

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
January 23, 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  
Chief George Egly, Chief of Police  
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor  
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer

Chairman Grunmeier announced that Mrs. Neiman would not attend this meeting due to illness.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the January 9, 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 - \$22,691.70; Street Lighting Account - \$320.78; Fire Hydrant Account - \$1,327.08; and State Funds Account - \$2,281.39. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay 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 January, 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:

James Strothers was present to discuss a sketch plan of a 5 lot subdivision located on Skunk Hollow Road; applicant is Mr. Kaminski. Mr. Strothers stated that this sketch was before the PC in October '88; length of cul-de-sac was discussed which exceeds 500' allowable under Township ordinance. Plan proposes total cul-de-sac length of 755'; PC indicated they would recommend waiver of cul-de-sac length if subdivision is reduced to 3 lots. Mr. Kaminski is requesting the Board's direction regarding whether to submit a 3 lot or 5 lot subdivision. After further discussion, the Board recommended that Mr. Kaminski return to the PC for clarification.

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E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Municipal Building - Mr. Singley reported on the 1/11/89 project site meeting: drywall ceiling complete except Sallyport; windows are 98% complete; openings cut for meeting room windows; main electric service to be connected 1/11/89. Mr. Singley also reported that, effective April 1st, the Township will be securing a post office box. Address will be: 13 West Creamery Road, P.O. Box 260, Hilltown, PA. However, address will also be maintained in the Blooming Glen post office for some time.

2. Neshaminy Watershed - correspondence received from Dennis Livrone advising that the BCPC has become the lead agency for the Neshaminy Basin stormwater management. BCPC has requested each municipality reaffirm their two representatives; the Board agreed to send notice advising of Hilltown's representatives: Chairman of PC and Chairman of the Water & Sewer Authority. Next meeting will be held 2/23/89 at 7:30 P.M.

3. Superfund Program - correspondence received from Congressman Kostmayer regarding the CERCLIS list which includes all sites for which the EPA has received information alleging that a hazardous waste problem may be present. Mr. Singley stated that of the 124 sites listed in Bucks County, there is one in Hilltown, the Hilltown Quarry, on Hilltown Pike. This site has been listed as "NFA", no further action needed.

4. Tax Collector Rates - New rates must be set by February 15th of the year preceding the election of a tax collector. Rates must be set this year for new rates for commission, salary, or taxable rates for compensation. The Board agreed to set the tax collector rates at the 2/13/89 Supervisors' Meeting.

5. Fire Study Panel - Mr. Singley referred to a memo which he sent to the Supervisors, requesting approval to institute a fire study panel which would review the fire protection services needed by the Township, and to make recommendations of disbursement of fire tax monies. The panel would consist of Mr. Singley, an elected Supervisor and a Hilltown resident. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the fire study panel; motion seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to appoint Mr. Bennett to the Fire Study Panel; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

6. Police Review Board - Mr. Singley requested approval of the Board to institute a Police Review Board in order to investigate any complaints that may be made against the department or any individual officer. (The review board would consist of 4 or 5 individuals). Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow Mr. Singley to proceed with a recommended plan for the Police Review Board; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

7. Park & Recreation Board - Mr. Singley reported that a meeting was held on January 17, 1989; all members were present and Mr. Singley reported that it was a very productive meeting. At that meeting, there was a discussion of possibility of purchase of various land within the Township; motion was passed unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to retain the present municipal building as a community center and that the Park & Recreation Board would take steps to acquire the property and ball field area. Mr. Singley indicated to the Park & Rec. Board that this would be discussed with the Supervisors. Chairman Grunmeier stated that since this was advertised in the newsletter, the Board will await comments from residents and will also have the property appraised. Supervisors will receive copies of the Park & Rec meeting minutes.

F. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Baker Subdivision - Offer of extension has been received from Eric Tobin, representing the Baker Subdivision, until March 6, 1989. Ludlow Subdivision - Offer of extension received from James Strothers for 90 days. Mr. Wynn recommended that both extensions be accepted. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve extensions of the Baker Subdivision until 3/6/89 and a 90 day extension for the Ludlow Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Garden Spot II Land Development - located on corner of Route 309 and Church Road. Two story office building is proposed with some revisions to landscaping. PC recommended approval of preliminary and final plan based on completion of outstanding items listed in Township Engineer's review letter of 1/5/89 which include rearranging trees along Church Road in a more informal fashion and "no left turn" sign on exit to Route 309. Right-of-way of Church Road & Bethlehem Pike have been offered for dedication; this has not been previously accepted by the Township since they are state roadways. Chairman Grunmeier questioned existence of sprinkler systems; Mr. Wynn reported that this would be handled at the time applicant applies for a building permit. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to approve the Garden Spot II Land Development subject to conditions stated in the Township Engineer's letter of 1/5/89 and the addition of a "no left turn sign"; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. Garges Land Development - Plan proposes construction of a car wash facility and office with parking area; located on Bethlehem Pike; to be serviced by Telford Borough Authority sewer and private water. Stormwater management agreement has not yet been provided. PC recommended approval based on Township Engineer's correspondence of 1/6/89, with exception that road improvements would not be required along Bethlehem Pike. BCPC review was not received in time to be addressed by PC. The Board tabled action until after BCPC review has been discussed by the PC at their 2/20/89 meeting.

4. Correspondence received from INTEX, a company hired by Hilltown Village Subdivision to conduct well pumping in the Village of Hilltown and monitoring of neighbor's wells, tentatively scheduled for this week.

5. Correspondence received from a resident of the Rex Subdivision complaining of deteriorating condition of roadway paving which was completed approximately 2 months ago. Escrow monies will be used for repaving of the roadway.

6. 209 Realty Subdivision (now called Sterling Knoll, Phase II), located on Route 152, which adjoins Deerfield Subdivision and a subdivision in Silverdale Borough is scheduled to begin on 1/30/89.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Grabowski distributed copies of Act 170, New Municipalities Planning Code, Senate Bill 535, which is to take effect the latter part of February, 1989. Mr. Grabowski stated that this act will affect zoning ordinances, subdivision ordinances, land and site development procedures, major and minor subdivisions, zoning hearing board procedures, and notice requirements. Mr. Grabowski and Mr. Wynn have indicated their willingness to host a seminar for their municipal clients and Upper Bucks Consortium members on the first Saturday in March, in the morning, and have requested that the Supervisors allow use of the Hilltown Municipal Building for this purpose. Chairman Grunmeier stated that this is an excellent idea; the Board members agreed. Notification will be sent to all interested parties.

2. Mr. Grabowski also referred to information sent out by DCA regarding local tax reform which he suggested be displayed on the Township Bulletin Board for resident's review.

3. Mr. Grabowski discussed a proposed sewer use ordinance sent out by the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority (Hilltown Authority is a customer of Pennridge Authority, owner of the sewage plant located in Sellersville and West Rockhill). EPA is requiring Pennridge Authority to produce strict guidelines by which the waste will be accepted and the possibility of establishing "user fees". The Board agreed to Mr. Grabowski's suggestion that a letter be sent to Pennridge Authority indicating that the Township would be interested in adopting a sewer use ordinance which would be satisfactory to the Township.

4. Chairman Grunmeier asked if the "Small Games of Chance Bill" would affect churches which have carnivals. Mr. Grabowski stated he would look into this and report back.

H. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Mr. Grunmeier, II reported that the Hilltown Fire Company responded to one call in Hilltown Township. He also reported that he attended a meeting of the Upper Bucks Consortium in the Dublin Fire Hall.

I. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

J. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Annual and December fire reports received from Perkasio Fire Company; annual report received from Telford Fire Company.

2. PSATS News Bulletin copied to Supervisors.

K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Bennett reported on a meeting he attended which was held by PennDOT regarding airports. Mr. Bennett stated that, although the meeting was not very informative, the consultant present at the meeting indicated that a study would be conducted within the next year (Act 164 - Airport Zoning).

2. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he attended a seminar on Affordable Housing at Delaware Valley College on 1/13/89. Bucks County will be setting up a task force to look into affordable housing for this region.

3. Chairman Grunmeier also questioned status of new police cars. Chief Egly reported that they are in transit.

4. Chairman Grunmeier reported that the three Supervisors attended the seminar regarding fire fighting held by the Upper Bucks Consortium at the Dublin Fire Hall. Chairman Grunmeier stated that the three main topics were the need for manpower, funding, and duplication of equipment.

5. Chairman Grunmeier questioned status of the swimming pool ordinance and suggested it be sent to the PC for their review and input.

6. A personnel meeting was held prior to tonight's meeting.

L. PRESS CONFERENCE: A press 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 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary

\*Note: These minutes were transcribed from tape recordings of this meeting.