

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
September 26, 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
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 9/12/88 Supervisors' meeting as written.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: General Fund billing in the amount of \$4,175.92, with State Funds amount of \$2,094.37, and Street Lighting amount of \$103.40 were approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to approve bills when due.

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

7:35 P.M. - Meeting recessed to discuss possible pending litigation.
8:05 P.M. - Meeting called to order.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Building Update: Copies of 9/14 and 9/21 job meeting minutes forwarded to Supervisors. Mr. Singley reported that the slab has been completed. Projected work for this week: rough grading of driveways; curb installation; electrical service to be in place by 9/23. Proposed completion date is 4/15/89.

2. Consortium: Meeting was held at West Rockhill last week; speakers were Commissioner Andrew Warren, Senator James Greenwood, Rep. Paul Clymer and James Newell of DCA. Topics of discussion were rural residency and solid waste. Committee meetings will be held in October regarding Act 535. Bids will be going out for police vehicles (5 or 6) and 2,500 to 3,000 tons of salt.

3. Traffic Light at Rt. 313 and Rickert Road: Awaiting reply from Lieut. Worst of State Police. Dublin Borough has advised they will support a caution light at this location, providing they do not have to bear cost of installation.

4. C.D. Funding - The Board set a hearing date for Community Development Block Grant funds allocation on October 10, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. Advertisement will be forwarded to local newspaper.

5. Traffic Light at Rt. 313 and Stump Road: Approvals received previously from New Britain, Plumstead and Hilltown Townships. Initial cost of light in 1989 will be \$10,000 for each municipality. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Singley to sign agreement for operating cost of this light (1/3 for each municipality).

6. Fire Allotments: Mailed today to each fire department with exception of Sellersville and Silverdale (awaiting agreement from Sellersville and copies of reports from Silverdale).

7. Clerical Appointments: Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to hire Linda Seimes as clerk/secretary to the Administrative Department and Linda Hangey as clerk/secretary to the Police Department, both at \$7.10/hr. with a 6 month probationary period (100 days of work), to begin work on October 10, 1988.

8. Chairman Grunmeier announced that Mr. Singley has begun his third year of employment with the Township.

F. ENGINEERING/PLANNING

1. Vandevander Subdivision: located on Rt. 152, south of Silverdale. No new building lots proposed; received Zoning Hearing Board approval in July 1988. Purpose of lot line change is to correct encroachment of an existing driveway (Bennington) on adjacent ground of Vandevander; lot line configuration received variance approval by ZHB. PC recommended approval subject to completion of outstanding items listed in Engineer's review letter of 9/8/88 (with exception of right-of-way dedication) and consolidation of parcel into common deed. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to grant final plan approval to the Vandevander Subdivision subject to stipulations listed in the Township Engineer's letter of 9/8/88 with the exception of Item #2 (dedication of ultimate right-of-way of Rt. 152).

2. Hilltown Industrial Park: Viking Associates purchased this property from Robert Reep (original plan approved in 1980). Building permits previously issued for three buildings; retention basin to rear of property was only partially constructed -- escrow agreements not required at that time. Mr. Healey has indicated

he would complete retention basin and install silt fence and is requesting that the Board authorize issuance of a permit for foundation and footings for construction of another building included on the approved plan. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to allow issuance of a building permit for footings and foundation subject to completion of items included in correspondence from Robert Healey dated September 23, 1988 and conformance to requirements of the 1987 BOCA Code.

3. Broderick Subdivision: Mr. Wynn met with Mr. Kemmerer on Friday and Monday mornings; grading completed by individual home builder does not conform to the plan. On advice of his attorney, Mr. Kemmerer indicated he will regrade areas to bring the property into compliance to plan; and hopes to be completed with all improvements by winter.

4. Pleasant Meadows Subdivision: Mr. Wynn spoke with Mr. Garis regarding the Henry property. Mr. Garis stated he will do work required, including replacement 18" pipe and endwalls with 24" RCP. Mr. Wynn met with and explained work to Mr. Henry and is awaiting a schedule from John Garis.

5. Keyser/Miller, Landis Road: Requirement of plan approval was paving of Landis Road; binder was completed last week; top was installed today. P.K. Moyer widened road an additional one foot than what was required; cartway is 19' wide. Stabilization of shoulders still to be completed.

6. Schultz Subdivision: Topsoil delivered this morning; landscaping company arrived this afternoon. Trim Development has advised they will install hedge and that they do not intend to do any other work in this development. Swales to be corrected tomorrow -- seeding, jute matting, fertilizer, mulch and silt fence installation to be completed by Earlee Landscaping and Township Road Crew.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Grabowski indicated that, other than items discussed regarding pending litigation, he has nothing further to report.

H. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Report received from Hilltown Township Fire Company.

2. Letter received from Souderton Borough regarding receipt of traffic approval for signal installation on County Line and Schoolhouse Road.

3. Hilltown Civic Association will meet Tuesday evening, September 27th at 8:00 P.M. at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

4. Request received from Emergency Outreach; Mr. Singley advised they will be informed of C.D. hearing on October 10th.

5. Letter received from Arlen Specter stating his support of Community Development Block Grant monies.

6. House Local Government Committee chaired by Rep. Sweet; meetings will be held September 27th and 28th regarding Senate Bill 535.

J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier asked Mr. Singley to explain the Consortium's survey of fire companies. Mr. Singley stated that Mr. Jim Newell of DCA, who attends the monthly Consortium meetings, brought to their attention that fire companies are experiencing difficulty finding volunteers. Mr. Newell would like to work with the Consortium and municipalities in sending a letter, attempting to invoke interest in the fire companies. This has been placed on hold until December or January.

2. Mr. Bennett questioned letter from Emergency Outreach; Mr. Singley stated he will forward a letter to them regarding the October 10th C.D. hearing.

3. Mr. Bennett also remarked on the growing problem of disposal of old appliances. He stated that appliance and scrap dealers will no longer take used appliances due to Federal Regulations on toxic materials, and expressed concern over people dumping the appliances in the Township. Chairman Grunmeier explained that the metal components are put onto a conveyor belt; they are chopped up and fragmented, producing fluff which contain PCB's. Under DER regulations, the scrap processors are prohibited from accepting household appliances at this time. Discussion followed regarding disposal of appliances, automobiles and batteries and the problems that are being experienced.

4. Chairman Grunmeier questioned Chief Egly on the status of an EMA situation; Chief Egly answered that he is working with the Robert Grunmeier II, Emergency Management Coordinator.


5. Chairman Grunmeier asked Mr. Singley status of Line Lexington sewers; Mr. Singley indicated that it is at a standstill at the present time. Chairman Grunmeier requested an update.

6. Chairman Grunmeier stated that some residents have expressed a desire for more police; others have stated we do not need more police. Due to upcoming budget sessions and for long range planning, Chairman Grunmeier suggested that the Department of Community Affairs be contacted to perform a survey of the police department in order to determine what the Township's needs will be. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to allow Mr. Singley to draft a letter to Mr. James Newell of DCA requesting that a survey be performed.

K. PRESS CONFERENCE: Mr. John Gerner complimented Detective William Leyden, and Officers Randall Tanghe, and Matthew Dreyer for their very professional attitude when assisting Mrs. Gerner after her car hit a deer.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mrs. Kelly at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary