

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
February 9, 1987

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Vincent Pischl at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others present were: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager
Ann Walsh, Twp. Secretary
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer
Francis X. Grabowski, Solicitor
George C. Egly, Police Chief

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Pischl announced that the regularly scheduled meeting of January 26, 1987 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the minutes of the January 12, 1987 Meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Bills were presented for approval for the January 26, 1987 period in the amount of \$29,049.08 and for the February 9, 1987 billing period in the amount of \$26,314.30. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Singley presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 9, 1987. The Board accepted the report as given. Same is on file at the Township building.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Cliff Stoudt and Ron Keyser, Sr.

Mr. Stoudt and Mr. Keyser of Keyser/Miller Sales were present to discuss the Township Engineer's review letter dated, February 7, 1987 regarding the Keyser & Miller Site Plan located on Bethlehem Pike. Regarding Item #1, Page 1, Mr. Keyser requested the buffer plantings be permitted elsewhere on the property due to his concern regarding debris dropping on the new car lot and loss of sight visibility on Bethlehem Pike. After some discussion, the Supervisors directed Mr. Keyser to place the required number of plantings in an informal screening arrangement on the northeast corner of the site to provide visual screening of the retention basin from traffic on Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Stoudt indicated these and other plantings would be shown on a landscape plan. Item #2, Page 2, Mr. Keyser indicated his desire for access to Landis Road, but was concerned with the Township Engineer's recommendation for road improvement. Discussion concentrated on the existing road surface, access to Route 113, and anticipated increased road deterioration. At a minimum, Mr. Wynn recommended the road be paved 18 feet wide with a turnaround at the south end. If the existing base were satisfactory, paving alone was estimated by Mr. Wynn to be \$10,000. When asked about the access to Route 113, Chief Egly suggested consideration be given to "Right Turn Only" signs. Mr. Keyser said he would review his needs for the access and cost of improving Landis Road to discuss further at a future meeting. Item #8, Page 2, due to the buffer requirements and need for parking near the service area of the building (south side), Mr. Keyser requested the Board grant relief from parking setback requirements to permit the parking to be within 10 feet of the building. In response to Mr. Grunmeier's request, Chief

Gourley, Line Lexington Fire Company, detailed fire fighting procedures and access concern. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to permit the encroachment in consideration of the available access to other sides of the building and wide driveway on the south side. Mr. Stoudt indicated the balance of the review letter would be addressed on the revised plans and thanked the Board for their consideration.

2. Jack Fox

Mr. Jack Fox presented a check to the Township in the amount of \$454.28 representing monies available due to the disbanding of the joint water study commission which included Bedminister, Dublin, and Hilltown Township. Mr. Fox submitted a final financial report to the Board of Supervisors.

E. TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) PennDot Lot - As reported at the last meeting, a certified letter has been sent to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Carter in Philadelphia (owners of this lot), giving them 30 days to clean the area. No reply has been received as of this date.

b) Truck Bids - Action will be taken on the bids by the February 23, 1987 Supervisors' Meeting.

c) Printing Quotes - Printing services have been awarded to the News Herald and Easton Printing.

d) Service Agreements - Mr. Singley presented the following fire company service agreements: Silverdale 11,740, Telford \$6,090, Dublin \$5,460, Perkasio \$4,725, Sellersville \$4,725, Souderton \$4,725, and Line Lexington \$22,535. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #87-8 - Fire Company Service Agreements; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

e) Zoning Officer - The Township Manager reported that recommendations will be submitted by the February 23, 1987 Supervisors' meeting.

f) Bookkeeper Position - The position has been readvertised and recommendations will be submitted by the February 23, 1987 Supervisors' meeting.

g) Warning Device - Souderton - Valley Vista
Chairman Pischl and Mrs. Kelly attended a meeting at Souderton Borough on February 4, 1987 regarding the County Line Road Crosswalk. Chairman Pischl commented on the results of that meeting and read a report indicating the possible solutions to the problem. They are as follows: #1 - Proper way is to use traffic light at County Line Rd. & Rt. 113. (Require sidewalks at Pizza Hut and Clemens Market.) Residents refuse to walk that far, #2 - Install push button stop light for crossing. (Must have minimum of 150 people per hour.) Costs approximately \$50,000 to \$75,000, #3 - Yellow flashing lights, only temporary solution, motorists tend to ignore same, #4 Contact Montgomery County Para-Transit for van to take residents across to Clemens. Paid for by Pa. Lottery funds, and #5 - Relocate pedestrian signs and remark crosswalk. Advise residents to cross at own risk. Chairman Pischl reported that Souderton Borough is the lead agency and they will investigate further and report back.



h) Street light on Hilltown Pike - It was reported that Mrs. Bishop, a Township resident, requested the Township install a yellow flashing light on Hilltown Pike. The Board requested the Township Manager investigate the feasibility of this request and report at the next meeting.

8:26 P.M. - Recess for an Executive Session.

8:45 P.M. - Meeting Resumed.

2. New Business:

a) Resolution for Police Service Reimbursement. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #87-7 regarding State reimbursement for police training expenses; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

b) Traffic Light at Rt. 313 & Stump Road - Mr. Singley reported that correspondence has been received from Mr. Bender, New Britain Township Manager, concerning a traffic study survey by PennDot and the possible installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 313 & Stump Road. New Britain Township would like to know if Hilltown Township would be willing to make financial contributions towards the installation of this traffic signal should it be approved by PennDot. The Board of Supervisors will review request.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grabowski reported that the Phinney Subdivision was denied by the Board of Supervisors several months ago due to unresolved matters and, as a result of that denial, a law suit was filed. At a meeting with the developer, his legal council, the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer, a compromise agreement was discussed. All unresolved matters were satisfied and an offer was made by the developer for road improvements at the intersection of Orchard Road and Rt. 152. The Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer recommended the Board consider this agreement, which included provisions for the developer to make a capital contribution of \$14,000. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to enter into a agreement with Mr. Phinney to realign the intersection of Orchard Road and Rt. 152. Funds are to be place into escrow and used for the design and preparation of the specifictions for the roads, with the balance being used at time of construction; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Grunmeier presented a proposal from C. Robert Wynn Associates for the engineering costs for the preparation of the intersection of Orchard Road and Rt. 152, not to exceed \$2,490. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the proposal; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Grabowski reported that the development and escrow agreements for the Ernst Site Development on Rt. 113 were sent to the developer for execution and should be received by the Township by the next Supervisors' Meeting.

At a previous Board of Supervisors' Meeting, the fire companies servicing Hilltown Township presented a proposal for the adoption of a Fire Impact Tax. Mr. Grabowski investigated State Laws, Municipality Planning Codes and Local Tax and Enabling Acts, and reported that Hilltown Township does not have authority to impose such a fire tax as proposed by the fire companies. The Board requested that the Township send a letter to the fire companies explaining the Solicitor's findings.



G. ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. Broderick Subdivision - Preliminary Plan - Blooming Glen Road. The Township Engineer reported that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended that the site be served by private wells with dry public water lines constructed to Hilltown Township Water & Sewer Authority specifications and with deed restrictions that when public water becomes available, the property owners will need to connect to public water. The site will be served by public sewers. Mr. Wynn referred to the Hilltown Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 2, 1987. Mr. Wynn presented the geologists reports of the water studies to the Board. Supervisor Grunmeier suggested the Board request an extension from Mr. Kemmer and Mr. Holbert to allow time to review these reports. The Board of Supervisors agreed with the suggestion and Mr. Kemmer granted a 30-day review extension. Sidewalks and curbing were discussed. Mr. Grunmeier commented that, in his opinion, sidewalks are necessary to give children a place to walk and play rather than play in the streets.

2. Moyer Subdivision - Final Plan - Blooming Glen Road. Mr. Wynn reported that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended conditional approval subject to the following conditions being accepted and accomplished by the applicant: (1) Dedication of Blooming Glen Road; (2) Installation of property monumentation; (3) Purchase of sewer capacity from HTWSA; and (4) Waiving lot/depth ratio of Section 412.f. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the final plan of the Moyer Subdivision with the stipulations as noted in the Planning Commission Minutes of February 2, 1987; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

3. Grass Subdivision - Final Plan - Southeast Corner Broad Street/Callowhill Road. The Township Engineer reported that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended conditional approval subject to the following being accepted and accomplished by the applicant: (1) Installation of property monumentation; (2) Waiving lot/depth ratio of Section 412.f.; and (3) Escrow or other guarantee for installation of monuments and street trees. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Grass Subdivision with the stipulations as noted in the Hilltown Township Planning Commission Minutes of February 2, 1987.

4. Chanoff Subdivision - Final Plan - Reliance Road and Bethlehem Pike. It was reported by the Township Engineer that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended conditional approval based on the following being accepted and accomplished by the applicant: (1) Dedication of Bethlehem Pike and Reliance Road right-of-way and (2) Installation of property monumentation. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Chanoff Subdivision with the stipulations as indicated in the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 2, 1987; seconded by Mrs. Kelly. Chairman Pischl abstained due to the fact that the subdivision adjoins his property.

5. Eileen Burger Site Plan. Mr. Wynn reported that the revised plan has not been submitted.

6. Morgan Wolfrom Estate - Red Wing Road. The Engineer reported that this plan has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and all requirements have been accomplished. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Morgan Wolfrom Estate; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. The linens were signed by the Board of Supervisors for the Morgan Wolfrom Estate.

7. Plan Review Extension. The following extensions were granted:

- a) Joseph Pileggi Site Plan (WaWa) - 90 days
- b) Hager Subdivision - 90 days
- c) Hackett Subdivision - 90 days
- d) Negley Subdivision - 90 days
- e) Lewis Subdivision - 90 days
- f) Seik Subdivision - 90 days
- g) Vincent Pileggi Site Plan - 60 days
- h) Dunkle Subdivision - 90 days
- i) Calhoun Subdivision - 90 days
- k) Rice Subdivision - 90 days.

H. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The January, 1987 Hilltown Township Police Department Report was presented by Chief Egly; same is on file at the Township office.

I. ROADMASTER'S REPORT: The report dated January 4, 1987 through January 31, 1987 was read by Township Manager, James Singley; same is on file at the Township office.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT: The Telford Fire Company requested that the Township Manager keep the fire company up to date on any changes in ownership of businesses in the area for their records.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mr. Singley reported on the various Fire Company Reports that have been received.

2. A letter was received from Dublin Borough indicating new dates for the joint water study committee meeting between Dublin Borough, Bedminister Township and Hilltown Township. The dates are February 16, 17, and 18.

3. An anonymous letter was received from a resident regarding snow removal blocking mailboxes. Mr. Singley commented that this problem has been corrected and praised the Road Department for a fine job during the recent snow storms of such magnitude. It is the resident's responsibility to clear snow from mailboxes.

L. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Chairman Pischl announced that there will be a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors, the Hilltown Township Water & Sewer Authority, and the Hilltown Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 11, 1987 at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Grunmeier would like to see a meeting set up with Mr. McCoach to discuss Emergency Management, preferably the 1st or 2nd week in March. He suggested the Board of Supervisors, Line Lexington Fire Chief, Police Chief, Roadmaster, and the Township Manager also attend.

Mr. Grunmeier asked the Township Solicitor to look into Act 47, Traffic Improvement Program, and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Grunmeier thanked the Police Department and the Road Department for their excellent performance during the past snow storms.

Mr. Grunmeier presented an organization chart of the Township structure prepared by the Township Manager.

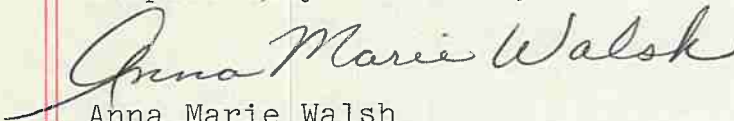


Chairman Pischl thanked Mr. Jack Fox, Mr. John Roberts, and Mr. Martin Renshaw for serving on the Joint Water Study Commission. Their dedication to the community is appreciated by the residents of Hilltown Township.

9:50 P.M. - A press conference was held at this time to answer any questions or concerns of those reporters present.

10:00 P.M. - Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Marie Walsh
Township Secretary

