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**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
November 13, 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: James H. Singley, Township Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary
George C. Egly, Jr., Chief of Police
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
Thomas Buzby, Township Roadmaster
Clarence Radcliff, Building Inspector

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Rev. Charles J. Dombay who passed away on October 24, 1989.

Recycling Contest Winners: Mrs. Kelly announced the grand prize winners of the recycling poster contest and the Supervisors presented them with savings bonds. Donations for prizes were made by: Jaczun, Grabowski & Leonard; C. Robert Wynn Associates; Code Inspections; Union National Bank; Frank Beck; Robert H. Grunmeier and Mrs. Kelly. Grand Prize winners were:

- 1st - Adam Shafer, 5th Grade, John M. Grasse School
- 2nd - Joe Kelleher, 6th Grade, John M. Grasse School
- 3rd - Kathleen McDaniel, 6th Grade, Sacred Heart School
- 4th - Erik Mitsch, 6th Grade, Margaret M. Seylar School

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the 10/23/89 Supervisors' meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund \$11,365.24; State Highway Aid \$5,072.85. Mr. Bennett questioned year to date figure for building inspection fees (approx. \$42,000). Chairman Grunmeier requested that Manpower bill be held. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due, with the exception of the Manpower bill; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund \$31,590.51; Street Lighting \$1,000.93; Fire Hydrant \$3,284.27; Capital Improvement \$385.32; Highway Aid \$52,218.49; Police Pension \$111,640.86; Non-Uniform Pension \$66,131.88; Federal Revenue Sharing \$3,744.73; Fire Protection \$20,871.53; Escrow Fund \$1,413.91.

7. PMRS - allocatioan of 1989 excess monies: Non-Uniform Pension \$3,403.63; Police Pension \$13,989.97. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to credit excess monies to the municipal accounts in order to lower amortization of pensions due; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Chairman Grunmeier questioned "cost of living" increase for retired personnel.

8. Planning -- three letters received from BCPC:

(1) Village Planning Handbook - on file at township.

(2) Bucks County Wastewater Facilities Plan, Volume 1 - also on file at the township.

(3) Neshaminy Watershed Planning Advisory Committee members - meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on 11/30/89 at the Bucks County Courthouse. Notices will be sent to Jack Fox and Jack Roberts, representatives on that committee.

9. M & B Investments - Application filed by M & B Investments on 10/26/89, requesting a zoning change of property located at Summit Street, from RR to CR to provide for construction of townhouses. The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. The Board authorized the Township Solicitor to advertise this hearing with a court stenographer in attendance.

10. Police Department - Editorial by Dan Roy which appeared in The Intelligencer on Monday, October 30, 1989, commending the Hilltown Police Department for informing and alerting the public regarding a recent daytime burglary which occurred in Blooming Glen.

11. Zoning Report received from Clarence Myers, Code Enforcement Officer.

Chairman Grunmeier recognized Kenneth Bennington, Supervisor Elect, and invited Mr. Bennington to sit in on all Supervisors' meetings and work sessions; and that he also receive copies of all correspondence.

F. PUBLIC WORK'S REPORT: The report dated 10/8/89 to 11/4/89 was read by Mr. Buzby and is on file at the township office. A new garage floor has been installed (for salt storage) in the maintenance building.

G. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The report for the month of October was read by Chief Egly and is on file at the township office. Chief Egly asked that residents report any suspicious activity they observe in order to aid the police department.

Chairman Grunmeier stated that, according to a recent DCA survey, the Hilltown Township Police Department was found to be very well managed and to be a very progressive department. Mr. Grunmeier suggested that consideration be given, when working on the 1990 budget, to a DCA recommendation of advancement through the ranks -- that the position of Corporal be instituted to build up moral within the department.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING: Mr. Wynn reported that there will be ongoing minor maintenance on the Broderick Subdivision, with replacement of 13 trees and flared end section to be put on the retention basin. He also recommended that the roadway be accepted by the township. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-44, Acceptance of Quarry Road in the Broderick Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Second proposal received for codification of township ordinances from Penn's Valley Publishers, Harrisburg, PA -- given to Supervisors for their review.

2. Correspondence received from Hilltown Township Water & Sewer Authority regarding refinancing of bond issue (1986) which provided funds for construction of new township building and the authority water system. Amount of original bond issue was \$3,000,000. Mr. Grabowski explained that the Authority is considering borrowing additional funds for future capital improvements, in addition to refinance of the sewer system loan (this portion would be taxable). New bond issue would be at a much lower interest rate (approximately 7.1% rather than current rate of 9%), and could be re-rated to a AAA rating with bond insurance. The Authority also suggested that any additional needs of the Township could be added as a joint bond issue. Mr. Grabowski stated that, by going to a lower interest rate, the total savings would amount to \$144,000. The Board agreed to meet with the Authority (in a staff work session) and Bond Underwriters on Tuesday, November 21, 1989. A public hearing could then be held on November 29, 1989 for consideration of adoption of an ordinance to satisfy the Department of Community Affairs' Unit Debt Act which requires that DCA review financing arrangements taken by a township.

J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Pat Andrews, resident of Hilltown Township and a volunteer at the Thrift shop, thanked the Supervisors for use of the building and stated that the shop will open November 29th. Mrs. Andrews stated that contributions are welcome.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fire reports received from Souderton, Hilltown, Dublin, Silverdale, Telford and Perkasie Fire Companies.

2. Hilltown Historical Society has advised that their annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, November 16, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. at the John M. Grasse School.

3. Pennridge Chamber of Commerce Newsletter received.

4. PSATS News Bulletin also copied to Supervisors.

5. Section 403 - Volunteer Fireman's Benefits - Two responses received from Silverdale and Hilltown. Silverdale advised they would be unable to provide benefits with small amount of money received from the Fireman's Relief Association. Hilltown Fire Company advised that Senate Bill 403 would not be an answer to the problem.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mrs. Kelly reported that she attended a seminar on recycling in King of Prussia which was very informative.

2. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he and Mrs. Kelly attended a tour of the Point Pleasant Pump Station on Saturday 11/11/89, and also a tour of the Limerick plant.

3. Chairman Grunmeier had the following questions: (1) Status of Sgt. Watts' appreciation certificate -- Mr. Singley stated this would be presented at the next meeting. (2) Mr. Singley stated that the Assistant Manager's position has been advertised. (3) Status of merit pay -- Mr. Bennett will advise of a date for discussion of same. (4) Mr. Grunmeier questioned a letter sent by Sugarman Associates regarding cost of new township building. (5) Mr. Grunmeier indicated he would like to attend a DCA seminar entitled "Successful Strategies for Dealing with the Angry Public", to be held on December 18th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Plymouth Meeting. Township Secretary will make arrangements for all those who wish to attend.

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

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary