertised a second time, and the documents must be sent to the Assistant Attorney General in Harrisburg to determine if they are valid and appropriate in this instance. Therefore, the Ordinance before the Board this evening would authorize the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$2,200,000.00, which represents the refunding of the outstanding current balance of the 1994 bonds, which is approximately \$2,165,000.00+. The debt has been reduced down from what was \$2.4 million dollars in 1994. The loan is for 17 years through Union National Bank and Trust Company, which could be pre-paid at any time without penalty. Solicitor Grabowski noted that many of the Philadelphia based banks the Township received proposals from do not permit pre-paying without a penalty.

If this proposed Ordinance is adopted this evening, Solicitor Grabowski explained the documentation must be sent to Harrisburg by the end of this week in order to allow them a 15 day review period.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Nick Lupinacci questioned the \$75,000.00 savings Solicitor Grabowski stated would be realized by the Township. Solicitor Grabowski explained that the \$75,000.00 figure is annualized for the first five years of the loan, which would be an upfront savings.

2. Mr. John Kachline of Mill Road understands that the \$75,000.00 savings was for the first five years, and asked what kind of a deficit the Township would be faced with if the interest rate increases to the maximum for the next twelve years. Solicitor Grabowski explained the whole concept is that it is a five-year short-term loan that the Township does not necessarily want to go beyond. Mr. Walker suggested that there will be an artificial increase in bond rates until January 1, 2000, and thereafter, even as early

as that date, the bond rate should begin to decrease. This would give the Township a five-year window to consolidate this loan with any future loans they might consider.

3. If the Township pays off the existing Bond Issue, Mr. John Snyder of Mill Road asked if the Township could borrow more funds next year, over and above the \$2.2 million dollars. Depending on the amount of additional funds borrowed, Solicitor Grabowski replied that the Township could borrow more money without the documentation again being approved by D.C.A.. There are exceptions called "Small Borrowing Exceptions" which are in the amount of \$150,000.00 or less.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #99-10 to refinance the current 17-year Bond Issue**. There was no public comment.

N. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager:

1. Bid Awards – The following bids were opened at 2:00PM today, with the results as follows:

Bid #99-5 – Sodium Chloride –

Continental Salt, Inc.	\$28.36/Ton
International Salt Co.,LLC	\$29.36/Ton
Rochez Bros., Inc.	\$31.94/Ton
Oceanport Industries	\$33.00/Ton
Cargill, Inc.	\$40.00/Ton
American Rock Salt Co. Inc.	No Bid

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award the contract for Bid #99-5 for Sodium Chloride to Continental Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$28.36/Ton. There was no public comment.

Bid #99-6 – Diesel Fuel –

Farm and Home Oil Company - \$.7080/Gallon – At Autogas Card System in Telford
\$.7375/Gallon – Delivered to Maintenance Garage

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #99-6 for Diesel Fuel to Farm and Home Oil Company in the amount of \$.7080/Gallon (at Autogas Card System in Telford) and \$.7375/Gallon (delivered to Maintenance Garage). There was no public comment.

Bid #99-7 – Super Unleaded Gasoline –
Farm and Home Oil Company - \$.8315/Gallon

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #99-7 for Super Unleaded Gasoline to Farm and Home Oil Company in the amount of \$.8315/Gallon. There was no public comment.

Bid #99-8 – Heating Oil –
Farm and Home Oil Company - \$.7163/Gallon

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #99-8 for Heating Oil to Farm and Home Oil Company in the amount of \$.7163/Gallon. There was no public comment.

2. The following eight escrows, two of which are cash held by the Township, were presented for the Board's consideration:

Bricks Villa Phases I & II (combined)	Voucher #5A	\$ 223.46
Giant Foods	Voucher #03	\$ 1,212.19
Hilltown Hunt Subdivision	Voucher #44	\$41,548.64
Hilltown Hunt Subdivision	Voucher #45	\$ 287.28
Adolph Jager Subdivision	Voucher #04	\$ 166.28
Keystone Estates Subdivision	Voucher #20	\$ 411.77
Longleaf Estates Phase I	Voucher #33	\$ 1,258.14
Lynrose Estates	Voucher #01	\$ 358.22

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the release of the eight escrows as noted above. There was no public comment.

O. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

P. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor –
Nothing to report at this time.

Q. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE: Balco Subdivision

R. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. After a very dry spring and summer with drought conditions, Mr. John Gillespie of 310 Moyer Road asked what the Supervisors plan to do to conserve water in Hilltown Township. It is Mr. Gillespie's understanding that the water utilized by the

quarry is simply pumped into a creek, which flows out of our municipality. Supervisor Bennington advised that Mr. John Ash, a hydrogeologist, will be attending the next Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee meeting to discuss what is required for a thorough water study of the entire Pennridge area. Area municipalities have decided to budget funds for the year 2000 in order to conduct a Pennridge regional water study to determine what water supply is available to this area. Supervisor Bennington noted that the Delaware River Basin Commission determines how much water can be drawn from municipal wells. Discussion took place.

Mr. Gillespie is also concerned about failing sewage systems, and feels education should be provided for new residents on how to maintain existing on-site sewage systems. Mr. Horrocks advised the new Act 537 Plan the Township is considering at this time addresses education, which is now a requirement of DEP.

2. Mr. John Kachline of Mill Road has heard rumors about the tremendous amount of water that the quarry site pumps down into a creek, levels of which are supposedly higher than the total usage of the Water and Sewer Authority per day. Mr. Kachline feels that the Township must consider alternatives for recycling that quarry water.

3. At the last Supervisors meeting, Mr. Bob Grasmeder of Beverly Road recalls a gentleman who implied that the spirit of the Cluster Ordinance, which was adopted in October of 1998, had not been followed. Mr. Grasmeder asked if the Township Solicitor has ever investigated the possibility that the Cluster Ordinance adopted in October, 1998 should have been considered null and void. Solicitor Grabowski suggested a copy of his correspondence to the Board of Supervisors addressing that issue be supplied to interested residents.

4. Chief Kerry Trauger has been contacted by Adrienne Richards, the older sister of the young lady who was killed in a recent traffic accident on Rt. 113, advising that she has petitioned the School Board with signatures of students to reinstate the driver's education program in the Pennridge School District. Chief Trauger is seeking the Board's assistance to contact the School Board members in support of re-implementing driver's education.

S. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Bennington discussed the issue of funding for the new Pennridge Senior Center with Mr. Dave Nyman, supervisor of East Rockhill Township, who came up with an alternative to the request for a mill of tax per municipality. The alternative would be based upon \$1.00 per resident of each municipality, for a three-year period. Once a total for each municipality is determined based upon population, the

municipalities would ask the Bucks County Commissioners to match so that the Pennridge Senior Center can reach their \$350,000.00 goal of fundraising.

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 October 11, 1999 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary

(*These minutes were transcribed from notes and tape recordings taken by Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager).