

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
January 11, 1988**

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:38 P.M.

Members present were:        Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman  
                                 William H. Bennett, Jr., Supervisor

Others present were:        James H. Singley, Township Manager  
                                 Gloria G. Neiman, Township Secretary  
                                 Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor  
                                 C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer  
                                 Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster

Chairman Grunmeier announced that Mrs. Kelly would be unable to attend this meeting due to a family emergency. He also announced that minutes of the last Supervisors' meeting would be available to the public (at their request) after this meeting.

A.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES:    Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 28, 1987 meeting as written. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 4, 1988 Reorganization meeting as written.

B.    ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:        Current billing in the amount of \$11,402.42 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to pay bills when due.

C.    TREASURER'S REPORT:    Mr. Singley read the report dated January 11, 1988 which is on file at the Township Building. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to accept the report as given, subject to audit.

D.    CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1.    Franklin Rice - Mr. Rice was present to again ask the Board's decision (discussion tabled from 11/23/87 meeting) regarding a waiver on the centralized water requirement for lots on his Broad Street property. HTWSA submitted a letter to the Township, indicating the Authority has no plans to extend water lines in that area. After discussion and review of Mr. Rice's plan, motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded

by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to accept the Franklin Rice plan and waive centralized water requirements at this time with the stipulation that a deed restriction be placed on the two 10 acre lots, stating they cannot be subdivided until public water and sewer is available; and this waiver would be subject to septic systems which conform to Act 537 of the Township without revision.

2. Kenneth Berman for Vincent Pileggi, Jr.: Mr. Berman was present on behalf of his client, Mr. Pileggi to request the Board's consideration of a revised sketch of a subdivision plan which was previously denied by the Supervisors and for which there is pending litigation (the court denied and dismissed Mr. Pileggi's first appeal). Mr. Pileggi is now seeking to settle the law suit regarding the shopping center by approval of a plan for five residential lots. Mr. Grabowski advised the Board that Mr. Berman's proposal indicates 3 stipulations: (1) waiver of 10-acre lane lot requirement; (2) waiver of centralized water system requirement; and (3) request that the plan not need to be submitted to either the BCPC or Hilltown PC. After further discussion, Chairman Grunmeier stated that the BCPC and HTPC review all plans and that he would not assume the responsibility for waiver of the zoning requirements. Mr. Bennett agreed that the plan should be reviewed by the Planning Commissions. Motion was made by Chairman Grunmeier, seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried unanimously to deny Mr. Pileggi's settlement proposal.

3. Dale Nice, Vice President of Telford Fire Company: Mr. Nice, on behalf of the volunteer fire companies, questioned reason for budget cuts in '88 fire company allocations (\$60,000 in '87 and \$45,000 in '88). Chairman Grunmeier and Mr. Singley advised Mr. Nice that an austere program is being implemented throughout the Township, with various departments receiving cuts. Chairman Grunmeier stated that there are unknown variables the Township is working with in 1988, i.e., police contract negotiations and Teamster's negotiations, over which the Township has no control. Mr. Grunmeier further stated that DCA mandates a contract be made with outside fire companies which serve the Township. Mr. Singley related budget percentages and stated that the entire '88 budget is down 4½%. He reported that many of the companies do not submit monthly reports which is a requirement of the agreement; further, many of the companies made no response to his request for their budget needs for this year. Regarding deletion of Perkasio Fire Company; Mr. Singley stated that notice has not been sent as yet. Mr. Bennett questioned difference in Telford's allocation and was told they received \$6,100 in 1987 and \$5,000 is allocated in 1988. Mr. Nice suggested that taxes be increased to allow additional monies for the

fire companies. Chairman Grunmeier reminded Mr. Nice that fire companies were given additional (one-time) monies in 1986 for fire hose. Mr. Nice presented Telford Fire Company's annual report to the Township Manager.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. New Business:

a) Township Report - Mr. Singley read from a report which categorized events which have taken place in 1987 and plans for the future. He indicated that in past years, monies have been carried over year to year and these amounts have helped to balance the budget. Mr. Singley reported that without that carry over, there would have been a deficit and this is the reason for an austere budget in 1988. Mr. Singley stated, "Hilltown has grown since the last census and, with a growing population, our needs and services will grow proportionately within our financial constraints. These two items of fiscal responsibility to the citizens and future growth of the Township will be major areas to address in the future." (A copy of this report is attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

F. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The report for December 1987 was read by Chief Egly and is on file at the Township Building.

G. ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Mr. Buzby read the report dated December 6, 1987 - January 2, 1988 which is on file at the Township office.

H. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Extensions received:

North Penn Industrial Subdivision--90 days.  
Hilltown Township Business Center--60 days.

2. Bux-Mont Trash Transfer Station: Concerns and comments of the Township regarding the proposed permit were hand delivered to representatives of DER: Ms. Linda Benny (Mr. Lunsk's secretary) and Kathy Senkowicz (Mr. Gonshor's secretary) on January 6, 1988.

3. Pleasant Meadows: Mr. Garis has requested Township accept an irrevocable letter of credit in lieu of a cash deposit to provide maintenance of Phase 1, 2, and 4 (10% of construction costs). Motion was made by Mr. Bennett to allow Township Solicitor to draw up an agreement with Mr. Glenn Garis for an irrevocable line of credit in lieu of cash (retaining 10% of construction costs); motion seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

4. Hunsberger Subdivision: All items of escrow agreement completed with exception of driveway paving which must conform to PennDOT specifications. Hunsbergers have requested extension for completion of this item. Motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to grant an extension on the Hunsberger Subdivision development agreement until 6/16/88 for completion of driveway paving.

5. Glenn Garis - Phase 3 has involvement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and, therefore, Mr. Garis is requesting an extension of one year. The Board tabled discussion until next meeting; Mr. Wynn will contact Mr. Garis, requesting status.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Grabowski requested an executive session after tonight's meeting to discuss matters concerning pending litigation.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Philip Begly, 518 Upper Stump Road, questioned "crusher" operations at H & K Quarry. Mr. Singley indicated that a letter was received this date (letter dated 1/7/88), indicating that H & K made application to modify a crusher machine; however, this is the only correspondence the Township has received. Mr. Singley will discuss this with Mr. Kibblehouse during their scheduled meeting this week.

2. Don Beck, 8 Beverly Road, asked why the Township has reduced from 7 to 6 fire companies. Chairman Grunmeier answered that Perkasio Fire Company does not serve that large an area and that it was the Board's decision to turn over that portion of the Township to Silverdale Fire Company. He further stated that Perkasio Borough is developing very rapidly and their fire company will be kept busy with that area alone. Chairman Grunmeier also stated that he has been a fireman and is very supportive of all volunteer fire company efforts.

3. Thomas Hufnagle, Chief of Sellersville Fire Company questioned use of boxes; Chairman Grunmeier stated that changes can be made by calling in correct information.

4. Ed Hunsicker, Souderton Fire Company, requested a work session between representatives of fire companies, Supervisors and Township Manager. The Board agreed to this suggestion; Mr. Singley will set up a meeting.

5. Jack Hetherington, Hilltown Pike, asked to be given a copy of Mr. Pileggi's subdivision plan presented tonight. The Board agreed to this request and gave Mr. Hetherington an extra copy.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter received from Patricia Fleischman, Inc., Underwriting Managers, New York City, advising of an unpaid balance on policy period 1/9/85-86. Township records indicate these bills have been paid; Mr. Singley will discuss with Township Solicitor.

2. Correspondence received from Earl Strouse, member of the Hilltown Township Water & Sewer Authority, stating (with regret) he does not wish to be reappointed to the Authority.

3. Report received from Bunny's Animal Shelter - 60 dogs have died; approximately 214 remaining.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier thanked the Road Department and Police Department for services provided during the recent snow storm.

2. Chairman Grunmeier thanked the Dublin Fire Company, Line Lexington Fire Company, Road Department and Police Department for services provided during the recent accident/oil spill on Hilltown Pike. He stated that this was a "mini-emergency" situation and asked that the Township implement a simulation emergency management plan. Mr. Grunmeier also asked that the Township Manager contact Mr. McCoach to inquire if he is still interested in being the Emergency Management Coordinator.

3. Municipal Planning & Zoning Course being held at Bucks County Community College, Continuing Education Center, Newtown, PA 18940; Fee \$129 which includes all materials; to be held March 2, 1988 to April 6, 1988 (6 Wednesdays) 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. PC Members will be asked if they wish to attend.

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

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Bennett at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary