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HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, December 27, 1994
7:30 P.M.

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:37 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Lynda Seimes, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Bennett welcomed Lynda Seimes back as the Township Secretary. Mrs. Seimes was an employee of Hilltown Township for five and a half years before resigning seven months ago to take a similar position in Lower Saucon Township. Recently, Mrs. Seimes applied for a job opening in the Administrative Department of Hilltown Township. Chairman Bennett commented the Board of Supervisors are very happy to have Mrs. Seimes back.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action on the Minutes of November 14, 1994 Public Hearing (Proposed Zoning Ordinance) - Supervisor Fox noted the following corrections:

- Page 3, first paragraph, last sentence should read "Further, Mrs. Powers noted that Rt. 113 has seen a definite increase in traffic, and there is a significant amount of pollution coming from **Bernie's junkyard.**"
- Page 5, last paragraph, the date of the old Ordinance should be **1987.**

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, and seconded by Chairman Bennett, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 1994 Public Hearing (Proposed Zoning Ordinance), as corrected. Supervisor Bennington abstained from the vote because he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Action on the Minutes of November 14, 1994 Supervisor's Worksession Meeting -

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox and seconded by Chairman Bennett, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 1994 Supervisor's Worksession Meeting, as written. Supervisor Bennington abstained from the vote because he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Action on the Minutes of November 28, 1994 Public Hearing (Proposed Zoning Ordinance) -

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 28, 1994 Public Hearing (Proposed Zoning Ordinance), as written.

B. APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID DECEMBER 28, 1994 - Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List for the Board's approval, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$45,813.45, State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$6,110.17, for a grand total of \$51,923.62.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List, dated December 28, 1994, subject to audit.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce Horrocks, Township Manager - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of December 22, 1994:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 153,785.89
Payroll Checking Account	\$ 6,728.64
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 35,698.69
Debt Service Investment Checking Account	\$ 19,814.62
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 30,460.33
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 137,535.43

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report, dated December 22, 1994, subject to audit.

D. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS ONLY: None.

E. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Oscar Brett - Hilltown Republican Alliance - Mr. Brett requested that the Board of Supervisors approve placing the five Supervisors referendum on the ballot next November. Mr. Jack Hetherington, a representative of the Hilltown Republican Alliance, had also been before the Supervisors several months ago to request that they take action on this matter, however no progress has been made. Mr. Brett asked the cost for two additional Supervisors. Chairman Bennett believes the cost could range anywhere from a low of \$11,000.00 to as high as \$22,000.00, which he would interpret to be a half a tax mill. Chairman Bennett commented each Supervisor receives \$2,600.00 per year, or approximately \$216.00 per month. Mr. Brett asked why two additional Supervisors would cost so much more. Mr. Horrocks explained the minimum amount for

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a Supervisor is \$2,929.00, and the absolute maximum is \$11,360.00. Therefore, the minimum for two additional Supervisors would be \$5,966.00, and the maximum would be \$22,720.00.

Mr. Brett noted that in Supervisor Bennington's letter to the editor several months ago, he stated he would be in favor of five Supervisors if the Republican Alliance could obtain enough resident's signatures on the petition in order to place it on the ballot. Mr. Brett felt it would be more convenient to the residents of this Township if Supervisor Bennington would vote for the referendum so that taxpayers would have the opportunity to vote for what they want. Supervisor Bennington believes it would be more important to have 5% of the voting public sign a petition to get the referendum on the ballot.

Chairman Bennett previously stated his opinion on this matter, commenting he is opposed to having five Supervisors. This issue came up back in 1987, and was defeated by a 3 to 1 margin. Chairman Bennett reminded Mr. Brett of the election in November which reduced the size of big government. Mr. Brett replied there is already big government in Hilltown Township with three Supervisors, more than he feels there would be with five Supervisors. Chairman Bennett stated there are approximately 13,000 residents of this Township which is run by three Supervisors, and noted the County of Bucks, with a population of 500,000, is run by three Commissioners. Chairman Bennett wondered why the Township needed two more Supervisors, feeling it would add to the overhead. Chairman Bennett asked what benefits the Township would gain by having additional Supervisors. Because the Township is growing, Mr. Brett believes there would be less government and less cost with two additional Supervisors.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox that the Board of Supervisors supports the referendum which would allow the residents of Hilltown Township not to go out and get 5% of the populace on a petition. There was no second to the motion. Motion failed.

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

1. Mr. Horrocks presented the 1995 General Fund Budget for the Board's adoption. The Budget has been advertised as required by the Second Class Township Code. The Budget has changed from the December 2, 1994 revision date to a grand total in the General Fund of \$2,377,082.00, which represents a 6.85% increase in revenue and expenditure from the 1994 Budget. This is a dollar amount increase of \$152,000.00. Over the past three weeks, there were approximately five areas of revenue which required change due to updated numbers during the month of December. There were also ten items of expenditure which required change due to recalculated or

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updated numbers during this advertising period. Mr. Horrocks recommended the Board adopt the 1995 General Fund Budget as presented on revision date December 22, 1994.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to adopt the 1995 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,377,082.00.

Further, Mr. Horrocks presented the State Highway Aid Budget for 1995 balanced in the amount of \$230,081.00, the Debt Service Budget for 1995 balanced in the amount of \$254,884.00, and the Fire Fund Budget for 1995 balanced in the amount of \$117,535.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to adopt the 1995 State Highway Aid Budget in the amount of \$230,081.00, the 1995 Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$254,884.00, and the 1995 Fire Fund Budget in the amount of \$117,535.00.

2. Mr. Horrocks requested the Board's approval to attend a Municipal Development Conference, sponsored by a number of associations and agencies, including D.C.A., to be held on February 22, 1995 in Farmington, Pennsylvania.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Horrocks attendance at the Municipal Development Conference, as specified above.

G. CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. As an update for the Board, Mr. Horrocks advised the Township has done everything possible in an attempt to get sanitary sewers in the Hickory/Oak Street area, however we are still waiting for Telford Borough Authority's solicitor to prepare a financial agreement and legal description before proceeding.

2. Mr. Horrocks received correspondence from Strothers Associates, the engineer for Bethlehem Pike Business Park, requesting the Township's authorization to contact PennDot concerning the driveway access. At this stage of the planning process, Mr. Wynn advised PennDot will not meet with the applicant unless there is authorization from the municipality.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to request that PennDot begin the preliminary work concerning the driveway for the Bethlehem Pike Business Park with the applicant.

3. Correspondence has been received from Bedminster Township Supervisors, who, at their meeting of November 7, 1994, unanimously agreed to decline Hilltown Township's invitation to study any alternative police protection investigation by D.C.A..

4. It appears that Telford Borough Authority is still experiencing difficulty with Site Development, Inc. with regard to the grease trap problem. Mr. Horrocks received correspondence dated December 19, 1994 advising Telford Borough Authority is continuing to try to resolve the situation.

Chairman Bennett commended Mr. Bruce Horrocks, Township Manager, on the fine job he has done for the past three and a half years. Hilltown Township was in poor financial shape five years ago, yet today we are totally solvent and have managed to achieve a small surplus as the 1994 year closes. This has been accomplished through the cooperation of Mr. Horrocks and his employees, and Chairman Bennett wished to thank the Township Manager for a job well done.

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor -

1. Solicitor Grabowski presented a Declaration of Easement pursuant to the approved plan for the Elizabeth Finkelstein Subdivision, located at Orchard Road and Diamond Street, which is being offered for acceptance by the Township. The linens are also available for signature this evening.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #94-37, the Declaration of Easement for the Elizabeth Finkelstein Subdivision.**

2. Linens for the Fretz Land Development are available for signature this evening. Solicitor Grabowski asked that the Board consider the adoption of two resolutions, one to accept the Deed of Dedication and one to declare Public Purpose for the Fretz Land Development.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #94-38, accepting the Deed of Dedication for the Fretz Land Development, and to adopt Resolution #94-39, to declare Public Purpose for the Fretz Land Development.**

3. Concerning Country Roads, Phase II, the Solicitor's office has begun preparation of the Development Agreements for Phase II.

4. With regard to the Bergen Roach Subdivision, Realen Custom Homes has purchased or is in the process of purchasing, the subdivision and have asked for the development agreements from the Township and the Authority. The Supervisors have also received a copy of correspondence from Eastburn and Gray dealing with the Roach Subdivision, which can be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Solicitor Grabowski has discussed the need for a Tax Anticipation Note for the 1995 year with Mr. Horrocks. Solicitor Grabowski anticipates that there will be a discussion concerning this at the Reorganization Meeting as to commitments on interest rates for 1995.

I. PLANNING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer -

1. Miller Subdivision - This plan has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their last meeting. The site is located on Blooming Glen Road at the Sam Miller Tire and Auto Center, which will be known as Lot #1 and will contain the existing dwelling and business. Lot #1 consists of approximately 6 acres. Lot #2 is the proposed building lot, located on the north side of Sam Miller Tire and Auto, towards the village of Blooming Glen. It is proposed as a 2.5 acre lot with a single family dwelling. The plan proposes on-lot well for the new dwelling and public sewer connected to the Hilltown Township Authority. The plan also provides for the installation of buffer yards along the frontage of the proposed dwelling. There are no improvements proposed along the six acre tract which contains the existing business. Previously, some swale improvements have been done along the frontage and the north side of Lot #2, as well as the south side and the rear of Lot #1. Mr. Wynn advised one of the Planning Commission members had expressed concern about poor drainage along the frontage of the lot. That member, Mr. Rice, was not present at the last Planning Commission meeting, however his concerns were discussed. Some Planning Commission members felt there was not a significant drainage problem at the site and felt that whatever problems did exist could be taken care of with proper maintenance of the swales. Mr. Wynn was directed by the Planning Commission to investigate the possible drainage problem. Mr. Wynn believes that there is not a significant drainage problem. If the ditch along Lot #1 was improved, Mr. Wynn believes it would be adequate to handle flow. There are some problems above this site with a new driveway pipe that was installed just immediately south of the property and another one further south. Both these driveway pipes are located very close to the road and the end sections of corrugated metal have been partially crushed. Mr. Wynn is not certain whether these pipes have caused some of the problems Mr. Rice was concerned about, or whether it was just the extreme weather conditions experienced last year with a great deal of ice and freezing temperatures. The applicant has requested that the

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plan be approved without any work being done to that portion of the site, which contains the existing residence and business. In terms of the drainage concerns raised by Mr. Rice, Mr. Wynn suggested PennDot be advised

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the Miller Subdivision, with the conditions as specified by the Planning Commission and the Township Engineer.

2. Jager Subdivision - This site is located on Diamond Street, near Schoolhouse Road, and proposes four new building lots. Lot #5 will contain the existing dwelling, barn and outbuildings; and Lot #6 is a large agricultural field area which has frontage on Victoria Lane, located in Orchard Station, and more than qualifies as a flag lot. Lot #6 is not proposed for development. This plan was previously granted preliminary approval and it is the applicant's desire to construct a majority of the improvements before final plan approval. The right-of-way area along Diamond Street has been graded and seeded, some storm drainage has been installed, and sewer laterals have been installed. Planning Modules have been approved by DER.

Mr. Wynn noted the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the final plan subject to six conditions. Those conditions include a contribution to the Township in the amount of \$20,144.00 in lieu of curb and cartway widening of Diamond Street, verification of approval from Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority for both public water and sewer connections, dedication of Diamond Street right-of-way, verification of installation of all property pins and concrete monuments as shown on the plan, execution of an escrow agreement to guarantee public improvements, and reimbursement to the Township of all legal and engineering fees.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the final Jager Subdivision plan with the conditions as specified by the Planning Commission.

3. Bilt-Rite Land Development - Mr. Wynn explained this plan was submitted as a land development plan in August of 1994, and was first reviewed by the Planning Commission in September. The Township received a written extension to act on the plan until December 31, 1994. The submitted plan did not conform to minimum plan requirements in Section 302.8 of the Ordinance. Mr. Wynn then prepared a multi-page letter indicating deficiencies on the plan. Since the original submission, the Township has not received any revisions, therefore the Planning Commission recommended that the plan be denied due to non-compliance with Subdivision Ordinance and preliminary plan submission requirements of Section 302.8 as

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detailed in the engineering review letter, dated September 29, 1994. That denial was recommended to be voided in the event the applicant provides a written extension of 90 days not later than December 31, 1994.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to deny the Bilt-Rite Land Development plan, unless a written extension is received by December 31, 1994.

4. Bricks Villa - Mr. Wynn noted this plan was previously reviewed and approved as a final plan. The plan proposes 51 lots at Diamond Street, Rt. 113, and Schultz Road. At the last Planning Commission meeting, Mr. John Lynch of Trilogy Development Company discussed proposed revisions to water and sewer facilities. These revisions were previously discussed with the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority, who endorsed the changes subject to approval by the Township. The Planning Commission indicated that they conceptually concurred with the proposed revisions subject to the receipt of detailed plans.

Mr. John Lynch was in attendance to present the proposed revisions. Mr. Lynch introduced other principals in the partnership, including Mr. Ehrly and Mr. Brickajlik. The applicant anticipates beginning construction of the Bricks Villa Subdivision. Mr. Lynch explained there was a water main extension proposed along Rt. 113, in order to pick up existing residences for public water service. That in itself created some difficulties from an engineering standpoint because the amount of water these residences would be pulling off that 16 inch main would be very minor. For that reason, the Authority and the applicant discussed a mechanism where the Authority would still get the 16 inch main eventually running all along Rt. 113 and tying into the existing main in Souderton. The applicant has proposed that instead of running the 16 inch water main on Rt. 113, a 16 inch main would be run internal to the project, but take it all the way out to Rt. 113. The difference is the routing of the 16 inch main. On the approved plans, it was shown as a 6 inch main. Mr. Lynch advised the applicant would be upgrading that main, but in the process are moving themselves off the same right-of-way and off Rt. 113, yet still achieving the objective the Authority had, which is eventually having an extension being 16 inches.

Originally, when this plan was approved, Supervisor Fox noted there was either an 8 inch or a 6 inch line coming across from Bricks Way, close to the present driveway, to supply water to Bricks Villa. Supervisor Fox asked where the water will come from to supply the 16 inch line. Mr. Lynch replied it will come from the same place it has always come from. Mr. Wynn explained where the line comes in, noting it runs back-to-back with the cul-de-sac. Mr. Wynn advised a 10 inch line will run down Diamond Street.

With regard to the issue of sewer, Mr. Lynch is aware there was a great deal of concern initially, because the plan was to put the sewer line down Schultz Road. Since this site is located in the Rural Residential Zoning District, and sewers are not permitted in that district, there was a great deal of concern. In order to address that concern, the applicant suggested moving the sewer line back to the rear of the lots so that it would be impossible to extend the sewer main across the street. This location, however, from an engineering standpoint for long term maintenance of the line, presents a problem. In order to give the Township the same level of protection that currently exists, the applicant proposed that the sanitary sewer line be run along the easement which is approximately 3 ft. offset from the road right-of-way, rather than down Schultz Road. In essence, Mr. Lynch explained, the sanitary sewer line would run parallel, but not contiguous to Schultz Road. It would then be impossible for any one in the future to tie into the sanitary sewer line unless approved by the Township. This would also provide easy access for maintenance of the lines. If the Supervisors were to approve the concept as proposed this evening, Mr. Lynch will prepare detailed plans for submission. The Supervisors were agreeable to the concept of relocation of the water and sewer facilities as outlined this evening.

J. ENGINEERING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer -

1. Deerfield - Mr. Wynn advised the maintenance period for the public improvements is guaranteed by way of a maintenance bond which expires on January 26, 1995. The applicant has asked that the Township accept completion of the maintenance period and release their maintenance bond. Mr. Wynn noted the applicant has accomplished all minor repairs in that development. One item Mr. Wynn's office expressed concern with was that the applicant replaced a number of trees late this year, which resulted in the trees not having the opportunity to leaf. Additionally, there is a very minor item of a drain line in the rear yard that needs some repair but can not be done at this time of year. Mr. Wynn spoke with Mr. Hassan with regard to what his feelings were concerning releasing the maintenance bond but retaining \$4,000.00 in cash until spring to be sure that the replaced trees survived. Mr. Wynn recommends the improvements be accepted with the exception of the trees which were recently planted, and that the maintenance bond be released. Further, Mr. Wynn recommended the cash held by the Township, presently in the amount of \$6,891.44, be retained until all of the items are completed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the completion of maintenance period for the Deerfield Subdivision, with the exception of the trees which were recently planted, and to retain the cash held by the Township, in the amount of \$6,891.44.

2. Orchard Station - Mr. Wynn advised Orchard Station Subdivision had a maintenance period which actually expired in July of 1994. At that time, the Board approved a motion and the developer and bonding company was notified that the maintenance period was not successfully completed. There were a number of items incomplete. The bond still exists, as well as a cash escrow with a current balance of \$11,056.98. Since that time, Mr. Wynn noted sidewalks have been replaced, driveway aprons and curb repaired, curb replaced, roadway patching, and replacement of trees. All those items have been accomplished except there were ten trees replaced in November of this year. Mr. Wynn spoke with the developer, suggesting that the Township retain \$2,500.00 to guarantee that the ten trees survive. Mr. Wynn's office received some complaints about the patching of the curb in this development. Mr. Wynn agreed it is not the most aesthetic patching job, because the curb was patched with a bonding agent of 8500 PSI curb epoxy, which is bright white. The curbs, which were installed four years ago, are discolored from soil. Mr. Wynn does not have a solution for that, noting that it will fade and match in the future. Mr. Wynn recommends acceptance of completion of the maintenance period the bond be released, and the cash escrow balance be reduced to \$2,500.00, less any outstanding engineering or legal bills.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept the completion of the maintenance period for Orchard Station, releasing the bond, and reducing the cash escrow balance to \$2,500.00.

3. Bridle Run - Mr. Wynn stated this subdivision has been under construction for several years, and is located on Central Avenue. The developer has requested that the Township accept completion of the public improvements and commence the 18 month maintenance period. This project includes construction of two cul-de-sac streets, curb, sidewalk, public sewer and water facilities provided by Telford Borough Authority. There are street trees and a retention basin within the development. A portion of the entrance road, and some of the widening was not overlaid with the final wearing course because the same area will be dug up shortly with the extension of public sewers to service Central Avenue/Oak and Hickory Streets area. The sewer extension provided for an overlay of the roadway, however it was not done in conjunction with this development. All work has been completed with the exception of some very minor landscaping. There are some areas along the curb that require topsoil and seeding, and two or three spots with minor erosion requiring repair. Mr. Wynn spoke with the developer and suggested that these items could be accomplished during the maintenance period. Mr. Wynn recommended that Township accept completion of the public improvements and reduce the maintenance to the 10% required under the agreement, with the acknowledgement of these final, minor items.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to accept completion of the improvements, the commencement of the maintenance period, and reduce the escrow to 10% for the Bridle Run Subdivision, pending completion of the final items as outlined above.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #94-40 to accept the streets within the Bridle Run Subdivision, and to adopt Resolution #94-41, to Declare Public Purpose for the Bridle Run Subdivision.**

Supervisor Bennington asked for an update on the George Baker Subdivision. Mr. Wynn explained this plan was denied several years ago and the denial was appealed. The matter has been back and forth between the court and DER Environmental Hearing Board. Mr. Wynn explained the plan was a proposed subdivision located on Rt. 113, just beyond the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority's area of jurisdiction, within the Telford Borough Authority's area of jurisdiction, in a Rural Residential area. The plan proposed a public water extension, although it never showed where the water would be coming from, and also proposed a public sewer connection to the Hilltown Township Authority manhole on the top of the hill. The Planning Commission recommended the Supervisors deny the plan because it did not show where the water would come from off-site, and because the proposal for sewer was not consistent with the Act 537 Plan, the agreement with the Telford Borough Authority, and the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant sued the Township and also brought the case before DER. DER recently stated that unless the Township approves the plan, they will not review it. Supervisor Bennington commented this matter is a "Catch 22" situation. Supervisor Fox stated the Township can not approve the plan because it is within the Telford Borough Authority's jurisdiction and also the site is located within the Rural Residential Zoning District.

K. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Chief George Egly publicly thanked Mr. John Snyder, who portrays "McGruff" for Hilltown Township. Mr. Snyder has made approximately 15 appearances in 1994, for a total of 47 hours. Of those 47 hours, Mr. Snyder operated McGruff for 40 hours. On behalf of the Hilltown Township Police Department, and especially the young people in the area, Chief Egly thanked Mr. Snyder for his volunteerism and dedication.

2. At the last meeting, Chief Egly discussed false alarms. This issue seems to have become a big discussion throughout the nation as well, because the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association is also becoming involved. New studies show that one home in every six contains an alarm in an attempt to protect

property. Chief Egly advised a burglar alarm received by the police is handled no differently than a 911 call. For instance, a burglar alarm of a residence was received by the Hilltown Township Police this morning. While the officer was in route to that alarm, three accidents with injuries occurred and a 911 call was made by a child. Chief Egly pointed out that false alarms certainly prevents an officer from responding to genuine emergency calls. Therefore, Chief Egly recommends the following fee schedule for false alarms for 1995:

First three false alarms (including power failure, lightning strikes, etc.)	Free
Fourth false alarm	\$ 50.00
Fifth false alarm	\$ 75.00
Sixth (or more) false alarms	\$100.00

3. Chief Egly has been contacted by several towing firms who wish to be a part of the towing operations within Hilltown Township. Chief Egly is seeking the Board's direction concerning the towing contracts. Chairman Bennett asked how many towing firms are presently licensed in Hilltown. Chief Egly replied there are presently two towing firms who have contracts with the Township. Discussion took place concerning procedure for towing contracts. Mr. Richard Thornton of Thornton Auto Works was interested in becoming part of the Township's towing operation. At present, Mr. Thornton has two tow trucks and will be purchasing a third. Mr. Thornton would like to be considered for Township towing. The Board directed Chief Egly and Mr. Horrocks to review the towing contracts and make a recommendation to the Supervisors at a future meeting.

4. Mr. Jim Coyne, a member of the Hilltown Republican Alliance, stated this organization is very much interested in good government. Mr. Coyne advised the Alliance backed all three of the current Supervisors, which he feels is an indication of their good judgement. Mr. Coyne asked the Board to allow the voters in this Township to decide whether a three member Board of Supervisors or a five member Board of Supervisors would be the best possible form of government for this Township. Mr. Coyne noted the Alliance is not asking the Supervisors to approve a five member Board, they are simply asking that the voters have a chance to vote on this issue.

5. Mr. John Strauss of 1945 Hilltown Pike is also a member of the Hilltown Republican Alliance. Mr. Strauss asked Mr. Horrocks for line item figures for Supervisor's compensation. Mr. Horrocks presented that information to Mr. Strauss.

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6. Mr. Joe Miketta of Hilltown Pike asked what advantages there are to having a five member Board of Supervisors. Mr. Oscar Brett requested that any questions be directed to the Hilltown Republican Alliance at PO Box 202, Hilltown, Pennsylvania, 18927. Mr. Miketta believes that the primary reason for local government is to provide for public safety. Personally, Mr. Miketta stated, he would be more willing to hire another police officer, before having two additional Supervisors.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

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

N. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the December 27, 1994 Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary