

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
SUBJECT: H & K QUARRY
September 16, 1987**

This special meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Robert H. Grunmeier at 7:42 P.M.

Chairman Grunmeier announced that the first meeting dealing with this subject was held on July 29, 1987 and that this is the second part of that 2-part meeting.

This meeting has been video-taped and tape recorded; for this reason, these minutes are an abbreviated synopsis of what occurred.

Members present: Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman
Betty J. Kelly, Vice Chairperson
Vincent Pischl, Supervisor

Others present: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager
Gloria G. Neiman, Twp. Secretary
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Clarence J. Myers, Zoning Officer
Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster

Township Solicitor: Mary C. Eberle

Township Engineer: C. Robert Wynn

Introductions were made by Chairman Grunmeier, as follows:

James Roach, Leg's. Aide for Rep. Wilson
Frank Sentz, DER
John Haines - President, Haines & Kibblehouse
John Kibblehouse - Sec'y, Haines & Kibblehouse
Paul Ober - Attorney, Haines & Kibblehouse
Harry Budenz - Haines & Kibblehouse
Scott Seitz - Ass't. Superintendent, H & K

Mr. Grunmeier announced that at the July 29th meeting, a representative was present from Senator Greenwood's office; however, a representative is not present at tonight's meeting. He noted that the date of this second meeting was announced at the July 29th meeting.

The Supervisors reviewed tapes and video recordings of the previous meeting; an interoffice memo was sent to all department heads on 8/3/87 requesting they address specified items; Mr. Grunmeier read the memo which is attached to these minutes. Following are comments made by department heads at this meeting (with corresponding memo item numbers listed).

Chief George C. Egly, Chief of Police: (#2 & #3) Intersection of Rt. 152 and Skunk Hollow Road check for sight visibility (with private vehicle and truck). Visibility poor. Letters sent to New Britain requesting assistance in alleviating the problem. No response received to date. (#8) Lower speed limit on Skunk Hollow Road - Speed survey conducted, Chief Egly indicated the speeds were very low. Speed survey conducted on Callowhill Road - 14 citations issued. Stop signs were placed at exits of the Quarry. (#13) Weight of trucks were checked at three locations: Skunk Hollow Rd., Broad Street, Broad & Callowhill - all trucks found to be in compliance. Only those trucks with blacktop utilized tarps.

James H. Singley, Township Manager: (#11) Certified letter sent to H & K requesting time cards and blasting records from March to present. Meeting was held with the Zoning Officer and H & K; problems were discussed (see Clarence Myers, Zoning Officer and Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster reports following). Letter received from Clemons and Klimpl, attorneys representing C.O.V.E.R. group, indicating their concern with water levels. Mr. Singley reported that the Township will hire a hydrologist to determine if there are any problems with the water or the level of wells. Regarding "no traffic" signs on Stump Road, Mr. Singley indicated that these signs were installed by New Britain Township at the request of their residents. New Britain has indicated they are willing to work with Hilltown Township in an effort to resolve this situation. Chairman Grunmeier stated that New Britain, Plumstead and Hilltown Townships are working together to have a traffic light installed at Rt. 313 and Stump Road.

Clarence J. Myers, Township Zoning Officer: (#11) Mr. Myers reported that Mr. Kibblehouse supplied copies of time cards dated 3/29/87 through 8/15/87 for the Blooming Glen and Skunk Hollow Quarries. Although employees had clocked in prior to starting time of 6:30 A.M. and also worked on Sunday, it was explained that this time was spent servicing the vehicles. (#12) Setback of Quarry - investigation made 9/15/87 of both Blooming Glen and Skunk Hollow Quarries; Mr. Myers stated that it is his considered opinion that the agreement between H & K and the Township is being adhered to.

Mary C. Eberle, Township Solicitor: (#12) Mrs. Eberle reported that, along with Mr. Myers, she made a setback inspection of the properties; they walked the entire boundaries and found no violation of setbacks. (#6) Covers for trucks - Mrs. Eberle stated that, according to the Zoning Ordinance and the Agreement between H & K and the Township, all trucks should be covered. (#4) Taxes on trucks using Quarry - Mrs. Eberle indicated that, after checking the Local Tax Enabling Act, she determined the Township does not have the authority to tax quarry trucks.

C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer: (#7) Mr. Wynn indicated that he investigated design standards of Skunk Hollow Road, using PennDOT guidelines for comparison. He stated that this road does not have a centerline marking and that same should be placed on the roads; width varies with 18' being the common width (slightly narrower than PennDOT design criteria); brush needs to be cleared; shoulders are inadequate. Skunk Hollow and Callowhill Road Intersection -- trees should be removed; lilac bushes removed; ditch on south side should be improved. Inspection of surface of Hilltown Township portion of Skunk Hollow Road indicates it is well maintained and in good condition; area in front of Quarry is "allegator" cracked. Quarry Exit and Entrance: in poor repair with increased deterioration of roadway. Mr. Wynn indicated the following items be considered when determining future budget allocations: 1. Painting of centerline; (2) speed limit (35 mph); (3) warning signs; (4) trimming brush and trees; (5) culvert widening; and (6) improvements to Callowhill Road intersection. He further advised that New Britain Township and PennDOT should be notified of poor condition of road in their Township. (#5) Structural damage to homeowners within Quarry district: Mr. Wynn has been in contact with a structural engineer to arrange for inspection of homes (a record was taken of those residents with structural damage, wishing to have their homes investigated).

Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster: Mr. Buzby indicated he met with H & K officials for the purpose of attempting to correct problems with roads around the Quarries (due partly to increased truck traffic). The Quarry has offered to supply stone needed to repair base on Broad Street; they will supply asphalt needed at half price; installation of asphalt will be done by Quarry

at no cost to Township; H & K has also agreed to repave a portion of Quarry Road in the same manner. Regarding problem with dust and dirt being deposited onto Skunk Hollow Road, Quarry has agreed to install a concrete drive from their scale to Skunk Hollow Rd. They have also agreed to replace the driveway pipe at their Broad Street entrance and replace it with a new pipe, improving the drainage on Broad Street.

Frank Sentz, DER: Mr. Sentz stated that DER is currently evaluating blasting activity and awaiting reports, and that his department would like to have another meeting with all concerned to report on their findings.

At this time, public comments were heard. The following residents made comments during this meeting:

Mr. William Begley, 518 Upper Stump Road, Chalfont.
Mr. David Hendricks, 511 Upper Stump Road, Chalfont.
Mr. William Kaufman, 703 Upper Stump Road, Chalfont.
Mr. Ronald Theis, 635 Callowhill Road, Perkasie.
Ms. Louise Thorn, Callowhill & Stump Road.
Mr. William Godek, 206 Broad Street, Perkasie.
Ms. Linda Reef, 524 Upper Stump Road, Chalfont.
Ms. Pat Andress, 430 Upper Stump Road, Chalfont.
Mr. Herb Gery, 825 Limekiln Pike, Chalfont.
Ms. Louise Levy, Limekiln Pike, Chalfont.
Ms. Leslie Keers, 529 Skunk Hollow Road, Chalfont.

Following is a list of resident's concerns:

1. Move of asphalt/batching plant to Skunk Hollow Quarry. (Agreement states plant can be relocated after 10 years)
2. Covering of trucks (Mrs. Eberle suggested this issue be worked out with H & K.
3. Stop sign at Broad and Callowhill (4-way). (Chief Egly indicated this could not be done since it is a violation of the PA Vehicle Code).
4. Questioned if there are plans for Quarry expansion at this time. (Mr. Ober, H & K Attorney, stated "no".)
5. Degree of blasts have become greater.
6. Projection for future quarrying activities. (Mr. Ober replied that if there is no change in technical requirements or price of stone, there would be approximately 20 years left for quarrying at this location).
7. Aesthetic appearance of roads, bridges. (Mr. Wynn stated that although no one wants to see the beauty of roadways destroyed, no tree is worth injury or death to a human).
8. Road improvements - Skunk Hollow and Broad Street (widening).
9. Projected quarrying life at Blooming Glen Quarry. (Mr. Ober indicated he would research this if the Township wishes).
10. Questioned procedure for a resident to look through Township records. (Told to contact James H. Singley, Township Manager).
11. Stop sign on Callowhill Road.
12. Water survey for Hilltown Village.
13. Visibility at Limekiln and Hilltown Pike.

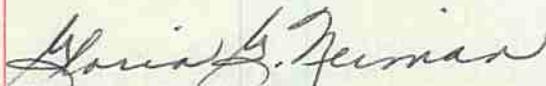
PUBLIC COMMENT: At resident's request, Mr. Singley read a letter, dated 8/27/87, addressed to the Board of Supervisors from Terry W. Clemons, Clemons and Klimpl, Attorney for C.O.V.E.R. group. This letter contained proposed solutions to the following problems cited by residents: water, blasting, hours of operation, operation of quarry trucks, concrete and/or asphalt batch plant, and quarrying setbacks. (A copy of this letter was presented to Mr. Ober, Attorney for H & K, at this meeting - copy of same is on file at the Township office).

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Chairman Grunmeier reported: On August 15th at 4:00 A.M., Chief Egly, James Singley, and he visited four quarries and a 5-Ton batching plant in Wrightstown. Operations begin as early as 2:00 A.M. at many of these quarries. Mr. Grunmeier stated that quarrying is a needed business and due to low interest rates, construction has increased, the need for materials is great and, therefore, quarrying activities have increased. He further indicated that H & K has been very cooperative.
2. Mr. Pischl stated that the agreement between H & K and Hilltown Township was made to avoid extensive court and legal fees. Mrs. Eberle supported Mr. Pischl and indicated that, without this agreement, the Township would have spent many years in litigation.
3. Chairman Grunmier stated that the Supervisors have spent a lot of time on this, have inspected the blasting site, and that they are very concerned. However, he also noted that before purchasing a home, the people should investigate the surrounding area. He further stated that, under the Curative Amendment, if there is not a place in the Township for a specific district, the Township must provide one.
4. Regarding covering of trucks, Chairman Grunmeier indicated that (on the advice of the Township Solicitor) there would be a meeting with H & K to discuss this issue.
5. Chairman Grunmeier also stated that the Township Engineer has been given authority to work on an Act 47 Plan (Transportation District) and to set up a Risk Management Plan.
6. Several residents indicated that a meeting has been scheduled by Sentator Greenwood's office on October 1st at Seylar School. The Supervisors, to date, have received no notification of this meeting.
7. Regarding water survey in Hilltown Village, Mr. Singley advised that letters will be sent to the Hilltown Post Office in care of Boxholders.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Pischl at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Township Secretary

Note: Attached to these minutes is a copy of the inter-office memo dated 8/3/87, and also an attendance record of those residents who signed in at this meeting.

TO Supervisors
James H. Singley

From: Robert H. Grunmeier



Hilltown Township

SUBJECT H & K Quarry - Meeting of July 29, 1987

DATE
8/3/87

As a result of the Wednesday, July 29th meeting pertaining to H & K Quarry, following are comments regarding items residents suggested be investigated:

1. Width and construction of Skunk Hollow Road -- Bob Wynn.
2. Intersection of Route 152 and Skunk Hollow Road for sight visibility -- Chief George Egly.
3. Intersection in New Britain Township -- If Chief Egly determines there is a sight visibility problem (#2 above), I would like him to draft a letter to New Britain Township and PennDOT stating problems with the intersection and ask that something be done about it.
4. Tax on trucks using Quarry -- Township Solicitor. It is my opinion that under the Second Class Township Code, we have no authority to do so.
5. Structural damage to homeowners within Quarry district - Bob Wynn looking into hiring of a structural engineer to inspect the homes.
6. Covers for trucks -- Need explanation from Township Solicitor whether only H & K trucks or all trucks should be covered.
7. Line center of Skunk Hollow Road -- Bob Wynn will look into this (under PennDOT specifications).
8. Lower speed limit on Skunk Hollow Road -- request Chief Egly to conduct a speed study.
9. Speed limit on Callowhill Road -- request Chief Egly to check this out also.



Memo to: Supervisors/J. Singley

From: RHG

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August 3, 1987

10. Stop sign at back exit of Quarry on Broad Street -- according to Township Engineer, Hilltown Township can install a stop sign there which could be enforced by the Police Department -- if Chief Egly has questions, he could call Bob Wynn.
11. Time cards on employees -- request Clarence Myers to check this out to determine if anyone is punching in before 6:30 A.M.
12. Setback of Quarry -- request Clarence Myers take measurements of location with regard to setback lines. Also, we need an explanation from the Solicitor on setback requirements under the settlement agreement.
13. Weigh trucks -- Chief Egly.
14. Next meeting concerning the Quarry to be held Wednesday, September 16th at the Township Building: suggest attendance by Township Engineer; Township Zoning Officer; representative of PennDOT; representatives of DER; representatives of H&K; and representatives of Senator Greenwood, Rep. Wilson and Rep. Clymer. Also, suggest Jim Singley contact a hydrologist to investigate water being pumped out of Quarry. (Meeting to be advertised).

I suggest to the Supervisors that we have the above concerns investigated. If there is any additional input, questions or concerns from other Supervisors, department heads or staff, please contact Gloria at the Township office.

CC: C.R. Wynn
F.X. Grabowski
Chief Egly
C.J. Myers

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ATTENDANCE RECORD
HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 1987

SUBJECT: H & K Quarry (2nd Meeting)

NAME	ADDRESS
Carole Rawa	Rt 152 Hilltown Pa. 18927
Ritchie Schwarz	521 upperstump rd Chalfont 18914
Harold Patton	530 Upper Stump Chalfont 18914
Edwal Hardy	402 UPPER STUMP RD. CHALFONT
Margaret Hardy	" " "
Betty Patterson	530 Upper Stump Rd. Chalfont Pa.
John R. Rightman	1034 H.E. CALLOWHILL RD " "
Frederick E. Smith Jr.	? H.E. CALLOWHILL RD HILLTOWN, PA.
Dale Brunner	740 Skunk Hollow Rd, Chalfont
Out Knopp	501 Upper Stump Rd, Chalfont,
Doris Beadley	429 Upper Stump Rd Chalfont
Pat Andress	430 Upper Stump Chalfont -
HERB GERY	825 LIMEKILN PK CHALFONT
Sharon Gery	" " "
Walter B. Helkowski	Broad St. Hilltown, Pa. 18927
Helen B. Helkowski	" " " " "
Jesse Thomas	111 Broad St Hilltown, Pa.
Wm Kaufman	703 U. STUMP RD Chalfont Pa
Bob Grass	735 Broad St. Perkasie
Earl Ritter	766 Skunk Hollow Rd Chalfont
Loes Gerdner	414 Broad St Perkasie

