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HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
December 26, 1989

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were: Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman
Betty J. Kelly, Vice Chairperson
William H. Bennett, Jr., Supervisor

Others present were: Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor-Elect
James H. Singley, Township Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
Chief George C. Egly, Chief of Police

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the December 11, 1989 Supervisors' meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund \$18,683.43; Street Lighting Fund \$385.35; and State Highway Aid \$1,352.99. Mr. Bennett questioned traffic signal repair bill of \$773.75; Mr. Singley stated that a portion of this amount is for maintenance which is shared by another municipality. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay all bills when due; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. James Moulton, Orchard Station - Mr. Moulton was present at the 11/27/89 Supervisors' meeting to request the Board's permission to raise the sewer at the Orchard Station development; this matter was tabled in order to allow the township engineer sufficient time to review the plans. Mr. Wynn indicated that he has no objection to this plan relative to Township improvements; and HTWSA Engineer, William Kee, has submitted a review of the plan with his recommendations, including addition of concrete encasement on manholes and that a note be added on the plan, indicating which lots will not be receiving sanitary sewer service. Mr. Grabowski stated that this could be in the form of a restriction agreement which could be recorded at the courthouse; also that the township building inspector should include this note as a condition on the building permit. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept the Orchard Station revised plan (with raising of sewers), with stipulation that an agreement be drafted by the Township Solicitor, advising prospective homeowners of the lack of sanitary sewer basement service on applicable lots; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly; Chairman Grunmeier abstained from voting. Motion carried 2:0.

Chairman Grunmeier clarified the debt service millage, stating that when the debt is paid, the millage will be removed. There being no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #89-57; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett; Chairman Grunmeier abstained from voting. Motion carried 2:0.

8. At this time, Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Bennett presented Chairman Grunmeier with Resolution #89-55, recognizing him for the 6½ years he has served as a Township Supervisor and commending him for his efforts over the years. The Supervisors also presented Chairman Grunmeier with a watch and dedication plate. Chairman Grunmeier expressed his appreciation, stating "a classic gift from classic people". Mr. Bennett announced that Mr. Grunmeier has been newly appointed as a member of the Bucks County Planning Commission.

E. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Kepich Land Development - Mr. Wynn reported that the applicant's attorney has indicated they will be requesting relief on two subdivision regulations: One partially recommended by the PC and one that is not recommended. Mr. Wynn suggested, due to absence of applicant, that plan be tabled. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to table the Kepich Land Development Plan; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Coleman Land Development, located on Bethlehem Pike (formerly West Dairies). PC has recommended final plan approval subject to an escrow agreement for installation of public improvements and BCHD approval of continued use of holding tank. Chairman Grunmeier asked if debris on property can be removed. Mr. Coleman, owner of property, stated that he proposes to clean up the area and that all debris will be removed. Discussion followed regarding Mr. Coleman's question of operating a retail lumber yard on that property, the Board advised that they can vote only on the plan which is before them at this meeting (for office use). Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant final plan approval to the Coleman Land Development Plan as submitted, subject to BCHD approval, establishment of an escrow agreement, and clean-up of debris; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Mr. Coleman was advised to meet with the Township Zoning Officer.

3. Extensions: Elysian Fields - 90 day extension; Balco Subdivision - 90 day extension. PC has recommended denial of the Country Square Land Development on Rt. 313 subject to receipt of an extension before plan deadline. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept the 90 day extensions on both the Elysian Fields and Balco Subdivisions and to consider denial of the Country Square Land Development unless an extension is received prior to the deadline; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Wynn advised that a letter was received on 12/12/89 from DER, advising that Mr. Baker has made a private request for an Act 537 Revision for his subdivision on Rt. 113. DER has asked if the township wishes to comment. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow Mr. Wynn to draft a letter, in consultation with the P.C., and for the Supervisors' review by the second Supervisors' meeting in January; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Kenneth Beer Subdivision - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-58, Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication, and Resolution #89-59, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Kenneth Beer Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Grabowski asked that, after this meeting, the Supervisors execute a Deed of Consolidation for the former property of the Blooming Glen Playground Assoc. and the Alumni Association with the township owned land (previously authorized by the Board).

3. Mr. Grabowski reported that an agreement was executed last Wednesday between Mr. Roach, HTWSA and Hilltown Township regarding condemnation of 8½ acres of land (present township building) and approximately 1 acre of land (Well #5). HTWSA paid \$61,500 with waiving of water impact fees to Mr. Roach. The Township has agreed to extend the right of the owner to commence and complete the approved subdivision in accordance with the terms of the original approval given by the township for an additional five years (an additional 5 years beyond 4/28/91). The Water & Sewer Authority approved and executed this agreement at their last regular meeting; the Board of Supervisors approved and executed this agreement in executive session following their December 20th meeting.

G. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Jack Fox, Hilltown Pike - Mr. Fox asked the Township Solicitor whether the Supervisors can overrule a zoning hearing board decision without appealing to a court. Mr. Grabowski replied that the Supervisors have the right to compromise pending litigation if it is in the best interests of the municipality; however, they cannot overrule a decision.

Mr. Fox also wished Mr. Grunmeier well and remarked, "It's been an exciting and spirited 6½ years".

H. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. PSATS news bulletin copied to Supervisors.

2. Letter from Lower Makefield requesting that the township reject the Bucks County Municipal Waste Management Plan (Hilltown had previously approved this plan prior to receipt of the letter).

3. Letter received from Suburban Cable, keeping the township informed of improvements in service in 1990.

4. Thank you letter received from Jr. Miss Pennsylvania, Julie Ann Allebach.

5. Monthly fire reports received from Telford, Perkasio, Hilltown, Souderton and Sellersville.

I. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Kelly wished Mr. Grunmeier the best in his future endeavors on the Bucks County Planning Commission and stated that she has enjoyed working with him as a colleague and friend.

2. Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. Grunmeier for the time he spent on the Board and stated that, to his knowledge, Mr. Grunmeier has spent more time in the Supervisor's capacity than any other supervisor; and that, good or bad, Mr. Grunmeier's ideas have been for the benefit of the community. Mr. Bennett also wished Mr. Grunmeier well in his new duties on the Bucks County Planning Commission.

3. Chairman Grunmeier thanked everyone and stated, "We do have a very competent staff, department heads, and consultants who are very dedicated to this township and they are working for the betterment of the township". He suggested that the present Supervisors go to various meetings to gather input from various municipalities. He further stated, "You are going to have a big challenge growth is going to continue you are going to have to plan for it and there will be times when you will come under criticism when you make a decision, make sure it is a decision for the majority of the residents of this township not for just a few people." Mr. Grunmeier wished the present Board much success and stated that it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

J. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions and concerns of those reporters present. Questions were asked regarding the budget, bond issue, debt service and fire hydrant taxes.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary