

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, November 9, 1998
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 7:35PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Charles D. Grasse, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
Gregory J. Lippincott, Asst. Manager/Zoning Officer
Richard J. Heilman, Code Enforcement Officer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action on the minutes of the October 12, 1998 Worksession Meeting – Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 12, 1998 Worksession meeting, as written.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING – Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List dated November 10, 1998, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$26,246.79, Fire Fund payments in the amount of \$5.38, Debt Service payments in the amount of \$10.76, State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$489.75, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$29,858.30; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$56,610.98.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated November 10, 1998, as written.

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager – Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer’s Report with the following balances as of October 31, 1998:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 71,257.92
Payroll Fund Checking Account	\$ 155.50
General Reserve Fund	\$ 459,070.96
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 53,313.35
Debt Service Checking Account	\$ 210,494.45
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 89,709.05
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 260,460.23
Capital Projects – Series 1989	\$ 26,126.68
Capital Projects – Series 1994	\$ 99,904.89

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 1998, as written.

D. HILLTOWN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT -- Due to an illness in his family, Mr. Groff was not present at this time. The Authority Report for the month of October, 1998 is on file at the Township office.

E. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT -- Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works -- Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of September 27, 1998 through October 24, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

F. POLICE REPORT -- Chief George C. Egly, Jr. -- Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of October, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

G. ZONING REPORT -- Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott, Zoning Officer -- Mr. Lippincott read the Zoning Report for the month of October, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

H. BUILDING REPORT -- Mr. Richard J. Heilman, Code Enforcement Officer -- Mr. Heilman read the Building Report for the month of October, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

I. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT -- Mr. Shadc read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of October, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

J. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT -- Mr. John Gillespie, Chief -- Mr. Gillespie read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of October, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Gillespie advised this will be the last meeting he will present the Silverdale Fire Company report. The new fire chief for 1999 will be Mr. Chuck Stockert. The Supervisors thanked Mr. Gillespie for his cooperation and service over the years.

K. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT -- Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairman -- Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of October, 1998; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Lupinacci advised the Park and Recreation Board is currently discussing plans for an Arbor Day event. In addition, Mr. Lupinacci has been in contact with Encore Entertainment, the group who ran the Theater Camp this year. The Park and Recreation

Board will discuss the possibility of providing a Saturday morning or afternoon Theater Camp at one of the schools in Hilltown Township.

L. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

M. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks –

1. Mr. Horrocks announced the Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss legal and personnel matters.

2. Mr. Horrocks presented five Escrow Releases for the Board's consideration:

Bricks Villa Phase I	Voucher #42	\$ 775.01
Bricks Villa Phase II	Voucher #29	\$ 828.55
County Line Plaza (1998)	Voucher #02	\$ 20,070.45
Longleaf Estates Phase I	Voucher #17	\$ 3,045.01
Orchard Glen Subdivision	Voucher #40	\$ 1,209.40

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the release of the five Escrows as noted above.

3. Mr. Horrocks presented Resolution #98-41, offering support for Bucks County Community College to utilize the First Union site located in East Rockhill Township as a satellite campus.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #98-41 in support of the establishment of a new satellite campus for Bucks County Community College at the First Union site located in East Rockhill Township.**

4. The Township received \$65,054.73 of Foreign Fire Tax this year, approximately \$75.00 less than last year's payment. Last year, the Township included \$480.00 from the General Fund to match the same distribution rates as was provided in 1996. At this time, Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization to provide the same distribution rates again, this year utilizing \$539.11 from the General Fund to equal that number.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize the same distribution rates for 1998, this year utilizing \$539.11 from the General Fund to equal that number.

5. Mr. Horrocks is seeking authorization to appoint Niessen, Dunlap, and Pritchard as the auditors for the Township for the years ending December 31, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to appoint Niessen, Dunlap, and Pritchard as the auditors for the Township for the years ending December 31, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

6. As a follow-up to correspondence presented to the Board at their last meeting with regard to the Non-Uniform Employees pension plan, Mr. Horrocks asked if the Board had made any decision. The Supervisors will consider this request and investigate the matter further.

7. The Uniform Employees are also seeking consideration to upgrade their current pension plan. The Supervisors will consider this request and investigate the matter further.

8. The Board is now in possession of the first draft of the 1999 General Fund Budget. A Budget Worksession is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 1998 at 7:30PM at the Municipal Building.

9. Mr. Horrocks presented a settlement offer from Exxon Corporation. In their Zoning Hearing appeal to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, Exxon has made an offer to install a full lane addition, southbound on Rt. 113 towards Souderton, the entire length of the property which will allow for a left-turn only lane and a straight/right lane at the intersection. Exxon is also offering a contribution to the improvement of the traffic signalization and/or the layout of the intersection of Bethlehem Pike and Rt. 113 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to authorize acceptance of the settlement with Exxon Corporation of the outstanding zoning issues as indicated above.

N. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

O. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE: Beer Lot Line Consolidation

P. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Earlier this evening, Mr. Nick Lupinacci presented correspondence indicating that the Civic Association would like to donate a display cabinet for the lobby of the municipal building. The intent of the cabinet is for the display of items of interest

to residents, as well as an area for the permanent display of records of the Civic Association. The Board will discuss the matter and make a decision at a meeting in the near future.

Mr. Lupinacci reminded the Board that the Civic Association's holiday food basket drive will begin in December. Collection boxes will be available in the lobby of the municipal building.

2. As a member of Calvary Church, Mr. John Gillespie thanked Chief Egly and the Hilltown Police Department for willingly directing traffic at the church on Sunday mornings.

Q. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Grasse noted the past few weeks have been very difficult as a member of this Board. Although the resident's comments were important to hear and consider, Supervisor Grasse believes the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors can not just make a blanket recommendation for non-approval. He feels each Ordinance amendment must be carefully considered and addressed individually for the future. The Township must provide land for all types of development for its fair share, including open space, housing, commercial and industrial. Further, as a member of the Open Space Committee, Supervisor Grasse was very surprised at the opposition to the bike paths in the various developments. Personally, Supervisor Grasse hopes that the controversy over the past few weeks can make for greater community spirit.

2. Supervisor Bennington asked Mr. Horrocks to contact the Township Solicitor to determine the first possible opportunity to place the Open Space Referendum back on the ballot.

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

S. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously, the November 9, 1998 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors Worksession meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary

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