

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, February 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, Jr., Chief of Police
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
Gregory J. Lippincott, Zoning Officer/Assistant Manager

A. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of January 31, 1998:

General Fund Checking	\$ 73,635.47
Payroll Fund Checking	\$ 99.86
General Reserve Fund	\$ 150,000.00
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 1,357.78
Debt Service Checking	\$ 112,878.18
State Highway Aid Checking	\$ 10,856.64
Escrow Fund Checking	\$ 244,063.38
Capital Projects - Series 1989	\$ 24,978.42
Capital Projects - Series 1994	\$ 99,521.12

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

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bill's List dated February 10, 1998, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$30,711.42, State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$2,012.96, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$1,071.51; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$33,795.89.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to approve the Bill's List, dated February 10, 1998.

C. HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT - Mr. James Groff, Authority Manager - Mr. Groff was not in attendance. The Authority Report for the months of December, 1997, and January, 1998 are on file at the Township office.

D. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas A Buzby - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the periods of November 23 through December 20, 1997, and December 21, 1997 through January 31, 1998; copies of which are on file at the Township office.

E. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - George C. Egly, Jr. - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the months of December, 1997 and January, 1998; copies of which are on file at the Township office.

Chief Egly advised of a recent incident involving a resident on Blooming Glen Road who did not change their address as required. Discussion took place.

Chief Egly requested the placement of a sign on Township property close to Rt. 152 advising of the location of the municipal building. Chief Egly also noted that the street lights at the end of the driveways to the municipal building have been out of service for quite some time now.

Chief Egly asked to meet in Executive Session with the Board following this meeting in order to discuss a personnel matter.

F. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT - Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott - Mr. Lippincott read the Zoning Report for the months of December, 1997 and January, 1998; copies of which are on file at the Township office.

G. 8:00PM. - PUBLIC HEARINGS - Chairman Bennett adjourned the regularly scheduled worksession meeting in order to enter into public hearings to consider the adoption of four amendments to the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance, and one amendment to the Hilltown Township Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance:

1. Proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance to revise Article VII in it's entirety dealing with signs. Both the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Planning Commission have recommended adoption of this amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #98-4, amending Article VII (regarding Signs) of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended.**

2. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise various articles and sections dealing with Cellular Communication Facilities. Both the Bucks County

Planning Commission and the Hilltown Planning Commission have recommended adoption of this amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #98-5, revising various articles and sections of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, dealing with Cellular Communication Facilities,**

3. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise Section E21 and E22 of Table 405, which would allow a movie theater in the PC-1 Zoning District and an adult store in the PC-2 Zoning District, by Conditional Use. Both the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Planning Commission have recommended adoption of this amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #98-6, revising Section E21 and E22 of Table 405 of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, to allow movie theaters in the PC-1 Zoning District and to allow adult stores in the PC-2 Zoning District by Conditional Use.**

4. Proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise Table 502 dealing entirely with the Centralized Water System requirements. Both the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Planning Commission have recommended adoption of this amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #98-7, revising Table 502 of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, dealing with the Centralized Water System requirements.**

5. Proposed amendment to the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance to revise Article V, Section 519, in conjunction with Centralized Water System requirements. Both the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Hilltown Planning Commission have recommended adoption of this amendment. There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #98-8, revising Article V, Section 519 of the Hilltown Township Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance of 1995, concerning Centralized Water System requirements.**

Chairman Bennett adjourned the public hearings and again called to order the regularly scheduled worksession meeting of February 9, 1998.

H. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier, Chief - Mr. Grunmeier read the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the months of December, 1997 and January, 1998; copies of which are on file at the Township office. Further, Mr. Grunmeier presented the 1997 Annual Report of the Hilltown Fire Company for the Board's review.

Mr. Grunmeier invited the Supervisors and Mr. Horrocks to attend a seminar titled "Working With Your Volunteer Fire Company."

On behalf of members of the Hilltown Township Fire Company, and the residents and the communities they serve, Mr. Grunmeier formally thanked the Perkasio Community Ambulance Service, who donated an automatic external defibrillator. Mr. Grunmeier noted three or four days after this unit was placed into service, it was used by the fire department.

I. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Nothing to report at this time. _

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

K. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT - Supervisor Bennington spoke to Mr. Nick Lupinacci, chairman, who advised the Park and Recreation Board is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on Monday, March 2, 1998. The cost is \$30.00, which includes transportation and entrance ticket to the show. The bus will leave the Township building at 4:00PM and return at 10:30PM. Interested individuals should respond by February 25, 1998.

L. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

M. MANAGER'S REPORT -

1. Mr. Horrocks presented eight escrows, four of which are cash held by the Township, for the Board's consideration:

Bearings and Drives Unlimited	Voucher #08	\$ 74.42
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Bricks Villa Phase II	Voucher #22	\$ 831.36
Country Roads Phase I	Voucher #3B	\$ 44.60
Gray Subdivision	Voucher #01	\$ 49.43
Keystone Estates	Voucher #07	\$10,260.00
Keystone Estates	Voucher #08	\$ 622.27
Orchard Glen Subdivision	Voucher #28	\$ 310.29

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to approve the release of the eight escrows as noted above.

2. With regard to an issue mentioned at the last meeting, Mr. Horrocks ~~explained there had been some confusion as to what the appointed term would be for an~~ elected auditor, Mrs. Patricia Garland. If the Board desires to appoint Mrs. Garland as an auditor, the appointment would be until the next municipal election, which is in the year 1999. In the year 1999, Mrs. Garland, if she so desires, can run for the balance of the four years on the term of that position.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Grasse, and carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Patricia Garland to the position of Auditor of Hilltown Township for the term to expire December 31, 1999.

3. Mr. Horrocks asked the Board's consideration to adopt Resolution #98-14 to dispose of records. This resolution is requesting Board authorization to destroy financial records of Hilltown Township for the years 1988, 1989, and 1990, including bank statements and canceled checks for all funds, paid bills, payroll timesheets, receipts documentation, and all journals for those years.

Motion was made by Supervisor Grasse, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #98-14 to dispose of the following Hilltown Township records for the years 1988, 1989, and 1990 - bank statements and canceled checks for all funds, paid bills, payroll timesheets, receipts documentation, and all journals.**

N. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

O. LINENS FOR SIGNATURE:

1. Estates at Tall Oaks

P. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Q. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Bennington felt the joint meeting with the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority last Wednesday concerning the Act 537 Revision and the possibility of a future sewage plant was very productive. Supervisor Bennington commented he has very little time for the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority and some of the members who occupy positions within that organization. Further, Supervisor Bennington has since found that his feelings are justified and believes that this is driving the Township towards the construction of a sewage plant in this municipality. Supervisor Bennington wishes to make it clear to residents that the Township's hand is being forced by the inactivity of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority and by the fact that a developer can build their own sewage plant if the Township does not act first. It is the Supervisors intention that this proposed sewage plant be constructed in a non-residential area of Hilltown Township.

Supervisor Grasse was also very encouraged by the joint meeting with the Hilltown Authority and mirrored Supervisor Bennington's thoughts. Chairman Bennett agreed and stated that the last thing he would like to see is a glut of private package plants constructed, since they eventually become the responsibility of the Township.

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 February 9, 1998 Board of Supervisors Worksession Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary

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