

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
October 10, 1988**

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  
Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 9/26/88 Supervisors' meeting as written.

Minutes of 10/4/88 Supervisors' meeting with recycling companies: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approved the minutes of the 10/4/88 meeting as written.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund billing in the amount of \$19,249.69, with a Street Fund amount of \$400.49 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to pay bills when due.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month of October 1988 which is on file at the Township Office. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to accept the report as given, subject to audit.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. Barrett Bobsein, 9 Narothyn Road, representing the residents of Narothyn Road, was present to request the speed limit be lowered from 55 mph to 25 mph. Chief Egly stated that the Township must follow state criteria which mandates that a traffic survey be performed before the Supervisors can address this request. Chief Egly explained that a speed check must be performed on 100 cars traveling through this street; and that a limit could be set at 5 miles below the average speed of those cars. Ms. Lauren Mangin, 6 Narothyn Road, also stated that she has obtained the signatures of every household on Narothyn Road and that the road, which is only 1/2 mile long, is not used for through traffic. A copy of this petition is on file at the Township office. The residents expressed concern over children's safety since there are no sidewalks in the development (13 children must use the bus stop). Chairman Grunmeier stated that due to requests to "keep this a rural township", sidewalks have often been waived on several developments.

He stated his concern over the children having "no place to walk" and stated that he will take this into consideration when reviewing future developments. In answer to the resident's request that the speed check be performed immediately, Chief Egly indicated that a survey could be performed October 20th, since there is only one officer qualified to conduct this check. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to give permission to the Police Department to perform the speed check at Narothyn Road on Thursday, October 20, 1988.

2. Mr. John Replogle was present with Mr. John Heinrich, to request the Board's permission to use a Crimson King Norway Maple as street trees on their development, instead of the regular Norway Maple variety stipulated in the Township Ordinance. Mr. Replogle presented photographs of the trees and stated that the Crimson King is a very hardy tree (he referred to Section 415, Page 54). Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to allow the Crimson King Norway Maple tree to be used; there was no second to this motion. There followed discussion regarding characteristics of this type of tree. Chairman Grunmeier suggested that the Planning Commission be consulted at their meeting of October 17, 1988. Mr. Jack Fox, a member of the Planning Commission, was present and stated that any type of Norway Maple would be acceptable (although he never heard of the Crimson King). After further discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to give conditional approval, with the stipulation that the Township Manager determine if the Crimson King Norway Maple is a hardy tree and an acceptable planting for this development, motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously.

Mr. Replogle also asked the Board's direction regarding proximity of street trees to the right-of-way line and P P & L easement; the Board directed Mr. Replogle to discuss this with the Township Engineer.

Mr. Replogle questioned release of escrow monies for inspection of electric lines (Township Engineer has advised he will not inspect the lines). The Board directed Mr. Singley to forward a letter, stating that the Township does not want to inspect the electric lines and will pass the responsibility onto someone else. Regarding guarantee of trees; Mr. Replogle was advised that the time limit begins at the time the trees are planted.

8:00 P.M.: Regular meeting adjourned; Community Development Hearing called to order.

1. Hope Lihn - Emergency Outreach: Not present at this time.

2. Bucks County Housing: Connie Kersow, Director of Social Service Agency, was present to ask that funds be allocated to their non-profit agency which shelters homeless families. Ms. Kersow stated that their agency provides a complete social services program which provides shelter housing, child care, transportation and jobs to these families.

3. Historical Society: Mr. Jack Fox, President of the Hilltown Historical Society, was present to request the Board's consideration of two proposals: (1) Completion of the Thomas-Musselmann Log Barn - this was previously approved; the Township borrowed a portion of the approved allocation; the Historical Society is requesting \$6,000 for completion of landscaping and clean-up on this property. (2) Hartzell-Strassburger Homestead - The Historical Society is requesting approximately \$30,000 + for restoration of brick work on the building located on Keystone Drive; brick needs to be repointed and treated with a silicone spray.

4. Bucks County Association of Retarded Citizens: Ms. Melanie Wiggins, a resident of Hilltown Township, was present to request that \$2,000 be given to their non-profit agency for down payment on purchase of two single family homes (in Lower or Central Bucks County) for relocation of their clients.

5. Township Manager, James Singley, stated that the Township would require monies for the traffic signal at Route 113 and Diamond Street.

6. Mr. Singley also stated that monies would also be required for administrative costs for the zoning and comprehensive plan revisions.

The Board will consider all requests, with a decision forthcoming at their October 24th meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adjourn the Community Development hearing at 8:13 P.M.; regular meeting resumed at this time.

#### E. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Building Update: 9/28/88 and 10/5/88 project meeting minutes have been forwarded to the Supervisors. Projected progress for the coming week: block masonry wall construction; completion of curbing; site lighting and underground work. Extension of sewer line to West Creamery Road and water line to the building has been completed.

2. Consortium: Meeting to be held on October 20th in Tinicum Township. Consortium bids for rock salt and police vehicles are scheduled to be opened on October 20th, 2:00 P.M., at the Hilltown Township Building.

3. Liability Insurance: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the Public Official's Liability and Police Liability insurance (for the coming year).

4. Tax Reform Resolution: Mr. Singley indicated that the PA Local Government Conference has requested that the Township pass resolutions for final action on local tax reform before the House Legislature adjourns for the current year. He indicated this has been endorsed by the PA League of Cities; PA State Association of Cities; PA State Association of Boroughs; PA State Association of Township; Commissioners; and PA State Association of Township Supervisors; State Assoc. of County Commissioners; and the PA School Board Association. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #88-37, Action of Local Tax Reform.

5. DCA Evaluation of the Police Department: Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #88-38, requesting DCA's Evaluation of the Police Department (discussed at Supervisors' meeting of 9/26/88).

F. ROAD REPORT: Roadmaster, Tom Buzby, read the report dated August 28th to October 8th which is on file at the Township Building. Mr. Buzby stated that paving of Red Wing Road has been completed; Chairman Grunmeier commended the crew on their work on this road.

G. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Egly read the report for the month of September 1988. The Chief indicated that residents have not been registering for "move-in" or "move-out" permits. Chairman Grunmeier suggested that residents be notified prior to issuance of a use and occupancy permit. Chairman Grunmeier stated that Chief Egly received the Highway Safety Award on October 6th in Harrisburg, and commended the department on their fine job. The award stated, "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania takes pleasure in presenting to George Egly, Jr. this Enforcement of Highway Safety Award for outstanding public service, October 6, 1988".

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING: Nothing to report at this meeting.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Calvary Mennonite Church: Site Development agreements have been prepared and improvements have been guaranteed by a letter of credit issued by Union National Bank in the amount of \$27,722.00. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the site development agreements of Calvary Mennonite Church.

2. Mr. Grabowski reported on two proposed ordinances: (1) to amend the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance: Section 1102, Fines & Penalties - legislation passed this year which allows municipalities to increase the penalties for violations to Township Ordinances (violations which involve building, housing, property maintenance, health, fire or public safety, water, air or noise pollution standards) a fine of up to \$1,000 may be assessed. (2) to amend the Hilltown Township Subdivision Ordinance - Mr. Grabowski

noted that the existing subdivision ordinance contains no penalty at the present time, and this ordinance will allow a penalty provision to be provided. Mr. Grabowski also noted a change in the section regarding timing of decisions by the Township; existing ordinance states decision is to be in writing and should be mailed to the applicant not later than 15 days following the decision, or within 90 days (whichever first occurs). In order to be consistent with the Municipalities Planning Code definition, which states decision must be made within 90 days and then another 15 days to communicate the decision, this change will be incorporated in the proposed ordinance. These ordinances will be reviewed by the Hilltown Township Planning Commission and Bucks County Planning Commission. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to advertise a hearing for these ordinances at the Supervisor's meeting of November 14, 1988.

Mr. Grabowski requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation. Meeting recessed at 8:30 P.M.

Meeting called back to order at 8:40 P.M.

J. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Nathan Sobler, 9 Audrey Lane, Perkasie - Mr. Sobler requested the Board's direction regarding an "in-law" apartment (which he stated would be a non-rental unit) he proposes to add to his dwelling. The Water & Sewer Authority has advised that hook-up fees would be \$4500 plus a double assessment. Chairman Grunmeier stated that the Board is aware of this situation which is occurring frequently and that it will be addressed in a meeting which will be held between the Supervisors and the Water & Sewer Authority.

2. John Snyder remarked on the icing conditions of the Swartley Road/Hilltown Pike curve, and also stated that there are missing signs and there is very poor sight distance at the intersection (tree is overgrown on Swartley Road curve which blocks the flashing lights). Since this is a state highway, the Board requested that Mr. Singley forward a letter to PennDOT, advising them of these hazards. Mr. Buzby, Township Roadmaster, stated that his crew will trim the area around the flashing lights.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Souderton Midget Football Association has forwarded correspondence thanking the Supervisors for waiving of permit fees.

2. Fire reports received from the following companies: Hilltown Township; Sellersville, Souderton; and Dublin Fire Company. In addition, Silverdale reports have been received (February to September, 1988); Mr. Singley noted that Silverdale's Certificate of Insurance has not yet been received.

3. Bucks County Planning Commission correspondence received regarding "Assistance for Better Communities" -- this will be reviewed and discussed at the next Supervisors' meeting.

4. Chairman Grunmeier noted that DCA courses regarding PennVest funding will be held on November 5, 1988 in Allentown; and suggested that the Water & Sewer Authority, Township Solicitor, or Manager may wish to attend. The Board agreed to pay the cost of this course.

5. Chairman Grunmeier also advised of a DCA course entitled "Training on Successful Strategies for Dealing with the Angry Public". Chairman Grunmeier, the Township Secretary, and the Police Chief expressed a desire to attend this course. The Board agreed to pay the cost of this course for anyone wishing to attend.

6. Chairman Grunmeier also noted that a seminar on Transportation Management, sponsored by Fidelity Bank and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, will be held on October 18th, 1988.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier noted that he received a letter regarding the growing concern over disposal of household appliances. The Republican Chairman of the House Conservation Committee wrote to the head of the EPA seeking an alternative for the disposal of major household appliances. In late July, the EPA informed recycling companies that certain appliances manufactured before 1979 contained a suspected cancer causing chemical known as PCB. It is against the law to handle PCB's in the quantity contained in the appliances. As a result of the EPA findings, recycling companies and landfills have refused to accept used appliances, such as refrigerators, washers and air conditioners. In that letter, Representative Hassey stated that EPA should have offered an alternative for disposal but did not. Representative Hassey remarked that the situation encourages illegal dumping of items and urged the federal agency to offer reasonable, acceptable alternatives. The Board agreed to Chairman Grunmeier's suggestion that a letter be sent from Hilltown Township to the head of the EPA, requesting how and where the Township is to dispose of these items.

2. Chairman Grunmeier stated that WCAU 1060 AM radio station presented a program on Sunday at 9:00 PM, with Jay Lloyd and Bob Moore of the BCPC, discussing development in Bucks County; and requested that the Township obtain a copy of that tape, if available. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly; seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to purchase a copy of this tape.

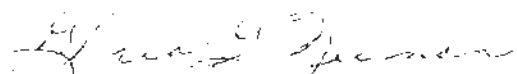
M. PRESS CONFERENCE: At this time, questions and concerns of those reporters present were addressed.

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There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mrs. Kelly at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria G. Neiman".

Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary

We, the undersigned residents of Narothyn Road, request the re-zoning of Narothyn Road to a maximum legal posted speed limit of 25 MPH. In addition, we recommend the display of "SLOW- CHILDREN PLAYING" signs at both ends of Narothyn Road.

SIGNATURE

HOUSE NUMBER

Vicki and Barrett Bobsein

#9 -

Tony + Kelly Wilwerth

#49 -

Matt + Cheryl Guarro.

#5 -

Ken + Lauren Mangin

#6 -

BRIAN & KAREN JAMISON

#13 -

Ruth/Mim

#17 -

Lynn J. Fetch

#25 -

Donald Reut

#58 -

Buck & Barbara Franke

#61 -

Tom + Betty Hunter

50 -

John & Kathleen Monahan

30 -

Donald & Carolann Tringer

16 -

Ed + Debbie Kishauer

57 -

William J. (Dick) Fitzgerald

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Charles L. Greenstra

54 -

Raymond J. Joyce

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Michael and Joanne Pughard

Lot #11 -



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HOUSE NUMBER

<i>Joel Seckman</i>	21 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Mary Ellen Becker</i>	29 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Kathleen F. Buckwalter</i>	33 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Irene MacConnell</i>	37 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Renata Leister</i>	41 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Chris &amp; Claire McDermott</i>	45 Narothyn Rd -
<i>David &amp; Therese</i>	42 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Shirley McHose</i>	38 Narothyn Road -
<i>Douglas Hasinger</i>	1 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Janet Stickers</i>	62 Narothyn Rd -
<i>Judith L. Ludwig</i>	26 Narothyn Rd -