

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
December 28, 1987**

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  
Vincent Pischl, Supervisor

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 14, 1987 Supervisors' Meeting as written.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley read the report which is on file at the Township office. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to accept the report as given, subject to audit.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

D. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. New Business:

a) Resolution #87-70 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #87-70, establishing rates for Township Zoning Ordinances, Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance, and Comprehensive Plan; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

b) Resolution #87-71 - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-71, establishing rate for Security Alarm Violations (on the advise of the Chief of Police).

c) Resolution #87-72 - Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-72, establishing rates for Police Reports.

d) Resolution #87-73 - Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #87-73, establishing schedule of fees and charges for Subdivision Applications (Residential Minor - Flat fee of \$450; Residential Major \$350 + \$100/lot; Industrial/Commercial - \$500 + \$100/lot), Land/Site Development Applications (Residential \$500 + \$25/unit; Commercial/Industrial \$500 + \$25 per 1,000 S.F. of gross bldg. area), and Resubmission of Plans (\$250). Mr. Pischl questioned rates currently charged; Mr. Wynn stated that \$300 + \$75/lot is charged for Residential; \$350 + \$75/lot for Industrial. Motion carried unanimously.

E. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Longview Estates - Final plan of 9 lot subdivision located at Dublin Rd., Longview Rd., and Blooming Glen Rd. Preliminary plan approval received at last meeting. Escrow quantities have been forwarded to Township Solicitor for legal descriptions. Items to be addressed: location of retention basins; paving along Longview Road; post lamps to be moved; detail showing improvements to endwall and pipe extension; trench boxes along Blooming Glen Road; and improvements to

Lot #5 to be provided outside of wetlands area. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to give final plan approval to the Longview Estates subdivision, subject to conditions listed in Engineer's review letter of 12/14/87.

2. Franklin Rice - 2 lot subdivision on Dublin Road. PC recommended denial based on Engineer's letter of 1/13/87 and BCPC review of 1/14/87. Number of plan items not yet addressed. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to deny the Franklin Rice Subdivision Plan based on Township Engineer's letter of 1/13/87 and BCPC review letter of 1/14/87.

3. Calhoun Subdivision - located on Orchard Road; PC recommended denial unless letter of extension is received. Correspondence dated 12/15/87 received from applicant, granting 120 day extension (until 5/12/88). Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to accept offer of 120 day extension for the Calhoun Subdivision.

4. North Penn Industrial Park Subdivision - Recommended for denial by PC unless extension is granted before 1/10/88. Motion made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to deny the North Penn Industrial Park Subdivision Plan unless offer of extension is received by the Township before 1/10/88.

5. Hilltown Business Center - PC recommends denial based on lack of response from applicant. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to deny the Hilltown Business Center Subdivision Plan unless a letter of extension is received by the Township.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Lewis Subdivision - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-74, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for the Lewis Subdivision and Resolution #87-75, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Lewis Subdivision.

G. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Grunmeier questioned the following:

1) Joseph Pileggi - property located at Rt. 113 and 313 - in violation of use and occupancy requirements of zoning ordinance. Township to forward letter to Mr. Pileggi as quickly as possible.

2) Status of H & K Quarry and covering of trucks: Mr. Grabowski reported that there has been no response from H & K and recommended the Township follow the provisions of the agreement. The Board directed the Police Department and Mr. Singley to look into this.

3) Herb Histan, 210H Old Bethlehem Road, requested inspection of his home (located near the Blooming Glen Quarry). Mr. Pischl questioned cost of the previous inspections made on Skunk Hollow Quarry homes. Mr. Wynn stated that inspections involved review of blasting records, site inspection of homes and monitoring of blasts, and that 60% to 70% of the total cost is involved for one home. The Board agreed to have the Township Engineer investigate Mr. Histan's home, since Mr. Wynn is familiar with inspection requirements.

4) Zoning Officer's Position - Mr. Singley indicated that interviews will be set up by mid-January.

5) Zoning Update RFP's - Mr. Singley indicated they will be going out within the next two weeks.

6) Zoning Car - to be advertised for bid beginning of new year.

7) Emergency Management Simulation - forthcoming.

8) Upper Bucks Consortium - First meeting to be held end of January.

9) Flag for Township Building - Police Department will look into securing a flag.

#### H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Delaware Water Basin Commission - Central Bucks Water Supply Committee - request for answers to questions regarding the Point Pleasant Project - Supervisors will discuss at a future meeting.

2. Letter received from PennDOT, acknowledging application for traffic light at Diamond Street and Rt. 113.

3. Correspondence received from "The Reporter", requesting information to be placed in their special advertising supplement.

**8:00 P.M. - Regular meeting recessed. Meeting called to order for hearing of advertised ordinance, amending provisions of the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1983; relating to utilities, industrial uses, resource recovery facilities, airports and private landing fields.**

Mr. Grabowski stated that this ordinance has been on file at the Township Building and News Herald offices for public review. BCPC and Township PC have also been given copies for their review. BCPC has recommended adoption of this ordinance with suggested revisions. Mr. Grabowski recommended that this ordinance be considered for further review by the Township PC and Township staff before adoption.

The following comments were made by Mr. Grabowski:

1. Existing zoning ordinance allows for trash transfer stations within PI District. Consideration should be given to regulating resource recovery uses in the future; update of language should be reviewed. PI District could be segregated into light and heavy industrial areas. Minimum acreage requirements should be considered.

2. Distinction should be made between public and non-public utilities.

3. Private landing strips and airfields - PC has been working on this; comments received from other townships and letter from Rep. Wilson will be forwarded to PC for their review. PC also agrees that this ordinance requires further review.

Mr. Grabowski informed the Board that, since the existing ordinance allows for trash transfer stations as a permitted use, a pending advertised ordinance would supercede any applications received for that use. Mr. Grabowski suggested that this ordinance be readvertised for further review and scheduling of future hearings (for a 6 month time period).



Public comment regarding this ordinance:

1. Ron Theis, Callowhill Road - Mr. Theis referred to a pending law suit in Richland Township regarding a trash to steam plant and stated that trash to steam plants should not be allowed in Hilltown Township.

2. Jack Fox, Hilltown - Mr. Fox suggested that a trash to steam facility would be better operated by a municipality than by a private concern; the municipality could control the amount trash of being burned.

3. Jim Pierce, Skunk Hollow Rd. - Mr. Pierce asked if any type of waste could be incinerated. Mr. Grabowski replied that no hazardous wastes could be burned.

4. John Snyder, Mill Rd. - Mr. Snyder suggested that a 10 acre tract requirement could be too restrictive. Mr. Grabowski indicated this would be a subject for further discussion. Mr. Snyder also suggested that municipal use be redefined with regard to emergency vehicles and fire police rescue squads.

5. Bill Godek, 206 Broad St. - Mr. Godek asked how a pending act (House Bill #528) would affect this ordinance. Chairman Grunmeier advised that this bill, which is still in the Subcommittee, would turn duties over to the County.

6. Jean Bolger, Rt. 152 - Mrs. Bolger questioned if this ordinance would be affected by the planned update of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Grabowski stated that the zoning update could take one year to complete and that this ordinance is being written to insure the Township against further development of this nature.

There being no further comment, a motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to table this proposed zoning change until further review has been made by the Hilltown Township Planning Commission and joint work sessions have been set up between the Supervisors, Township Engineer and Township Solicitor; and to allow the Township Solicitor to readvertise this ordinance for a public hearing to be held on March 14, 1988.

8:35 P.M. -- Hearing adjourned; regular meeting resumed.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jack Fox stated that this is Mr. Pischl's last meeting on the Board of Supervisors and commended him for the excellent job he has performed in the twelve years he has served the Township.

2. Mr. Wynn reminded the Board that the Township has been notified of a pending permit by Bux-Mont and that concerns and comments should be sent to DER regarding that application. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier to send a letter to DER, protesting the DER application made by Bux-Mont Refuse Services, Inc. for the proposed site at Reliance Road and Route 309. Mr. Pischl abstained from voting; motion carried.

3. Ron Theis questioned traffic speed at H & K Quarry. Chief Egly reported that a speed check was conducted at that location.

4. Toni MacMillan questioned status of Liptak citation. Mr. Grabowski indicated that the Township is awaiting a hearing at this time.

5. Jean Bolger suggested an "easel-type" board be used for public's view of plans when discussed.

6. Virginia Kears, Skunk Hollow Rd., questioned speed limit and lining of that road. Chief Egly indicated that 35 mph speed limit will be posted.

7. Phil Begley questioned painting of lines on Skunk Hollow Road. Chairman Grunmeier stated that this would be investigated.

J. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from the Telford Fire Company, commending Mr. Pischl for his excellent relationship with the fire services and thanking him for his concern and support of the community fire services.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS (continued):

10. Chairman Grunmeier requested that a "State of the Township" address be presented at a public meeting by the Township Manager (citing what has transpired in 1987, and goals for 1988). The Board agreed to this suggestion and requested Mr. Singley make this presentation at the 1/11/88 meeting.

11. Chairman Grunmeier also suggested that staff meetings be held prior to the first meeting of each month between department heads and the Supervisors, beginning in January.

12. Chairman Grunmeier also requested that minutes of Supervisors' meetings be made available to the general public to promote further communication with residents.

13. Chairman Grunmeier also stated that he attended a meeting in Lower Salford Township and discussed the possibility of having Hilltown Township's minutes available at the Indian Valley Library, in the Local Government Section, for public review. The Board agreed to allow the Township Secretary to contact Mr. David Clark of the Indian Valley Library regarding this matter.

14. At this time, Chairman Grunmeier read Resolution #87-69, commending Supervisor Vincent Pischl on his twelve years of dedicated service to Hilltown Township, stating "Mr. Pischl was instrumental during his leadership to help formulate Hilltown during a period of growth and development that has benefited the community . . ." Chairman Grunmeier and Mrs. Kelly presented Mr. Pischl with a gold watch and framed resolution. Mr. Pischl expressed his appreciation to all. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Chairman Grunmeier and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-69.

15. Chairman Grunmeier announced that the Supervisors will be making appointments to vacancies on various boards at their Reorganization Meeting; anyone interested in seeking an appointment should contact the Township Secretary.

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. Pischl at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



(Mrs.) Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary