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**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, September 27, 1993
7:30PM**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:37PM 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, Township Secretary

Chairman Bennett announced that he, Supervisor Fox, and Mr. Horrocks met in Executive Session for one hour on Wednesday, September 22, 1993 to discuss litigation concerning Telford Borough Authority. The Board of Supervisors, Mr. Horrocks, Mr. Wynn, and Solicitor Grabowski met in Executive Session this evening, prior to this meeting, to discuss Telford Borough Authority litigation and police contract negotiations. The Police Department are in the last year of a three year contract, and the issue must be resolved before January 1, 1994.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action on the minutes of the August 23, 1993 Board of Supervisors meeting:

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 23, 1993 Board of Supervisors meeting, as written.

Action on the minutes of the September 13, 1993 Board of Supervisors Worksession meeting:

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 13, 1993 Board of Supervisors Worksession meeting, as written.

B. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented three Bill's Lists for approval this evening.

The first Bill's List is dated August 31, 1993, includes \$4,697.37 of General Fund payments, and \$11,025.00 of Escrow Fund payments, for a grand total of \$15,722.37. Supervisor Fox questioned the bill from Detlan Equipment for the rental of a pipe laser in the amount of \$1,750.00. Mr. Horrocks replied the bill was for rental of a laser used to set a drain pipe in the ground. This work was completed much earlier in the year.

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Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills due August 31, 1993, subject to audit.

The second Bill's List is dated September 15, 1993, includes \$32,985.13 of General Fund payments, \$7,714.18 of State Highway Aid payments, for a grand total of \$40,699.31. Supervisor Bennington questioned the bill for consulting services for a plan review from B & F Technical Code in the amount of \$431.00. Mr. Horrocks explained this was for the review of fire protection/sprinkler alarm systems for two land development submissions. Chairman Bennett questioned the bill from Wampole Miller in the amount of \$3,109.50 for the traffic signal at Rt. 113/Burger King, and asked if there was not a substantial bill the previous month for that same traffic light. Mr. Horrocks explained this particular bill is for when a truck hit the traffic light itself and had to be replaced. The mast arm remained in tact, however the light unit itself had to be replaced. One month earlier, at the same intersection, lightning struck the traffic light, taking out part of the controller, which accounts for the bill from the previous month. Chairman Bennett commented that is an expensive traffic light. Supervisor Bennington asked why the Code Enforcement Officer is being reimbursed for mileage when he utilizes a Township vehicle. Mr. Horrocks believes even though it is listed as the same account number, this particular reimbursement is for the Zoning Officer making site inspections with his own personal vehicle.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills due September 15, 1993, subject to audit.

The third Bill's List is dated September 24, 1993, includes \$9,013.17 of General Fund payments, and \$88.80 of State Highway Aid payments, for a grand total of \$9,101.97. Supervisor Fox questioned the three separate bills from Pitney Bowes for maintenance agreements in the amounts of \$161.00, \$246.00, and \$167.00. Mr. Horrocks believes there are three bills to cover the three separate units which comprise the postage meter. Supervisor Fox also questioned the bill from Histan Supply in the amount of \$780.20 for brooms, shovels, and rakes. Mr. Buzby, Director of Public Works, explained there was 500 lbs. of grass seed also included in that order. Chairman Bennett asked if Mr. Horrocks has begun work on the overall telephone system. Mr. Horrocks replied very shortly, AT&T or some other competitor will be able to buy out of the contract, with an anticipated significant savings.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills due September 24, 1993, 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 September 27, 1993:

General Fund Checking Account	\$124,911.53
Payroll Checking Account	\$ 273.58
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$110,219.69
Debt Service Investment Checking Account	\$125,922.12
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$154,817.40
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$135,378.88

Motion was made by Supervisor, seconded by Supervisor, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 27, 1993, subject to audit.

Mr. Horrocks announced that he will open bids during the Confirmed Appointments section of the agenda, in order to report on them during Manager's Report.

D. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

E. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Finkelstein - Mrs. Finkelstein stated she wrote a letter, originally intending to mail it to the Township, however she learned of this meeting tonight and wished to present it in person. Mrs. Finkelstein's statement follows:

"I, Elizabeth Woods Finkelstein, own 54 1/2 acres of land on Diamond Street. You enter the property at Orchard Road, cross a little iron bridge, and approximately 1/2 mile beyond the bridge, you enter my farm. When we moved to Bucks County, most of the land was open, which made this area desirable. So because of this beautiful open land, it was just as desirable to hordes of other city slickers like ourselves. Soon, builders went building hordes of shacks, making it as dense as the center of Philadelphia. Children are forced to be on the streets that are centers of crime. This bothers me, so I arranged to donate 8 or 10 acres put aside as a park for recreation for the children. It is unconscionable that builders construct shacks with no provision whatsoever for little children, and I know this would be the desire of my husband, who passed away three years ago."

Chairman Bennett thanked Mrs. Finkelstein for the very generous gesture on her behalf, and stated it is much appreciated by himself and his fellow Supervisors. Mrs. Finkelstein feels it is absolutely necessary. Chairman Bennett introduced Mr. Bob Wendig, sitting on Mrs. Finkelstein's right, chairman of the Hilltown Township Park and Recreation Board, who will certainly be very pleased by this donation. Chairman Bennett stated Mrs.

Finkelstein's property will certainly be a valuable asset to Hilltown Township. Supervisor Fox added that he and the residents of Hilltown Township greatly appreciate Mrs. Finkelstein's generous offer.

2. Mr. Steve McKenna - Country Roads - Mr. McKenna commented it was very gracious of Mrs. Finkelstein to donate land to Hilltown Township for parks and recreation, and feels she will be pleased to know that half of the site of the Country Roads development, some 22 acres, is designated open space for recreational purposes.

Mr. McKenna is present this evening to discuss some issues he mentioned recently in a letter to the Board. Mr. McKenna wishes to discuss the placement of landscape buffering on the perimeter of the property that borders current residential areas. Mr. McKenna presented a plan showing landscaping and trees which will be installed within the community during the course of development. The plan also shows trees currently existing on the 44 acre property. The current residential properties are located anywhere from 150 to 200 yds. from the development of Phase I of this project.

Mr. McKenna would also like to address the placement of sidewalks within the open space area. The present approved plan calls for sidewalk placement along the entire perimeter of the open space area, coming from Walnut Street all the way out to Telegraph Road. The approved plan also calls for placement of sidewalks within the entire project on the opposite side of the street, fronting the properties and down to Telegraph Road.

Mr. McKenna stated approved plans show placement of additional buffer trees, allowing for a site decision as to what might be reasonable for buffering once the site is being developed. Mr. McKenna would like an indication of the Board's feeling as to the placement of the additional trees. Mr. McKenna presented photographs of the existing trees and low brush, showing how dense the trees are in that particular area. It is Mr. McKenna's feeling that the placement of those trees is superfluous, and that there is more than enough brush and trees along the rear of those properties which will not be removed during the course of the development. The placement of the homes along Walnut Street is such that there is nothing that will be any closer than what is presently there, within 150 to 200 yards. There is developable land south, up on the hill, however at this point in time, the closest home is approximately 800 yards away. Specifically, Mr. McKenna stated there are many trees required to be planted during the course of development that he would like to have waived completely, rather than seeing them placed in other areas of the development. As it is, there are substantial trees to be placed, and currently there are many trees within the 22 acre open space.

Mr. Wynn stated the buffer that is required is a combination of both coniferous and evergreen deciduous trees. Mr. Wynn does not believe there are any evergreens presently in the fence rows, he thinks they are all deciduous, which is not the correct planting material by itself. Whether or not there is enough deciduous material so that only evergreens need to be filled in at certain spots, Mr. Wynn believes is something that might be a bit premature to decide at this point. Once the lots are rough graded and some dwellings are constructed, it would be a better time to consider this request. Supervisor Bennington agreed with the Township Engineer. Mr. McKenna advised there are four phases of construction proposed for this development. Mr. McKenna is certainly willing to take a look at the buffer as a site decision, as development proceeds. If there are enough buffer trees, as pictured, Supervisor Fox feels that once lots are cleared for building, he would be satisfied with that. However, Supervisor Fox feels the placement of conifers should take place. It would depend on the look of the site, and Supervisor Fox would be willing to have the Township Engineer review the site as to whether there are enough deciduous trees after clearing for construction of Phase I. Mr. McKenna asked if the intention of the conifer plantings would be to provide a screen. Mr. Wynn felt it would break the visual impact of the dwellings presently located on Rt. 152. Quite frankly, Mr. Wynn stated the requirements are strictly in accordance with the Ordinance. The Ordinance also permits an informal arrangement grouping, and the design actually calls for a spacing of trees so many feet on center, which is not very attractive or functional in a small lot development. Even with the elimination of some plantings, by proper arranging, and based upon what is presently there, it might have a better impact. In view of the comments, Chairman Bennett is inclined to recommend the Board table this particular issue until hearing further comments from Mr. Wynn during the course of development. The Board was in agreement with Chairman Bennett's suggestion.

The placement of sidewalk on the southern perimeter of the open space area is the second issue. Mr. McKenna advised there is a superfluous situation in the placement of that sidewalk, and ascetically, there are 22 acres of open space with a wood chip walking trail proposed through and up to Fieldstream Drive. There are also other arterial trails proposed going off from that main trail. Based upon plan approval, a concrete paved area is proposed for what is almost 1/3 of a mile added to the open space area, which is an additional pervious cover, and is not particularly ascetically appealing. There is currently a sidewalk proposed to be placed directly parallel to that throughout the entire open space area. In addition, Mr. McKenna advised, when they get down into the green area, he will have to cut a swathe of about 8 to 10 ft. of additional trees in the clearing. This is essentially a private community, and therefore the open space is not public park

land, but rather for the exclusive use of the residents within the community who will be maintaining this area. The homes to be constructed are townhouses and twin homes, not single family dwellings, so Mr. McKenna does not believe there will be a large number of children. There will certainly be children within the community, however Mr. McKenna stated it will not be a typical single family community where a large number of children will be concentrated. The developer has provided ample walking opportunities with the walking trail and the proposed sidewalks on the opposite side of the street. There is obviously an economic benefit to be realized because Mr. McKenna anticipates the original plan approval calls for approximately \$20,000.00 worth of sidewalks, which equates to 6,600 sq. ft. of sidewalk. It has been the developer's goal to provide good, quality, affordable housing, Mr. McKenna would be remiss to suggest that this has been an easy site to develop. It has been a very expensive site to develop, and as far as delivering affordable housing, the proposed open space sidewalk does not lead in that direction. The point Mr. McKenna anticipates the Board will mention is the issue of overflow of parking. All the area along the sidewalks is noted as overflow parking for the community in the event of parties or gatherings. Mr. McKenna anticipated that argument and suggested overflow parking is something which might happen once a year. Even if parking does take place in that area, people will still cross over to the townhouse area because that is the direction they are going in. If the Board insists on some type of impervious sidewalk cover being constructed, Mr. McKenna suggested providing a walking path sidewalk from the intersection of Fieldstream Drive and Country Road, down to the entrance to the walking trail. Chairman Bennett asked the Planning Commission's feeling on this matter. Mr. McKenna replied this issue was not brought to the Planning Commission's attention, it was brought directly to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Fox noted the entire plan has already been approved by the Board, and it would not be brought before the Planning Commission unless there was a change to the plan.

Supervisor Bennington hesitates to alter the plan, since a decision was previously made regarding the sidewalks. Also, there are sidewalks on both sides of the street in the Sterling Knoll development and the Deerfield development. Supervisor Bennington does not believe the Board should recant a decision previously made on the sidewalk issue. Supervisor Fox believes this area, because it is being developed, may some day provide for Septa or another type of public transportation where walking to a central location will be essential. Supervisor Fox believes the sidewalks, as proposed, should remain. Mr. McKenna noted there will be sidewalk available on the opposite side of the street for the entire length. Supervisor Fox is aware of that, however this is a fairly large development. Granted, there are 116 homes proposed, but Mr. McKenna does not feel sidewalks are ascetically pleasing in an open

space area. Mr. McKenna understands the point, though he feels that functionally, what is proposed on the opposite side of the street serves the same purpose. If there is planned overflow parking on that side of the roadway, it would seem to Mr. Wynn that there should be sidewalk on that side also. Mr. Wynn does not believe there should be any more grading or tree removal required in order to install the sidewalks. The right-of-way is required to be graded at a certain slope, regardless of whether there is sidewalk or not, so therefore there will not be any additional tree removal required in the wooded area. Mr. Wynn noted the Country Roads is located in the development area, where traditionally sidewalks are placed on both sides of every street. Mr. McKenna believes that has normally been required in predominately single family developments. Mr. Wynn replied that is correct, though there is even less need for it than in a higher density development. Mr. Wynn stated sidewalks on both sides of the street in this development was part of the package when the plan was originally reviewed. Mr. McKenna had pointed that out in the correspondence sent to Mr. Wynn, stating he believed the issue was overlooked at the time, which is his reason for bringing it before the Board. Mr. Wynn advised there were many waivers considered at plan approval time, such as improvements to South Perkasio Road, where there are no improvements to be made whatsoever. Mr. Wynn is not sure how the issue of sidewalk on only one side of the roadway would have fit into the equation that received preliminary, and then final plan approval. Financially, Mr. McKenna replied, the South Perkasio road improvement waiver was more than recaptured in the bridge replacement on Telegraph Road during Phase III construction. Chairman Bennett agreed with his fellow Supervisors, stating the requirement for sidewalk is part of the original plan approval, and he does not see a good reason to change that decision. The Board was in agreement to deny Mr. McKenna's request.

As an update to the Country Roads development, Mr. McKenna advised the roadway for Phase I of the project has been completed, homes are under construction, and he anticipates that sales will be beginning in earnest during the next four weeks. Samples will be ready in mid-November, and landscaping will be installed at the development entrance. Mr. McKenna believes the Board will be proud of the project once it is completed.

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

1. On Friday, September 24, 1993, Mr. Horrocks advised one bid was received and opened for Bid #93-9 for a new truck for the Public Works Department. The lone bid was received from B.R. Scholls in the amount of \$42,738.72, which will be purchased completely from State Highway Aid funds. Supervisor Fox asked which vehicle this new truck will be replacing. Mr. Horrocks

replied the new truck will not be replacing any vehicle. One of the things seen in new developments these days are more and more cul-de-sacs. The larger trucks presently utilized by the Public Works Department for rural roadways will not handle a cul-de-sac adequately. The new truck will basically be used for dealing with winter weather in those development areas. Chairman Bennett asked if this will require hiring another Public Works employee. Mr. Buzby replied we are presently in the process of hiring another employee to replace an employee who recently resigned. At this time, Mr. Horrocks asked the Board to consider a motion for approval.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to accept the bid from B.R. Scholl for Bid #93-9 for the new truck in the amount of \$42,738.72.

2. Mr. Horrocks opened four bids received for Bid #93-10, which is for ID-2 Wearing paving of Broad Street from Middle Road to Rt. 313. The four bids were received from Blooming Glen Contractors, M and M Stone, P.K. Moyer, and Polaris. Blooming Glen Contractors came in with the lowest bid at \$24.48 per ton, for a total of \$44,920.80. Mr. Horrocks noted the next lowest bidder was at \$50,223.00, so there is a significant difference in the bids. This bid will also be funded entirely by State Highway Aid funds.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to accept the bid submitted by Blooming Glen Contractors for Bid #93-10 for ID-2 Wearing, in the amount of \$44,920.80.

With good weather, Chairman Bennett asked how long it will take to complete the paving. Mr. Buzby replied the job should be completed in two days, if all goes well.

3. Mr. Horrocks is requesting authorization of advertisement of a bid for the 1994 gasoline, diesel, and heating fuel requirements. The police department is willing to, at least for one year, go along with a cardkey gasoline system, which will hopefully eliminate the need for a tank in the future. A year ago, when the Township researched a cardkey system for the Public Works Department, Mr. Horrocks was rather surprised to learn that it is actually much cheaper with a cardkey system.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously, to authorize advertisement of fuel bids for 1994.

4. Mr. Horrocks would like the Board's approval for re-dating of the Brickajlik Subdivision linens, which were re-dated by the Planning Commission one week ago. The Board agreed.

5. Mr. Horrocks presented ten escrow releases for the Board's approval, eight of which are bank held letters of credit, and two of which are Township held funds:

Anders Carpets	Voucher #04	\$ 824.50
Country Roads, Phase I	Voucher #17	\$ 82,485.00
Country Roads, Phase I	Voucher #18	\$ 1,825.50
Hager Subdivision	Voucher #08	\$ 2,044.12
Hager Subdivision	Voucher #09	\$ 997.65
Off-the-Wall Land Development	Voucher #04	\$ 17,597.55
Off-the-Wall Land Development	Voucher #05	\$ 807.05
Pleasant Meadows, Phase III	Voucher #28	\$ 471.80
Stone Subdivision	Voucher #07	\$ 4,942.65
Stone Subdivision	Voucher #08	\$ 398.25

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to release the eight bank held letters of credit, and the two cash escrows.

6. Mr. Horrocks advised there is a Zoning Hearing Board appeal scheduled on October 21, 1993, dealing with some rather complicated issues. Mr. Horrocks knows the applicant will be represented by an attorney, and he is requesting Board approval to send the Township Solicitor to represent the Township in this case. Supervisor Bennington asked which Zoning Hearing appeal this is. Mr. Horrocks replied it is the Ross appeal, from Township Line Road.

7. Mr. Horrocks asked for Board authorization for the Township Solicitor to enter and defend the Township in the Daniel O'Neill case which has now been taken to Court of Common Pleas.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Township in the O'Neill case.

8. The Township Solicitor had given Mr. Horrocks correspondence back in August of this year, dealing with Act 44, which was a new Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Reform Act. For two years, the Township has been requiring Contractor's Licensing, whereby the contractor is asked one time to supply workmen's compensation proof of insurance and to complete an application which had to be notarized. Act 44 has taken that one step further by requiring it of any given contractor for each and every permit that is obtained. Therefore, the Board must pass a resolution authorizing that Hilltown Township will comply with Act 44 requirements for every building permit issued. Mr. Horrocks explained each building permit must be accompanied by proof of workmen's compensation and insurance coverage, which must be notarized each and every time.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #93-40 to initiate Act 44 as required by the State.**

9. For the Board's information, Mr. Horrocks has authorized for one Township employee to become a Notary Public. The fee to the Township is \$232.90. The greatest portion of that is a one time only charge, though the annual charge is approximately \$70.00. Mr. Horrocks feels this is necessary to make it far more convenient for any contractor to obtain a notary seal for the Contractor's License application, which is a Hilltown Township requirement, and to comply with Act 44 regarding Workmen's Compensation, as specified previously. Mr. Horrocks is mentioning this because it is not technically budgeted, however he does feel it is necessary to easily comply with these regulations. Chief Egly commented this also saves the Police Department some money by having juvenile complaints notarized right at the Township building. Chairman Bennett asked if a small fee could be charged for each notarized document in order to off-set the fees to the Township. Mr. Horrocks will look into that.

10. Mr. Horrocks has received calls from a resident regarding the speed limit on Township Line Road. The New Britain side of Township Line Road is posted at 30 m.p.h, however the Hilltown Township side of that same roadway is unlisted at 55 m.p.h.. Mr. Horrocks requested New Britain Township's speed study. Sgt. Miller has reviewed the speed study, and is in complete agreement with New Britain Township's figure of 30 m.p.h. Mr. Horrocks asked if the Board would like to consider an Ordinance reducing the speed limit on Township Line Road to 30 m.p.h., so that both ways on the one section of the road, between Chalfont Road to Hilltown Pike, is at the same speed limit. Chairman Bennett felt the speed limit should be consistent on the same road, and Supervisor Fox agreed. Chief Egly noted that is one consideration, however he reminded the Board that the law states you can not ticket motorists until they are clocked at 40 m.p.h., even though the speed limit will technically be set at 30 m.p.h..

Supervisor Bennington touched on another relevant issue at this time, citing the mention that was made at a previous meeting concerning the speed limit on Broad Street. Mr. Horrocks just stated that the New Britain side of Township Line Road is posted at 30 m.p.h., but since the Hilltown side is not posted, the speed limit is considered 55 m.p.h. Therefore, Supervisor Bennington wondered if that particular section of Broad Street which Mr. Godek mentioned at an earlier meeting has a speed limit of 55 m.p.h.. Chief Egly replied that it is. Supervisor Bennington noted at that previous meeting, the Township said that section of Broad Street has a speed limit of 45 m.p.h.. Chief Egly checked into that, and determined that a speed study was conducted from Rt. 152 to Rt. 313

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on Broad Street, and that information was given to former Township Manager, Jim Singley. Apparently Mr. Singley forwarded incorrect information to the Township Solicitor. Supervisor Bennington asked if a roadway does not have a posted speed limit, should it is considered 55 m.p.h. Chief Egly replied that is correct, however the thing you must remember is that in a 45 m.p.h. speed zone, arrests can not be made until the motorist is traveling at 55 m.p.h.. State law allows that ten miles per hour over the speed limit must be given to motorists, though that law is now being challenged. Chief Egly hopes the legislators will change it to a leeway of only 5 m.p.h..

With regards to that unposted section of Broad Street, Chairman Bennett commented that is the most dangerous section of Broad Street. Chief Egly agreed, and stated a speed study was conducted on the entire length of Broad Street, however the entire street is not addressed in the Ordinance setting the speed limit. Chairman Bennett asked if it could be amended, without conducting another speed study. Chief Egly suggested that a speed study be conducted on that short section of Broad Street, which is not included in the Ordinance, because it may be even lower by now.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to conduct a speed study on Broad Street, from Callowhill Road to Hilltown Pike.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to advertise for a Public Hearing to consider lowering the speed limit of Township Line Road, from Hilltown Pike to Chalfont Road, to 45 m.p.h., and for Township Line Road, from Chalfont Road to Rt. 152, to 30 m.p.h..

Mr. Bill Godek, a resident of Broad Street, mentioned the motion made previously for the speed study on Broad Street, from Callowhill Road to Hilltown Pike. Mr. Godek advised the original Ordinance reducing the speed limit on Broad Street went from Upper Church Road to Rt. 313, and asked if when the new speed study is conducted, if the speed limit of the section of Broad Street between Upper Church and Callowhill Roads will still be 55 m.p.h..

Chairman Bennett advised the Board will amend their motion to state that the speed study should be conducted on Broad Street, from Upper Church Road to Hilltown Pike.

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

1. Volunteer Fire Relief Association funds were received last week in the amount of \$57,519.06. Mr. Horrocks advised the Township has 60 days to distribute funds to the volunteer fire companies serving Hilltown Township. Mr. Horrocks noted this

amount is approximately \$1,000.00 more than was received last year. Supervisor Fox asked if a formula had been established in the past on how the monies are distributed. Chairman Bennett replied a formula was established several years ago, though some adjustments have been made. Mr. Horrocks will gather as much information as possible on how the funds have been disbursed in the past for the Board's review.

2. The Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company will be holding a demonstration by fire companies and squads, the Hilltown Township Police Department, and the Grand View Hospital Poison Prevention Unit, here at the Municipal Building on Sunday, October 3, 1993 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM. The public is invited to attend.

3. Notice was received from Waste Management of Indian Valley advising they will be offering curbside leaf waste recycling collection to Hilltown Township residents. To participate, you must purchase a biodegradable bag for \$1.00. Mr. Horrocks noted Hilltown Township will again be offering a leaf drop off site in the side parking lot of the building this year.

4. Notification has been received from the Board of Elections thanking Hilltown Township for the use of their facility as a polling place, and reminding of the November 2, 1993 election.

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

1. Solicitor Grabowski presented several agreements for the Board's consideration this evening. The first involves that of County Line Shopping Center Land Development project by Souderton Associates. Essentially, the agreement provides for a proposed land development of a vacant parcel located on Rt. 113 between the entrance way to the Souderton Square Shopping Center and the bank. A Blockbuster Video Store will be constructed on the site. The land development plan, even though it is for one free-standing building, had some unique circumstances in that there was a discussion both at the Planning Commission level, as well as the Supervisors, concerning need to correct deficiency on the impervious surface ratio of the existing shopping center. Solicitor Grabowski explained the Township, as a condition of plan approval, required that certain modifications to the existing land development of the shopping center had to be accomplished within five years of the date of the agreement. To secure and guarantee those modifications, an amount of \$15,000.00 was required by the Township to be held in escrow to secure that the amount estimated be necessary to execute those modifications to the curb work in the various islands. In addition, for the actual improvements on the proposed free standing structure, the amount of \$29,700.00 was estimated necessary to secure the required improvements. The

developer in this instance has decided to place both sums of money directly with the Township. Solicitor Grabowski presented two checks made payable to the Township in the above listed amounts, a Land Development Agreement that has been executed and notarized by the developer, a Declaration of Easement for road frontage, and Resolution #93-41 to accept Declaration of Easement.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously to accept the funds as tendered by the developer, to sign the Land Development Agreement, and to **adopt Resolution #93-41, accepting the Declaration of Easement for the County Line Shopping Center Land Development Plan.**

2. Solicitor Grabowski presented agreements relating to the John Brickajlik Subdivision. This is a previous subdivision which requires certain buffer trees to be planted and installed on the premises. Essentially, the plantings have been accomplished, however some of the trees have died due to the weather. Mr. Brickajlik has offered to place the sum of \$10,000.00 with the Township to guarantee replacement of some trees, and to provide for a maintenance period of 18 months. A check in the amount of \$10,000.00 has been tendered to the Township to be held in escrow for that purpose. In addition, this is an older subdivision which required a Deed of Dedication of roadway frontage versus an easement. Solicitor Grabowski asked the Board to consider a motion to adopt the cash escrow agreement of Mr. Brickajlik, the acceptance of the \$10,000.00 escrow, and to adopt Resolutions #93-42 and #93-43, which are for Acceptance of Road Frontage, and Declare Public Purpose, respectively.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously, to **adopt Resolution #93-42 for Acceptance of Road Frontage, and to adopt Resolution #93-43 to Declare Public Purpose, and to accept the cash escrow for the Brickajlik Subdivision.**

3. Solicitor Grabowski asked the Board to consider something that relates to the litigation involving Telford Borough Authority, Hilltown Township, and Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority. On September 3, 1993, a hearing was held before Judge Scott, during which time discussion took place by the parties involved as to a possible tentative settlement of the entire matter. For the sake of the public and the press, Solicitor Grabowski explained there is a proposed agreement that all three parties are now reviewing. Solicitor Grabowski has requested that the Board give him some time after the meeting this evening in order to review the lengthy agreement. To date, Solicitor Grabowski has advised the Board that one of the tentative conditions of settlement is consideration by Hilltown Township to adopt a new Ordinance which provides for a minor modification of existing Ordinance #92-2. The proposed

Ordinance is approximately 1 1/2 pages in length, and can be made available for review following this meeting. Solicitor Grabowski is requesting authorization to advertise the proposed Ordinance for a Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of an Ordinance dealing with solid waste and water, to modify Ordinance #92-2, dealing with Telford Borough Authority's area I.

Solicitor Grabowski noted the Public Hearing will be advertised to take place on Monday, October 11, 1993 at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisor's Worksession meeting.

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

1. Phinney Subdivision (Preliminary) - The proposed subdivision is located on Bypass Road. Mr. Wynn advised the plan proposes to take a 20 acre lot, containing an existing single family dwelling, which was created during rural residence exemption provision with an Act 537, and create three lots, two of which would be new building lots with one lot containing the existing dwelling. All lots are proposed to be served by on-site septic systems that have been located to the rear of the property, including a new septic system for the existing dwelling, which is a requirement of the Bucks County Health Department. The site also proposes the installation of Class A buffer trees along the frontage of the site and on-site wells. The plan was originally submitted in July, 1993, and requires an action by the Board of Supervisors by October 13, 1993.

At the last Planning Commission meeting, there was a significant amount of public discussion with regards to the various waivers requested by the applicant, including a waiver of a community water system and a water impact study, which is required according to Ordinance #87-3. At that point, the Planning Commission had indicated to the applicant that they were not inclined to waive that requirement and requested an extension for additional review time, however the applicant declined. Therefore, the Planning Commission recommended the plan be denied unless an extension is received prior to October 17, 1993 due to non-compliance with the water ordinance requirements as contained within Ordinance #87-3, requiring both a water study and a community water supply system, verification of compliance with stormwater management provision, Section 421.B of the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance. In addition, Mr. Wynn stated, the plan also currently does not comply with street improvements including cartway widening, curbs, and sidewalks along the frontage of the site, as may be required by Sections 403, 404, 505, 510 and 511 of the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance regulations. The plan also does not comply

with Section 412.F regarding lot depth-to-width ratio, which provides that the lot depth-to-width ratio be 2.5 to 1. In this case, however, Lot #1 contains a ratio of 3.9 to 1, and Lot #3 has a ratio of 3.3 to 1. The Planning Commission at their August meeting indicated that those items would appear generally acceptable for a waiver, although no vote was taken. Other plan requirements include right-of-way dedication of Bypass Road, installation of Class A buffer yard, approval by the Bucks County Department of Health and DER for Planning Modules, approval from the Bucks County Conservation District for erosion and sedimentation control, installation of required property pins and monuments, and two minor drafting items. Mr. Wynn recommends the Board expand on the Planning Commission recommendation for denial of the Phinney Subdivision.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to deny the Phinney Subdivision plan and the other waiver requests made by the applicant, unless an extension is granted by October 13, 1993.

Chairman Bennett knows of approximately 15 wells that went dry in the Township this year, so he is very concerned about the water issue. Chairman Bennett asked Mr. Bob Wendig, a resident of Bypass Road, how deep his well is. Mr. Wendig replied his well is approximately 150 ft. deep. Chairman Bennett believes that residents in this Township with well depths of 150 ft. or less will sooner or later experience a water problem. Mr. John Costa of 111 Bypass Road, has a well depth of 125 ft. pumping at 1 1/2 gallons per minute, and he is very concerned about the proposed Phinney Subdivision. Mr. Costa feels there should be a very strong consideration to require the well study for this proposal.

***9:00PM - Chairman Bennett called a 5 minute recess to the meeting.
*9:15 PM - The September 27, 1993 Board of Supervisors meeting was called back to order.**

2. Balbi Subdivision (Final) - This plan previously received preliminary plan approval, and the Planning Commission has recommended conditional final approval. The plan proposes three lots, two of which are new building lots, located on Callowhill and East Creamery Roads. Both new lots are to be served by on-site sewage and water supply. The plan has been revised from preliminary plan stage to include grading and shoulder improvements to Callowhill Road. The extent of those improvements has been discussed with PennDot, although not yet approved by PennDot. The plan also includes installation of buffer trees along Callowhill Road. The conditional final plan approval recommended by the Planning Commission is subject to dedication of Callowhill and East Creamery Roads' right-of-way, execution of an escrow agreement for public improvements, verification of approval from PennDot for

improvements along Callowhill Road and driveway access to both Lots #2 and #3. Also, during the preliminary plan process, the Planning Commission required that in lieu of the full requirement for well testing, the four hour pump test as required by Ordinance #87-2 be performed on all three wells, which includes the two new wells, and the existing well, simultaneously. That testing and the well permit for installation of those wells must be secured from the Township. Other requirements include property pins and monuments must be installed prior to plan recordation and certified by the responsible surveyor, approval from DER and the Bucks County Department of Health must be received for Planning Modules, and the plan, which is noted as a preliminary plan, must be revised to be a final plan.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant conditional final plan approval to the Balbi Subdivision, pending completion of those outstanding items as specified by the Planning Commission and Mr. Wynn's office.

Ms. Stern-Goldstein, representing the Balbi family, requested a letter from the Township stating that the plan has received final approval in order to forward to PennDot.

3. Crawford Act 537 Revision - The site is located on Green Street, just south of Rickert Road. The lot is approximately 50,000 sq. ft. in area, located between a number of constructed dwellings on a site with soils inadequate for on-site sewage disposal. Mr. Wynn noted the lot is too small to conform to requirements, even if the soils were better, to meet the Spray Irrigation Ordinance. The applicant has proposed a point discharge package treatment plant, however due to the size of the property, there is no natural occurring swale through the property or immediately adjacent to the property, with the exception of the roadway ditch along Green Street. The plan proposes to discharge the treated effluent of the package treatment plant to the roadside swale along Green Street, within the Township right-of-way. Other than that, this proposal is not unlike other package treatment facilities the Board has seen in the past. Along Green Street, and immediately below the discharge point, Mr. Wynn explained there are a number of existing homes, driveways and lawns, as well as sump pump discharges. It is a very wet area at present, and the Crawford proposal will be responsible for additional treated effluent to the roadside swale, which drains approximately 1,000 ft. before it arrives at a natural drainage swale.

The Planning Commission recommended the Act 537 Plan be approved, subject to the execution of an operation and maintenance agreement with a financial security, and due to the discharge location along Green Street, that an underdrain system be installed from that

point along the frontage of all the existing dwellings to the natural drain swale, which is approximately 1,000 ft. away. Mr. Wynn stated the Planning Commission also recognized that since the area is naturally wet, along with the additional sump pump discharge, there should be improvements to the existing roadway from the installation of the underdrain. For that reason, the Planning Commission recommended that the Supervisors consider cost sharing between the applicant and the Township to offset costs, which will benefit not only the applicant but the roadway as well. Chairman Bennett asked what the cost might be. Mr. Wynn does not know because there has been design proposal provided by the applicant at this time. Mr. Wynn explained this proposal is being brought to the Board's attention now in order to direct the Township Solicitor to begin preparation of an agreement for operation and maintenance, and to determine whether the underdrain system and the possibility of cost sharing is viable, before the applicant's design engineer pursues it further.

In the past, Supervisor Bennington noted, the Township has required the applicant to purchase supplies while the Township Public Works Department would provide the labor, however, he feels more information is needed at this time. Supervisor Fox agreed. Mr. Connally, who is representing Mr. Crawford, agreed to supply a detailed sketch at the next Planning Commission meeting, outlining any driveway crossings, sizes of pipes to be replaced, and the length down to the stream. Mr. Connally will also provide a cost estimate.

4. Hilltown Meadows Phase III (Final) - Mr. Wynn advised this plan received preliminary approval and is located on Pineside Drive, which is a private roadway. This is a 15 acre parcel that is being subdivided into three five acre lots, all to contain single family dwellings with on-site sewage disposal systems and wells. The plan was recommended for approval by majority decision of the Planning Commission, subject to four items. Those four items include that the existing agreement which was established to maintain Pineside Drive be modified and executed to be acceptable to the Township to include three additional lots, the stop sign at Pineside Drive and Dublin Pike be replaced with an upgraded installation, the erosion and sedimentation control plan be approved by the Bucks County Conservation District (received today), and Planning Module approval from the Bucks County Department of Health. Additionally, Mr. Wynn noted, a requirement of the plan by notation is that property pins and monuments as shown on the plan must be installed prior to recordation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant conditional final plan approval to the Hilltown Meadows Phase III plan, with the existing conditions as stated by the Planning Commission.

5. Jaeger Subdivision -The Jaeger Subdivision, which is a four lot subdivision located on Diamond Street, received preliminary plan approval but then stopped because of the fact that Planning Modules could not be approved by the Township due to the lack of available sewer capacity. Mr. Wynn understands there is now some capacity available.

Mr. Wynn recommends approval, via Resolution #93-44 to amend the Act 537 plan to allow a connection of four lots to the sewer system. Mr. Wynn advised this does not involve an extension of the sewer line, because the line currently exists on the frontage of the site.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously **to adopt Resolution #93-44, which is an Act 537 Revision for the Jaeger Subdivision.**

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

1. Pleasant Meadows Box Culvert - Pleasant Meadows Box Culvert has been partially staked out, with one wingwalled footer being poured this past Friday. Mr. Wynn advised it is totally submerged in water at this point. Supervisor Bennington asked the estimated time for completion of the project. Mr. Wynn believes the project will be completed by the end of November. He does not think the wetland area will be completed due to groundwater problems.

Mr. Horrocks noted he took a phone call from a resident of Steeplebush Drive who wanted to know when the police department will conduct a speed study because she is concerned that her street will now become a through street. Mr. Horrocks assumed the speed limit was established with the rest of the development. Chief Egly advised they may be conducting another speed study on that street.

Mr. Wynn pointed out that the plans were originally approved in 1978. The approved plan included a stagger in the sidewalk, and then in the area across the bridge, sidewalk would be between a hand railing and then on the curb along the sidewalk, there would be guiderail. The way it is staked out is that the road, which had a very, very small "S" bend in it, will now have a slightly larger "S" bend, the road will be shoved over on top of the existing box so that there could be a whole 3 ft. grass rift maintained across the bridge, similar to the Orchard Station Subdivision. In order to take the guiderail out from between the sidewalk and curb, to place it on the other side of the sidewalk, Mr. Wynn explained it will look a bit odd because it still has to have the hand railing since the guiderail is too low for pedestrians. Still, Mr. Wynn feels it will look much better than to have the guiderail between the sidewalk and the curb, which is where it was originally

designed to be placed. Mr. Wynn noted this was not designed with a concrete wall like most bridges are now designed.

2. Reliance Road/Bethlehem Pike Traffic Signal - The traffic signal at the intersection of Reliance Road/Bethlehem Pike is under construction. The foundations have been poured, and the loop detectors have been installed. It will be October 15, 1993 before the mast arms arrive so there will not be any activity for several weeks. Mr. Wynn stated there have been many complaints to his office, PennDot, and the contractor, by the resident living at the intersection. The complaints include the design of the signals, location of the underground wires, and complaints about tree and bush trimming, as well as general complaints about BFI. The individual apparently does not like the fact that BFI is there to begin with. Mr. Wynn has been attempting to accommodate whenever possible, although all the work is being done within the State right-of-way based upon State requirements. The only thing that is perhaps excessive in this design is that when you travel out Reliance Road to the intersection, there are two posts proposed with two signals on them. Technically, Mr. Wynn noted, that could have been one post with a signal, and the mast arm which comes out towards the opposite direction could have been moved up in front of the house. That would have allowed for only one short post and a tall post, instead of two posts, which Mr. Wynn believes would have been more disruptive to the view of the resident's home. Mr. Wynn advised Mr. Horrocks has been receiving a number of calls from the same individual. There has also been a complaint from that same property owner as to his neighbor's property, B & G Auto. Mr. Wynn contacted B & G Auto as there was a concern that there was a crack in the driveway caused by running conduit under the driveway. When Mr. Wynn inspected the site, he noticed grass growing up in the crack. Mr. Wynn approached the owner of B & G Auto, who indicated the crack had always been there, except for one corner which has cracked a bit more since construction of the light has taken place. The contractor agreed to seal the entire crack, even though it was there before construction began. At this time, there won't be much more activity, except some yard restoration. Mr. Wynn met with PennDot regarding the yard restoration, which is within the right-of-way. PennDot's position is that they are not responsible to restore anything back to lawn within the right-of-way. The contractor, however, has agreed to restore the lawn and seed it. Mr. Wynn believes it will be November before the light is placed on flash, on which it will remain for at least 30 days, but probably 60 days.

3. Hickory/Oak Street /Sewers - Both Mr. Horrocks and Mr. Wynn met with representatives of the Telford Borough Authority regarding the Hickory/Oak Street area, off Central Avenue. This is a matter that the Bucks County Health Department has contacted both the Township and Mr. Wynn's office about, due to complaints

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they received concerning overflow of effluent onto the surface. It is an area that Chairman Bennett and Mr. Wynn inspected several years ago, witnessing the overflow problem. Mr. Wynn provided Telford Borough Authority with some information he had previously gathered and forwarded to this Board with regards to costs and alternatives to connection of public sewer through the Bridle Run Subdivision. There are approximately 23 dwelling units in the area.

At this time, Telford Borough Authority is seeking formal direction from the Township as to whether they should pursue public sewer connection. Mr. Wynn believes TBA will be willing to pursue, at least preliminarily, a design based upon some sketch work he has done and some cost estimates upon the Board's direction. At some point, assuming the project continues, Mr. Wynn stated an agreement will have to be executed to provide for the actual construction of the sanitary sewer line by the Telford Borough Authority. Assuming the Supervisors pursue a preliminary design with TBA, Mr. Wynn recommended the Board notify any potentially affected residents of possible connection to public sewer and also the fact that Telford Borough Authority will be out inspecting the area to gather some field information. Previously, this area was not feasible for sewer under some studies conducted by Cowan and Associates in the early 1980's because public sewer was so far removed from the site. However with the Bridle Run Subdivision, the sewer is now basically adjacent to these dwellings. One thing that complicates this matter is the fact that all these streets are private roadways, which means that not only will easements be required through several off-road sewer run-ins, but also down the center of the street. It is possible that every single property owner will have to give up an easement. Mr. Wynn suggested the Board officially authorize a letter be sent to Telford Borough Authority requesting their preliminary design and cost estimate for providing public sewer service to the area.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to direct Mr. Wynn to send a letter to Telford Borough Authority, requesting their preliminary design and cost estimate for providing public sewer service to the Hickory/Oak Street/Northview Road area.

Chairman Bennett asked if public water currently services the area. Mr. Wynn replied that it does not, except on Central Avenue. Chairman Bennett noted with the present condition of effluent surfacing, some of the wells in the area could be affected.

Supervisor Bennington asked Mr. Wynn if the Country Roads Development will now have the ability to obtain enough EDU's to construct 116 homes. Mr. Wynn does not believe that is the case. Therefore, Supervisor Bennington noted, Country Roads only obtained

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approval to construct the eleven sample homes which will be completed by November. Mr. Wynn agreed, stating there is a meeting being held this evening concerning the ban. Mr. Wynn suspects DER will turn the decision for distribution of available EDUs' to the local Authorities for their determination. Solicitor Grabowski commented one of the issues he and Mr. Wynkoop of the Hilltown Township Authority discussed was that a recent newspaper article suggested DER would be releasing 400 EDUs to the area. This evening, Pennridge Wastewater is holding a meeting to discuss how to allocate those 400 EDUs to the participating municipalities. There is a need for input from the Township, as well as from the Authority, as to allocation of the available EDUs. Mr. Wynkoop suspects approximately 100 EDUs might be allocated to Hilltown Township. Solicitor Grabowski feels this should be a joint decision because both parties must address the issue, both from a planning standpoint, and from the standpoint of capability of providing for public sewer.

K. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: -

1. Mr. Bill Godek questioned progress with regards to amending the 1981 quarry agreement between H & K Quarry and Hilltown Township. Chairman Bennett advised that issue is still under discussion between Mr. Horrocks and H & K Quarry. Mr. Godek asked if there is any time limit involved. Chairman Bennett replied the Board had hoped to discuss it this evening, however both parties were not able to meet in time to have more than a preliminary discussion. Chairman Bennett is not promising, however he is reasonably certain the issue will be discussed at the next public meeting. At that time, Mr. Godek asked if the general public will be able to review the amended agreement before it is voted upon. Chairman Bennett stated it depends on how soon the parties can come to an agreement. Supervisor Fox feels the general public may review the amended agreement, however they should not have any input in the amendment.

At the September 13, 1993, Chairman Bennett had mentioned that there was only one paragraph in the agreement that was involved, however Mr. Godek would like to publicly state there is more than one paragraph of that agreement involved which should be amended and altered. Chairman Bennett believes what he meant is that there was only one issue advertised to be discussed at that particular meeting.

Mr. Godek asked if notification of the Public Hearing was ever sent to neighboring residents of the Blooming Glen Quarry site. Supervisor Fox commented the Public Hearing was advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Horrocks stated the Board directed him to mail notification of the Public Hearing to residents of Broad Street and Skunk Hollow Road, which is what he did. Mr. Godek asked if there

is a reason why neighboring residents of the Blooming Glen Quarry site were not given the same courtesy. Personally, Supervisor Fox does not believe those residents would be concerned if that plant left the area. Mr. Godek stated if he were a neighboring resident of the Blooming Glen Quarry site, he would have preferred to see the concrete batching plant moved in order to cut down on traffic in the area. Mr. Godek wondered why other residents who might have benefited from the move of the concrete batching plant were not notified. Chairman Bennett supposes the concern was that the relocation of the concrete batching plant would undoubtedly create more traffic problems in the area to where it might be moved. In all the time Chairman Bennett has been a Supervisor, he does not recall any complaints received from neighboring residents of the Blooming Glen Quarry site.

Mr. Godek asked the Supervisors why they felt keeping the two quarry operations separate would benefit the Township as a whole. Given the fact that there is a limited number of trucks that can enter or leave any particular quarry site on any given day, Mr. Godek wondered how traffic can be reduced in the entire Township if you split the quarry operations into two different sites, with both operations working at full capacity each day. Mr. Godek does not believe that would reduce the total truck traffic. Supervisor Fox does not believe the present concern is lowering the traffic, rather it is to dispense the traffic evenly from the quarry through the Township, so that those residents on Broad Street and Skunk Hollow Road do not take the brunt of all the traffic and noise. Those roadways are not State roads, like they are in the Blooming Glen Quarry area, such as Blooming Glen Road and Old Bethlehem Road. If all the traffic is moved to the Skunk Hollow Quarry site, it will begin to cost residents more money for roadway maintenance because there will be a 65% increase in traffic in the Broad Street area on Township roadways. Supervisor Fox does not understand Mr. Godek's reasoning that it would help to move all the traffic, instead of having it divided between two quarry sites. Mr. Godek noted the Supervisors who signed the quarry agreement in 1981 obviously believed it was for the best interest of the entire Township to have manufacturing operations only permitted at one site. As a taxpayer in this Township, Mr. Godek is concerned that he will be paying more for maintaining more roadways because of more traffic by allowing both quarry sites to conduct manufacturing operations. Mr. Godek understands Mr. Kibblehouse's point of view, because he is operating a business, however he realizes H & K is not in the Township to promote the health, welfare and benefit of the residents of Hilltown Township.

Supervisor Fox disagreed with Mr. Godek's statements. As an amateur historian, Supervisor Fox believes in history. Hilltown Township has had both quarry operations operating from one quarry in the past, and there has been no change in the total amount of

traffic, considering the recession the country is experiencing. Right now, the quarry operations are separated between two sites. If Supervisor Fox believes there was no problem in the past with both quarry operations being located at the same quarry site, Mr. Godek asked why the change is proposed at all. Supervisor Fox replied he did not say there was a problem, he was speaking of traffic. There has been no increase in traffic by separating the two quarry operations. Supervisor Fox noted the difference is the Blooming Glen Quarry site is wide open, is more rural, there are less residents living in the area, and no one has complained. Supervisor Fox does not believe that placing all the quarry traffic in one area is going to make every one happy and is going to be better for the community, because it is not. Mr. Godek would like to understand why the Supervisors think the quarry operation relocation will alleviate traffic problems in the future. Supervisor Bennington and Chairman Bennett had no further comments on this issue, stating they agree with Supervisor Fox's opinion.

2. Chief George Egly commented the Hilltown Township Police Department, as a whole, is not supporting any one person running for the office of District Justice. The police department is not involved in politics. Apparently some one is spreading rumors that the Hilltown Township Police Department is backing Mr. Gaffney, and several officers have received complaints. Chief Egly was recently approached by a resident who was very unhappy with the Hilltown Township Police Department backing a candidate for District Justice. Chief Egly explained to that person that the police department is not backing any one candidate, and that what the officers think individually is their right as an American citizen.

Supervisor Fox is close to the situation, being involved in Mr. Gaffney's campaign. Supervisor Fox advised it is no one who is working for Mr. Gaffney's campaign who is spreading these rumors. Chairman Bennett speaks to many residents in the Township, and he has not heard any of those rumors.

3. Mrs. Jane James thanked Lynda Seimes, Township Secretary, for her recent help in supplying information concerning a subdivision.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

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

N. LINENS FOR SIGNATURE:

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O. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the September 27, 1993 Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 10:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Seimes

Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary