

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, May 8, 1995
7:30PM**

The 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: Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Warren L. Nace, Zoning Officer

Chairman Bennett announced that Supervisor Bennington is still in Europe and is expected to return home on Friday.

A. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List, dated May 9, 1995, with a grand total of all funds in the amount of \$77,199.24.

Supervisor Fox questioned the bill from B.R. Scholl for a clutch assembly in the amount of \$1,110.83. Mr. Buzby replied the truck involved was a newer model, explaining the entire clutch assembly had to be repaired. Supervisor Fox asked if the bill from Display and Sign Center in the amount of \$1,575.00 was for park signs. Mr. Horrocks stated this bill was for the permanent signs to be displayed at both parks, which was previously approved by the Board.

Chairman Bennett asked if the bill from Niessen, Dunlap, and Pritchard is the final payment. Mr. Horrocks replied that payment is for the required single audit for the federal money received by the Township for the winter storms of 1993.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List, dated May 9, 1995, subject to audit.

B. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks:

1. Following this meeting, Mr. Horrocks is requesting the Board's signature on the acknowledgement for the D.A.R.E. Grant, which is for \$5,000.00 and obtained through the Health and Welfare Department of Pennsylvania by Representative Druce. There are no stipulations to receiving this money, with the exception that it must be used for the budgeted items for D.A.R.E. as presented by Sgt. Watts in the grant. Mr. Horrocks noted the Township is waiting for the paperwork to finalize the \$5,000.00 Grant for purchasing the exercise stations at the Civic Association Park.

2. The Hilltown Township Planning Commission, at their last worksession meeting, reviewed the Bucks County Planning Commission comments concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance. They have recommended retaining six of the nine comments and recommended minor revisions to three of the nine comments. Mr. Horrocks is seeking the Supervisors authorization to advertise for the possible adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance at the May 22, 1995 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of the possible adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance at the May 22, 1995 Board of Supervisors meeting.

3. Beginning May 24, 1995, and each fourth Wednesday of every month thereafter, Representative Tom Druce will be available in the Hilltown Township Municipal Building from 6:30PM to 8:00PM in order to meet with his constituents. Mr. Horrocks will also be available during those hours, in the event that residents require assistance on Township information during evening hours.

4. Advertisement for part-time summer employment has taken place for two 20 hour per week positions at the rate of \$6.00 per hour. The Township received twelve applications. Following review of the applications, Mr. Horrocks is seeking the Board's authorization to hire two of the applicants for 12 weeks of work.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Horrocks to hire two applicants to fill the part-time summer employment positions to be working in the park.

5. Chairman Bennett announced the Supervisors and Mr. Horrocks met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

6. Mr. Horrocks presented the Hilltown Hunt Subdivision linens for signature following this meeting. That development should be under construction within the next ten days. With the settlement of this property, which should take place this Friday, Mr. Horrocks noted the Township will be receiving a significant amount of open space area surrounding this building and across Rt. 152.

7. One bid was received for the NovaChip SafePave project on Green Street. That bid was from Hiway Maintenance Systems in the amount of \$54,553.56.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Hiway Maintenance

Systems for the NovaChip SafePave project in the amount of \$54,553.56.

C. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT - Mr. Jim Groff, Operations Manager - Mr. Groff read the Water and Sewer Authority Report, dated May 8 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

F. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT- Chief George C. Egly - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of April, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

Chief Egly warned of mail being stolen from mail boxes and dumped in creeks over the past few days. He noted that many of the victims recall hearing noises in the early morning hours, however no one called the police. If residents want help from the Police Department, they must report these incidents as they occur.

Chief Egly prepared a resolution concerning the fire police. Silverdale Borough adopted this type of resolution approximately two years ago and their fire police have been keeping up with training as required. Due to the increased concern for liability, Chief Egly advised police officers must be trained every year with atleast 16 hours of in-service training. If Chief Egly and the Township are to be responsible for the fire police, they will have to follow regulations as well. Chief Egly is asking the Board to adopt the proposed resolution and suspend the individuals listed in his correspondence until requisite training takes place.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #95-22 dealing with provisions of the fire police law, known as Act 122.**

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to deny and suspend the fire police listed in Chief Egly's correspondence, until and unless they receive the necessary training.

A speed check was conducted on Callowhill Road this morning, with nine citations issued. Eight of those motorists were not residents of Hilltown Township. One speeder was traveling at 72 m.p.h. in the 40 m.p.h. speed zone.

G. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas A. Buzby - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of April 2, 1995 through April 29, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

H. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT - Mr. Warren L. Nace - Mr. Nace read the Zoning Report for the month of April, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

With regard to one of the applications to the Zoning Hearing Board, Mr. Horrocks requested authorization for the Township Solicitor to attend, on behalf of the Township, the Joseph Pileggi zoning hearing which is scheduled for May 23, 1995.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the upcoming Joseph Pileggi zoning hearing.

I. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT - Mr. Les Lombardi, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Board - Mr. Lombardi read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of April, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Lombardi advised the Public Works Department has been diligently working at the park and they are actually ahead of schedule. Mr. Lombardi commended Mr. Buzby and his crew on the outstanding job they have done.

A full day of activities has been planned for dedication of the park, which will be held on May 29, 1995, with invitations being mailed tomorrow. A separate dedication of the Blooming Glen Park will take place on Saturday, June 17, 1995.

J. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier - Mr. Grunmeier read the Hilltown Fire Department Report for the month of April, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Grunmeier asked Chief Egly what training is involved for those fire police to be reinstated. Chief Egly explained what training will be necessary, advising specifics will be outlined in his letter to those individuals.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Robert Grunmeier - Mr. Grunmeier read the Emergency Management Report for the month of April, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

L. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

M. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

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

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O. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously, the May 8, 1995 Board of Supervisors Worksession meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

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).