

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
February 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, Supervisor

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the January 23, 1989 Supervisors' meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Billing in the following amounts was approved by the Board: General Fund - \$36,993.36; Street Lighting - \$330.26; Capital Improvement - \$11,939.62; and State Funds - \$7,050.96. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve payment of bills when due; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the Treasurer's report for the month of February 1989 which is on file at the Township office. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to accept the report as given subject to audit; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Feryl Spanninger, 506 Twin Brook Rd., Perkasio Mr. Spanninger read from a prepared letter in which he asked the Board to retain the present township building for the use of the residents. He stated that this property adjoins properties that are presently owned by the Hilltown High School Association and the Blooming Glen Playground Association. Also, he stated, that the Hilltown Lion's Club Scout Building is situated upon the Blooming Glen Playground parcel. Mr. Spanninger suggested the land could be used as open space playground area; that the building could be used by the Penridge fish organization, "Fellowship in Serving Humanity, Inc.". Chairman Grunmeier suggested that ownership of parcels be investigated; Chief Egly stated that, according to a survey conducted, the Township owns the Township building land to the parking lot. Mr. Scott Tagg, Chairman of the Park & Rec. Board, agreed that the building should be kept and stated that it could also be used as a senior citizen's center or meeting area for other groups. Chairman Grunmeier indicated he would like to discuss this with the members of the various groups and that the Board will take all suggestions into consideration.

2. Jack Hetherington, Hilltown Pike - Mr. Hetherington suggested that Senate Bill 75, "Small Games of Chance" bill be placed on the ballot in May, allowing charitable organizations to hold small lotteries, raffles, etc. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he had talked to various churches and fire companies and thought it would be beneficial to allow the people to decide on this referendum. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that, since this bill will not be finalized until February 17th in the House, the Supervisors must wait until their next meeting to make a decision and pass a resolution to place this on the ballot. The Board agreed to hear comments on the "Small Games of Chance" resolution at their Supervisors' meeting of 2/27/89.

3. John Snyder was present on behalf of the Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Snyder stated that the fire company will be consolidating their parcels and relocating property lines and requested that the Board waive zoning filing fees. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to waive zoning fees for the Hilltown Township Fire Company, a non-profit organization; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

4. William Rex - Mr. Singley stated that Mr. Rex telephoned this date and indicated he will not be able to attend this meeting but may be present at the 2/27/89 meeting.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Municipal Building - 2/8/89 project site meeting minutes were read by Mr. Singley: Work in progress -- drywall, plumbing, electrical wiring, heating & air conditioning system; telephone outlets have been installed and wiring completed. There is a recommendation that a change order be considered for an access ladder and catwalk above the meeting room ceiling for HVAC equipment servicing at a cost of \$1,854.00. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to recommend to the Water & Sewer Authority that a change order in the amount of \$1,854.00 be approved for installation of a catwalk; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Small Games of Chance - as previously discussed, action will be taken at the 2/27/89 meeting. (A resolution must be passed by March 7, 1989).

3. Local Government Week - April 9 to April 15, 1989. Chairman Grunmeier asked that information be sent to the schools ahead of time, so that the students would have an opportunity to study same and could ask questions when they are visited during that week. The Manager and Secretary will contact the three elementary schools; inviting the children for the May 8th Supervisors' meeting.

4. Tax Collector Rates - Mr. Singley read the rates for the term 1/1/90 through 12/31/94 as follows:
Real Estate Collection - \$1.75 per item
Fire Tax Collection - \$0.10 per item
Per Capita Collection - \$0.35 per item
Fire Hydrant Collection - 5% of gross revenue
Street Light Collection - 5% of gross revenue

After 1/1/90, should tax reform cancel the collection of the township per capita, the base commission rate for real estate items collected would then increase from \$1.75 to \$1.90 and would maintain the \$0.10 per item fee for fire tax collection. (Fire tax collection rate goes into effect 1/1/89.)

Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution #89-10, Tax Collector Rates for 1/1/90 to 12/31/94; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

5. Hilltown Pike & Callowhill Road - Mr. Singley reported that he has discussed this situation with Mrs. Blanche Malin, who has been in contact with PennDOT regarding need for warning lights, etc. for this area. PennDOT advised Mrs. Malin they were awaiting information from the township; Mr. Singley advised the traffic accident information was sent to them on 1/17/89; nothing has been received from PennDOT to date. Chairman Grunmeier asked status of request for a meeting with the Supervisors; PennDOT has never responded regarding this meeting. Mrs. Malin discussed this dangerous area with Mr. Fine of PennDOT, who said he would supply a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign if contacted by the Township. He indicated the speed could not be lowered; that the area conforms to state regulations; but agreed to Mrs. Malin that it is a bad situation. Chairman Grunmeier suggested that a letter be sent to Senator Greenwood and the appropriate representative, advising them that the Township requested a meeting with PennDOT; that the meeting has not yet been held; and that it is imperative that the meeting be held ASAP -- the Board agreed.

6. Training School - Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant permission for Sgt. Miller, Officer Dilworth and Officer Tanghe to attend the Reconstruction Seminar to be held at the Media Police Department at a cost of \$295 per officer (\$1180 total); motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

7. Toth Extension - Extension request (to 6/30/89) received for the Hawk Ridge Development located at Swartley Rd. and Keystone Drive for completion of improvements. Mr. Wynn suggested that the extension be granted to 9/1/89 to allow sufficient time for placement of wearing course. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow extension for the Hawk Ridge Development (on the recommendation of the Township Engineer) until 9/1/89; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8. Community Development - Mr. Singley advised that the Township has until 2/14/89 to conduct a traffic survey at Rt. 113 and Diamond Street to determine if this area would be eligible for C.D. funding. Mr. Stein advised that recommendations will be made next week. Mr. Singley has sent a letter to HUD requesting that they make a determination, under their guidelines, whether this traffic light would be eligible for C.D. funding due to the fact that this is a low to middle income area in the Township.

F. POLICE REPORT: Chief Egly stated that the new police cars are now in service; and that DCA is currently performing the review of the Police Department. The Chief read the January 1989 report which is on file at the Township office.

G. ROAD REPORT: Mr. Buzby read the report dated 1/1/89 to 1/28/89 which is on file at the Township office. He stated that there were 17 sign replacements made this month (February); two of which were "Stop" signs. The Board approved Mr. Buzby's request for the Road Crew to attend a meeting to be held on 2/22/89 by the Montgomery/Bucks Community Affairs Association at Trumbauersville Borough.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Mr. Wynn explained that Bucks County Health Dept. has now issued (as of 1/30/89) a holding tank permit for the new township building.

2. Mr. Wynn also reported that notification has been received from Pennoni Associates, Project Manager for Souderton Square, that the traffic light at the Burger King/McDonald's access will be completed within sixty days (cost paid by Souderton Square).

3. Rex Subdivision - As a result of Mr. Rex's being found in default of his escrow agreement, Mr. Wynn advised the Township has now received funds for repaving of roadways in this subdivision. The Board authorized advertisement for repaving of same.

4. Leonard Kunkin/Vacuum Furnace - Mr. Wynn reported that signed linens and correspondence have been received for transfer of property which was approved in 1987. The Board agreed to sign these linens to finalize this plan.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Grabowski reported that development agreements have been executed by the developer and bank for the H & L Development Subdivision located on Schwenk Mill Road. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to authorize execution of agreements in the amount of \$51,213.00 in an escrow account at Union National Bank for guarantee of road widening improvements for the H & L Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Jack Hetherington stated that there is a tree which is in danger of falling on Rt. 152 not far from the new township building. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he is aware of this situation and has discussed it with the Township Roadmaster, Tom Buzby, who indicated he would look into it. Mr. Buzby stated he has informed PennDOT of this tree (and that the tree has been marked by them); however, if they do not remove same, Mr. Buzby stated the road crew will take it down.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request from Officer Thomas for approval of relocation of his residence. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to grant Officer John Thomas an exception, since his residence is only slightly outside of the Township; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Singley reported that there was an executive session on personnel prior to tonight's meeting. Also, on 2/6/89, an executive session was held dealing with legal matters and personnel.

3. Fire reports received from Souderton and Sellersville fire companies; annual report also received from Sellersville. Telford Fire Company advised of their delegates to Hilltown Township: Dale Nyce and Donald Beck.

4. Copy of letter received from Robert Bender, New Britain Township, advising that Line Lexington sewer installation is on schedule.

5. Bunny's Animal Shelter report received and on file at the Township. The Board requested Mr. Singley to obtain an updated list of dog's names.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

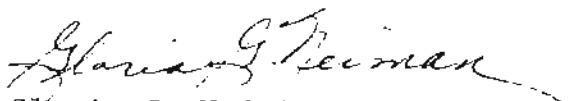
1. Mrs. Kelly stated that the dedication ceremonies for the Township building will be held on Saturday, May 13th.

2. Mr. Bennett asked whether DCA has been contacted regarding formulation of the fire panel; Mr. Singley will follow up on this.

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

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary