

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, February 13, 1995
7:30PM**

The Worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors, in the absence of Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr., was called to order by Vice-Chairman Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:35PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Vice-Chairman Bennington presented the Bills List, dated February 14, 1995, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$45,743.06; State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$5,511.10; and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$3,247.73, for a grand total of all funds in the amount of \$54,501.89.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bennington to approve the Bills List dated February 14, 1995, subject to audit.

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

1. Mr. Horrocks presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission for the Board's consideration. At their last meeting, the Planning Commission completed their review of the proposed Zoning Ordinance and a vote was taken to recommend the advertisement of the revised document for Public Hearing and final adoption. Mr. Horrocks also contacted Mr. George Spotts of the Bucks County Planning Commission to discuss a number of the issues which were revised or modified, and Mr. Spotts recommended the Board may wish to consider sending the final draft document back to the Bucks County Planning Commission for further comments. Supervisor Fox does not feel it is necessary to forward the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the Bucks County Planning Commission once again, except for the revisions which have been made to the map.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bennington to authorize advertisement of a Public Hearing for the possible adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance and map to be held on Monday, March 13, 1995 at 8:30PM, during the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Worksession Meeting.

2. The Park and Recreation Board has recommended the approval of a modified fee structure. Supervisor Fox and Vice-Chairman Bennington felt the Supervisors should meet with the Park and Recreation Board to discuss this fee structure further. Supervisor Fox suggested this matter be tabled, and Vice-Chairman Bennington agreed.

C. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT: There was no representative of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority present at this time. The report is on file at the Township office.

F. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - Mr. Thomas A. Buzby - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of December 11, 1994 through February 4, 1995, which is on file at the Township office.

At the last meeting, Mr. Buzby noted the Supervisors had questioned an invoice from Bergey's on the Bills List, which he wished to clarify was actually for the purchase of two tires for the grader. Those tires cost approximately \$300.00 each.

G. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief George C. Egly - Chief Egly read the Police Report for December of 1994, and January of 1995, both of which are on file at the Township office.

With regard to purchasing new police vehicles in 1996, Chief Egly would like the Board to make a decision by October as to which vehicles will be purchased because Perkasio Borough and Penridge Regional have agreed to bid their police vehicles as a unit, along with Hilltown Township. This will provide all three police departments with more bargaining power.

Chief Egly and Mr. Horrocks have reviewed the towing contract and recommend that it stay the same for the remainder of 1995. This will allow more time for revision of the towing contract or to consider a bidding process, if the Board decides to contract out for towing services. Supervisor Fox asked what is involved with the bidding process. Chief Egly explained Quakertown Borough utilizes this system by putting towing services out on bid, in which the Borough receives so much money per tow. Supervisor Fox wished to insure that the bidding process for towing services is permissible in a Second Class Township. Chief Egly assured Supervisor Fox that this would be thoroughly investigated before he and Mr. Horrocks make a recommendation to the Board. Supervisor Fox suggested the matter be tabled until November of 1995, and Vice-Chairman Bennington agreed.

Chief Egly advised the Township received a grant for a School Resource Officer Program from the Department of Community Affairs. The program will begin in March and requires that Sgt. Watts be present at the school two hours per week.

With regard to the telephone system which was discussed at a previous meeting, Chief Egly complained that phone problems appear to be getting worse and noted that the police department has been experiencing a great deal of difficulty with retrieving calls within the system. A number of residents and even County dispatchers have complained.

H. ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT - Mr. Warren Nace - Mr. Nace read the Zoning Report for December of 1994, and January of 1995, both of which are on file at the Township office.

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

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 1995 at the Civic Field Park. The Park and Recreation Board has set Memorial Day, May 29th for the formal dedication of the new park. A full day of activities have been planned, including a memorial service beginning at 10:00AM, a foul shooting contest, a three-on-three basketball tournament, an exhibition baseball game, a soccer game and some soccer skills contests, as well as several other events.

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

Mr. Grunmeier noted that the Hilltown Fire Company is attempting to form a feasible guideline to alleviate any possibility of liability with regard to carbon monoxide detector responses.

K. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Mr. William Devlin - Mr. Devlin read the Emergency Management Report for the months of December, 1994 and January, 1995, both of which are on file at the Township office.

L. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

M. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bennington to send the newer members of the Planning Commission to a Bucks County Community College course on planning and zoning.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox and seconded by Vice-Chairman Bennington, the February 13, 1995 Board of Supervisors Worksession meeting as adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary

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