

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, March 10, 1997
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
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
James C. Groff, Authority Manager

A. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of February 28, 1997:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 59,800.80
Payroll Fund Checking Account	\$ 464.82
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 3,415.31
Debt Service Fund Checking Account	\$ 74,781.24
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 68,026.55
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 136,703.47

Chairman Bennett asked Treasurer Lorraine Leslie if she anticipates whether or not the Township will have to draw down any Tax Anticipation funds before money begins to flow in April. Mrs. Leslie does not believe it will be necessary this year.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 1997, subject to audit.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING - Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List dated March 11, 1997 with General Fund payments in the amount of \$44,391.12, Fire Fund payments in the amount of \$4.94, Debt Service Fund payments in the amount of \$9.89, and State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$6070.08; for a grand total of all funds in the amount of \$50,476.03.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated March 11, 1997, subject to audit.

C. HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT - Mr. James Groff, Manager - Mr. Groff read the Authority Report for the month of February, 1997, a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

D. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of February 2, 1997 through March 1, 1997, a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

E. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - George C. Egly, Chief of Police - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of February, 1997, which is on file at the Township office.

When Pleasant Meadows was constructed, Supervisor Bennington commented that due to the development only having one entrance road, the Township did not allow parking on either side of Pleasant Springs Lane. It was understood that once the second entrance was constructed, parking would be allowed on one side of Pleasant Springs Lane. Supervisor Bennington asked Chief Egly to investigate whether or not parking on one side of Pleasant Springs Lane can be permitted. Chief Egly was approached by a citizen concerning this same matter, and after discussion within the department, he does not feel that parking on one side of the street would hinder emergency vehicle operations. Discussion took place. Supervisor Fox suggested that a revision to the Ordinance concerning parking on Pleasant Springs Lane should include provisions for snow emergency parking as well. Mr. Buzby and Mr. Horrocks have been working on a Snow Emergency Ordinance for the entire Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of a revision to the existing Ordinance to allow parking on one side of Pleasant Springs Lane, as specified above.

Chief Egly understands that Schultz Road at the entrance to the Hilltown Woods Subdivision is not scheduled to be widened, and he feels an Ordinance should be adopted to restrict parking along that portion of Schultz Road. Chief Egly believes the cost of the "No Parking" signs should be borne by the developer, instead of by the taxpayers of Hilltown Township. Since the original Brickajlik Subdivision is 16 or 17 years old, Supervisor Fox does not believe the stipulation for roadway widening was required at that time.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of an Ordinance to restrict parking along Schultz Road, along the Hilltown Woods Subdivision.

F. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - No one was not present at this time.

G. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - No one was present at this time.

H. SILVERDALE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. John Gillespie read the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of February, 1997 which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Gillespie invited the Supervisors to attend a Fire Prevention Program to be held at the Seylar Elementary School on the evening of Friday, April 11, 1997, and an open house at the Silverdale Fire Company on April 12, 1997 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

I. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT - No one was present at this time.

J. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

K. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. Mr. Horrocks presented eleven escrow releases, three of which are cash held by the Township, for the Board's Authorization:

Bearings and Drives Unlimited	Voucher #05	\$ 99.35
Bricks Villa Phase II	Voucher #10	\$ 77,599.80
Bricks Villa Phase II	Voucher #11	\$ 573.15
Country Roads Phases III & IV	Voucher #19	\$ 28,089.00
Country Roads Phases III & IV	Voucher #20	\$ 8,400.00
Ralph G. Moyer Subdivision	Voucher #3A	\$ 1,000.00
Orchard Glen Subdivision	Voucher #05	\$ 3,029.63
Orchard Glen Subdivision	Voucher #06	\$ 9,128.70
Our Lady of Sacred Heart	Voucher #07	\$ 7,353.55
Schade Tract Subdivision	Voucher #11A	\$ 94.58
Waste Management of Indian Valley	Voucher #05	\$ 914.66

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

2. After a rather lengthy process of advertising and interviewing for the position of Assistant Manager/Zoning Officer, Mr. Horrocks recommended to the Board of Supervisors that Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott be appointed to the position of Assistant Manager/Zoning Officer of Hilltown Township effective March 17, 1997. Chairman Bennett noted Mr. Lippincott interned with the Hilltown Township administration department in 1995. There were 28 applications received from all over the state of Pennsylvania, with six candidates interviewed by the Township Manager, and four candidates interviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Bennett feels all four finalists were quite capable and competent.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Gregory J. Lippincott as Assistant Manager/Zoning Officer of Hilltown Township, effective March 17, 1997.

L. CORRESPONDENCE -

M. LINENS FOR SIGNATURE: None.

N. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

O. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Bennington asked when a representative of the Planning Commission will begin attending worksession meetings to provide a report of activities. At the last Planning Commission worksession meeting, Mr. Horrocks believes they had been uncertain as to whether a representative would be available to attend this evening's meeting. In the future, when a representative of the Planning Commission is available to attend a Supervisors worksession meeting, Mr. Horrocks will place them on the agenda.

2. Chairman Bennett advised the Bucks County Association of Township Officials recently held their semi-annual meeting in Warrington, at which time they unanimously passed a Resolution to support the Bucks County Open Space Initiative. Bucks County plans to float a Bond Issue in the amount of \$59 million dollars on election day, May 20, 1997 and is asking all municipalities to support this resolution.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to support the Bucks County Open Space Initiative, as specified above.

Supervisor Bennington asked when a committee will be formed for the Hilltown Township open space referendum. Mr. Horrocks commented several residents have expressed interest in serving on this committee. Chairman Bennett suggested the committee be limited to seven residents. Mr. Horrocks will provide the Board with a list of residents who had previously served on the committee, as well as a list of residents who have recently expressed interest in serving on the committee, for their review.

Chairman Bennett explained that Bucks County has formulated a good plan over the last year, and will be awarding each municipality \$110,000.00, regardless of size. The County will also be awarding another dollar amount, which will be determined by a combination of area and population. In Hilltown Township's case, Chairman Bennett believes the total funds tentatively allotted will be approximately \$560,000.00, from which the Township could draw down on the basis of a 75% - 25% participation. Therefore, Hilltown Township would have to provide approximately \$140,000.00 in order to use the \$560,000.00, which Chairman Bennett feels is very worthwhile.

When an open space committee is formed, Mr. Charles Grasse of the Zoning Hearing Board recommended the Supervisors appoint one member from each of the five voting districts in Hilltown Township. The Supervisors agreed to give consideration to Mr. Grasse's suggestion.

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

Q. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously, the March 10, 1997 Worksession meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Seimes

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Township Secretary

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