

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
September 14, 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: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager  
Gloria G. Neiman, Twp. Secretary  
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor  
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer  
George C. Egly, Chief of Police  
Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 24, 1987 Supervisors' meeting as written.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing was approved in the following amounts:

September 17, 1987	\$6,009.70
September 24, 1987	\$3,980.33

Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

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

D. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Due to another committment, Chairman Grunmeier allowed the Chief to present his report at this time. Chief Egly read the report for August; same is on file at the Township building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35 P.M. An executive session was held at this time for discussion of personnel matters. Meeting called back to order at 7:50 P.M.

E. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Carl Lindsay, Attorney representing J. Penner Corp.: Mr. Lindsay, on behalf of his client, requested the Board's permission to continue a non-conforming use at their present location (located on Carson Helicopter property). Mr. Samuel B. Cinnamon, Vice President of Carson Helicopter Co. was also present. Mr. Lindsay explained that J. Penner Corp. is involved in the assembly and resale of computer maintenance kits, employing 4 employees at present (but could employ as many as 21). Mr. Lindsay indicated that the Township Zoning Officer, Mr. Myers, had inspected most of the building and he commended Mr. Myers on his professionalism and efficiency. Mr. Pischl made the following motion - Before a Use & Occupancy permit is given as a non-conforming use, a letter should be submitted to the Zoning Officer detailing J. Penner Corporation's form of business and stating that the Zoning Officer be allowed to perform a complete inspection of the premises and future plans, if any; and that he be allowed to inspect the building again, if necessary. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. (The Board directed Mr. Lindsay to send the letter to the attention of James H. Singley, Township Manager.)

2. Hatfield Reconditioning: Ms. Kathy Babb was present with Mr. Tony Caracausa to request the Board's permission to park cars on property known as Alexander's Restaurant. Ms. Babb explained that Hatfield Reconditioning has signed a temporary release with Mr. Caracausa allowing them to park cars on the property; however, the Township Zoning Officer has advised them that they must obtain a variance. Hatfield Reconditioning has contacted their attorney to apply for a variance but they are requesting the Board's permission to continue to park cars there. Chairman Grunmeier stated that he would not enter into any discussion or vote, since his company does business with Hatfield Reconditioning. Mr. Pischl questioned what would happen if the Zoning Hearing Board voted against this variance and stated that he, personally, would not allow any vehicles to be parked on the property until a ZHB decision has been rendered. Mrs. Kelly agreed with this decision.

3. Wayne Anderson, 1502H W. Callowhill Rd.: Mr. Anderson indicated he was present at a HTWSA meeting one week ago to request that Board's direction regarding connection of his property and his neighbors properties to sewer lines constructed on South Perkasia Road (he indicated that BCHD has notified these residents of failing systems). Mr. Anderson asked, since this is outside of Hilltown Township's jurisdiction, how they could be allowed to connect to the Perkasia Borough system. Chairman Grunmeier indicated that this would require an Act 537 revision. Mr. Wynn suggested that the group of homeowners approach Perkasia Borough Authority. The Board indicated that they would give their endorsement if approved by Perkasia Borough Authority (PBA). In answer to Chairman Grunmeier's question, Mr. John Gerner recommended that the homeowner's attend PBA's meeting on 9/15/87 at 7:30 P.M. or contact Mr. Russell Haring, Manager of PBA.

4. Mr. Gary Phinney: Mr. Phinney was present to request the Board's approval of his revised plans and an Act 537 revision. Mr. Phinney indicated that HTWSA had granted approval for realignment of sewer line and that William D. Kee, HTWSA Engineer, sent a letter to the Township indicating their approval (Mr. Singley indicated that the Township has not received this letter). Chairman Grunmeier stated that he would like something in writing from HTWSA. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to approve Act 537 revision; and plan revision; subject to receipt of HTWSA's letter granting their permission; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) Cable T.V. - Mr. Singley reported on two previous complaints: Hatfield Mennonite Home - complaint has been resolved by cable company. Mr. Wolfrom, Red Wing Road - The General Manager of Suburban Cable has advised that it would cost their company \$1,200 to run a cable line to five properties which have requested service. Those residents have indicated they do not wish to be responsible for this cost and have requested the Township intercede. Mr. Singley indicated that installation or extension of line is not addressed in the cable t.v. contract. Chairman Grunmeier stated that there are many residents throughout the Township who would like cable t.v. service but have not received it. Mr. Singley advised he would discuss this further with the residents and the cable company.

b) Computer - The new computer has been on line for one week -- Mr. Singley indicated that approximately 20 hours of manpower have already been saved and that checks will be printed (for the first time) this week.

c) New Dump Truck - Truck was picked up at Bryner Chevrolet. Upon checking the truck, the Roadmaster noted that it did not meeting specifications and returned the truck to Municipal Supply for adjustments.

d) Night Scope - Mr. Singley recommended award be given to Pennsylvania Police Supply at a cost of \$5,500 or \$4,600, depending on need for 170mm lens (this will be discussed with Chief Egly). This scope is being purchased with monies received from the drug enforcement agency. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to approve the bid (up to \$5,500) of Pennsylvania Police Supply for a night scope; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

e) Rock Salt - Mr. Singley recommended bid be given to International Salt at a cost of \$27.74/Ton. Roadmaster, Thomas Buzby, indicated this was a good price. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to award the rock salt bid to International Salt, Clark Summit, PA at a cost of \$27.74/Ton. This bid was made through the Consortium.

f) Zoning Revisions - Mr. Singley indicated a letter of intent would be sent out shortly and a meeting held with the Township Engineer to finalize the update. Mr. Singley stated that time frame involved would be by November, 1987.

## 2. New Business:

a) Community Development Funds - Notice received that Hilltown Township's allocation for next three years would be \$81,600. Hearing will be held at the next Supervisors' meeting of September 28, 1987 at 8:00 P.M.

b) New Bookkeeper - Chairman Grunmeier introduced Mrs. Christine Morgan, S. Perkasie Road, who will begin her duties tomorrow, 9/15/87. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to hire Mrs. Morgan as a part-time bookkeeper with a probationary period of six months; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

G. ROADMASTER'S REPORT: The report dated August 2 through September 12, 1987 was read by Mr. Buzby; same is on file at the Township office. Mr. Buzby stated that he contacted Municipal Supply today and the new dump truck now meets specifications.

H. ZONING REPORT: Mr. Singley read the monthly report submitted by Clarence J. Myers, Zoning Officer; same is on file at the Township building.

## I. ENGINEERING/PLANNING:

1. Kaiser/Miller Site Development Plan - Proposed automobile sales facility located on Bethlehem Pike. Plan proposes improvements to Landis Road and Bethlehem Pike and installation of curbing (Bethlehem Pike) and retention basin. Escrow agreement in the amount of \$139,540 has been set up to guarantee public improvements. Mr. Wynn indicated the following outstanding items: (1) Final approval of HTWSA regarding connection to public sewer; (2) Written approval required from Water Authority supplying service to the site. (3) Deduction of Road ROW. (4) Execution of escrow agreement. Plan proposes connection to Telford Water System; however property is within service area of North Penn. Telford Borough has indicated they will not service until approval is released prior to issuance of building permit. NPWA has indicated the matter would be resolved between the authorities. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to approve the Kaiser/Miller Site Development Plan subject to conditions stated by the Township Engineer; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Brick's Way Street Lights - PP&L proposes installation of street lights at two locations, revised to provide lighted surface along Brick's Way. Chairman Grunmeier and Mr. Pischl questioned whether a light could be installed at the intersection. Mr. Wynn reported that a petition was included with the development agreement, signed by Mr. Hackett, petitioning the Township for installation of street lights. Residents would be assessed for cost of operation. Chairman Grunmeier also asked that the grate on Schoolhouse Road be installed as soon as possible.

Mr. Wynn to contact P P & L regarding light locations.

3. Act 47 Proposal - Proposal for highway traffic improvement study to provide basis for capital improvement program. Work to include: identification of traffic conditions; flow rates; forecast of future traffic demands and volume; estimation of construction cost; prioritization of problems; preparation of a highway and traffic improvement report. Study is prerequisite for adoption of Township Ordinance whereby funds would be generated for highway improvements through participation of developers. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl to accept the proposal (as given) from C. Robert Wynn Associates, Inc. for Act 47 (Trip Generation) Study at a cost not to exceed \$9,000; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

4. Traffic Signal Plan, Route 309 & Hilltown Pike - Proposal by Pickering, Courts & Sommerson sent to Township for review of plan which includes left turn lanes for Route 309 traffic to Hilltown Pike and other intersection improvements. Mr. Wynn indicated he could see no problems with the plan; the Board concurred.

5. Bridge Inspection Reports - Fairhill Road Bridge over Rt. 309 - Report contains recommendations (prepared by PennDOT) to replace cable guiderail and approaches; no posting required for bridge. The Board directed Mr. Singley to contact the State Representative for follow up on this; (the Township was not to take back this bridge during the turnback of Fairhill Road and this matter was to be previously resolved by PennDOT).

6. Extensions:

- (a) Caroline Bergen - 60 days.
- (b) Hackett/Finkelstein - 90 days

7. Toth Brothers - Requested Board's direction on conceptual plans for Swartley Road Improvements; relief granted from curb and sidewalks; requirement made that owner make curve and bridge improvements. Applicant's engineer has requested a preliminary review to determine if plans are to Board's satisfaction. Bridge is proposed to be replaced with 48" concrete pipe and two DW endwalls; 26' widening proposed with 4' shoulders with guiderail across culvert area. Mr. Wynn indicated he could see no problem with the design at this point; the Board concurred.

J. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Rex Subdivision, Upper Stump Road - Escrow fund set up for installation of driveway piping and seeding in the amount of \$28,600. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to approve this escrow account. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unaimously to adopt Resolution #87-41, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication and Resolution #87-42, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Rex Subdivision.

2. Paul Ernst Minor Subdivision, Cherry Lane & County Line Road - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-43, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication and Resolution #87-44, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Ernst Subdivision.

3. Ephross Subdivision, S. Perkasie Road - Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-45, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication and Resolution #87-46, Declaration of Public Purpose for the Ephross Subdivision.

4. Demolition Resolution - This resolution requires the issuance of a demolition permit for destruction of any residential or commercial structure over 500 S.F. or more; charge for same is \$25 - Residential; \$50 - Commercial/Industrial. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-47, Establishing a Fee Schedule for Demolition Permit Issuance.

5. Flood Plain Certification Resolution - This resolution establishes charge for flood plain certification letters to verify whether parcels are located in Township Flood Plain area. A charge of \$25 will be made for these certifications to cover cost of time involved in research to compile necessary data. Motion was made by Mr. Pischl, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #87-48, Establishing Issuance of Flood Plain Ordinance Certifications by Township Engineer.

6. Traffic Light at Rt. 313 - Mr. Grabowski indicated he has reviewed the standard form and found it to be in order. Mr. Singley was directed to contact Mr. Bender of New Britain Township who will handle all paperwork. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to enter into an agreement between Hilltown Township, Plumstead Township and New Britain Township to construct and maintain a traffic light at Rt. 313 and Stump Road; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jay Poggi, 333 Thistle Lane - Mr. Poggi questioned purchase of night scope and was told it was purchased with drug enforcement monies. He further questioned status of Pleasant Meadow development streets; Mr. Wynn advised that streets have been paved, roads must still be filled and sidewalk replaced. However, box culvert area will remain the same until next spring (due to wetlands involvement).

2. Mark Fackler, 829 S. Perkasie Road - Mr. Fackler asked if the Board had reviewed the S. Perkasie Road water connection requirement discussed at the 8/24/87 Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Grunmeier stated that, apparently, some of the owners had not been able to obtain their title search agreements, and that their representative at settlement should have explained all conditions to them. Mr. Fackler indicated his agreements were not issued to him at the time of settlement; nor has he received them from the bank or title company. Chairman Grunmeier recommended that the residents hook up to the HTWSA line and approach HTWSA regarding an extended payment schedule for the connection fee of \$2,000; such as, payments made over a 24 month period. Mr. Fackler indicated that (speaking for himself) this would be a satisfactory arrangement, if that is the best that can be done. Mr. Grunmeier advised the residents that they would have to hook up to public water and pay the plumber's fee; the Board agreed to request HTWSA to grant an extended time period for payment of the connection fee.

3. Jack Morgan, 750 S. Perkasie Road - Mr. Morgan asked why only 7 of the 25 homes located on that road must hook up to public water. Mr. Wynn explained that when the plans came before the Township Planning Commission, public water (although not yet available) was proposed to be going up to Blooming Glen Road via South Perkasie Road and the Supervisors approved. The P.C. recommended that a note be placed on the plans, requiring connection to public water when available. Mrs. Christine Morgan stated that they were not aware of that requirement; and that they had not received their title search until February, 1987. Chairman Grunmeier stated they would have to connect and that the Supervisors were attempting to alleviate the burden by extending the time period.

4. Mr. Fackler (South Perkasie Road) questioned time frame required for connection to public water and also depth of trench. Mr. Grabowski advised Mr. Fackler to address HTWSA regarding these concerns.

5. Mr. Pischl questioned if there would be a better method of advising potential buyers of these conditions/restrictions, other than placing them on the plan. He indicated that the title report only refers the buyer to the plan; it does not tell him anything at all unless he also has a copy of the plan. Mr. Grabowski answered that there isn't anything more the Township can do; other than place this information on the plan which is registered in the Recorder of Deeds' office. Mr. Fackler thanked the Board for their assistance.

6. Mr. William Bennett asked, since these property owners will also have to pay plumber's fees (which could amount to \$1,200 to \$1,500) and that those bills must be paid promptly, could the connection fee be spread out to 4 years rather than 2 years. Chairman Grunmeier answered that the 2 year amount was merely a suggestion to HTWSA; he requested that the residents discuss this and advise if this is still a hardship. The final decision, however, would rest with the Water & Sewer Authority.

#### L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. PA Municipal Retirement Board - 1986 monies total \$21,746.72 which must remain in plan but which will collect interest.

2. County of Bucks - correspondence received asking if the Township would wish to participate through Bucks County centralized purchasing. Mr. Singley suggested that a resolution be drawn up and stated he will send information to the Supervisors.

3. Fire Company reports received and are on file at the Township office.

4. Hilltown Historical Society will meet on Thursday, September 17th.

#### M. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier announced that Mr. Singley has been employed by the Township for one year and that the Board recognizes that his probationary period has expired. The Board congratulated Mr. Singley.

2. Mrs. Kelly stated that an invitation was extended to the H.T. Supervisors from Dublin Borough to attend the Dublin parade on September 7th. Mrs. Kelly further remarked that, although the Line Lexington Fire Company was not invited to participate, the Mayor of Dublin allowed the Supervisors to ride in the Line Lexington fire truck. Mrs. Kelly was dismayed over the fact that they were placed at the end of the parade and stated that she believed this was an insult to the Hilltown Township Supervisors.

3. Chairman Grunmeier announced that Hilltown Township Baptist Church is celebrating their 250th anniversary. A dinner will be held at Williamson's Restaurant, Willow Grove, on October 23rd at 7:30 P.M. Any Supervisors wishing to attend should advise Mr. Singley. The Board also directed Mr. Singley to draft a resolution, congratulating this organization.

4. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 P.M. in the Township Building for the purpose of hearing discussion regarding the H & K Quarry.

5. Newsletter meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 11:00 A.M. in the Township building.

6. Chairman Grunmeier requested Mr. Singley draft a letter to Calvery Church, Rt. 113, requesting that they provide space for a polling area, if possible (contact person: Les Clemens).

7. Planning Commission has requested HTWSA send copies of minutes to their members. Regarding their request for envelopes, Mr. Singley advised that the Township would supply the P.C. with Hilltown Township envelopes since they have been purchased in bulk quantity.

8. In recognition of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution, which will be held in Philadelphia on Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 P.M., Chairman Grunmeier read an article which he composed for a periodical digest. A copy of this article is attached to these minutes.

N. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held at this time to answer any questions or concerns of those reporters present.

Mr. Grunmeier requested an executive session following this meeting for discussion of personnel matters.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Pischl at 9:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman  
Township Secretary

# **WE THE PEOPLE**

I would like to deviate from the normal type of message and request that we take a few moments from our busy schedules to give some thought to the United States Constitution . It is remarkable how a group of people with such diversified, ethnic backgrounds and ideas could devise such remarkable document.

The guidelines set down in the United States Constitution are the foundation of the United States Government. We, as citizens of the United States of America, are very fortunate to reside in a country where we can express our particular views and religious views without restrictions from our government.

The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights may not be perfect, but no one else as of this date has ever devised a better set of guidelines. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the United States Constitution a very happy 200th birthday!