

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
January 12, 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 H. Grunmeier, Vice Chairman  
Betty J. Kelly, Supervisor

Others present were: James H. Singley, Twp. Manager  
Gloria Neiman, Ass't. Secretary  
C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Engineer  
Francis X. Grabowski, Solicitor  
George C. Egly, Police Chief  
Thomas Buzby, Roadmaster

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the minutes of the 12/22/86 Supervisors' Meeting as written; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

Mr. Grunmeier indicated a correction be made to minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of 1/9/87, Page 3, Item J - Appointment of Delegate to State Association: first sentence should read, "Mr. Grunmeier indicated that he is on the Board of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials". Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to accept the minutes of the 1/9/87 meeting as corrected; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: An additional bill of \$23,709.00 payable to Nationwide Insurance for general liability and workman's compensation insurance was added to the bills list total of \$9,836.94. Corrected total billing in the amount of \$33,545.94 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: The report dated January 1, 1987 was read by Mr. Singley; same is on file at the Township building. The Board accepted the report as given.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) Copier Award - Mr. Singley indicated the award has been given to Copy World, Toshiba Model #7816 at a base price cost of \$5,990. (The Board approved this bid at their Reorganization Meeting of 1/9/87). Copier should be installed within the next 10 days.

b) Telford Borough has requested a 3-way stop sign at Reliance and Township Line Roads. After investigation of the area, Mr. Buzby and Chief Egly have determined that a 3-way stop is not necessary. Mr. Singly contacted the Telford Borough Assistant Manager (who was unaware of the correspondence sent to Hilltown Township requesting this sign), and he also indicated there was no need for the sign.

c) PennDOT lot - certified letter has been sent to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Carter in Philadelphia (owners of this lot), giving them 30 days to clean the area and secure the site from future dumping.

## 2) New Business:

At Mr. Singley's request, Chairman Pischl recessed the meeting at 7:37 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter in Executive Session.

8:05 P.M. - Meeting resumed.

a) Resolution #87-6 - Mr. Singley read the resolution recognizing the retirement of C. Edward Bishop as the principal of the John M. Grasse School. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #87-6, seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

b) Truck Bids - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to allow Mr. Singley to advertise for a 1-Ton dump truck for the road department; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

c) Purchasing Procedures Quotes - Mr. Singley advised that he sent out approximately 8 different forms to three printing companies to start implementing the new purchasing procedures. Quotes will be received on Friday, January 16th with action to be taken at the next Supervisors' meeting.

d) Highway Aid Audit - a representative from the State will be conducting an audit of the Township State Funds on Tuesday, January 13th.

e) Fire Company Service Agreements - will be sent out within the next week.

f) Zoning Officer Applications - interviews are scheduled for Friday, January 16th.

g) Bookkeeper Position - Mr. Singley requested the Board's permission to readvertise since there was only one person interviewed for this position. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to readvertise for the bookkeeper's position; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

h) Appointment of Architect for New Municipal Building - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to award Myron L. Fetch Associates the contract for architectural design of the new Hilltown Township municipal building, subject to review of contract by the Township Solicitor, at a maximum cost of \$90,000; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

F. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. Landis Subdivision - 4 lot - located on Middle Road: Letter dated 1/5/87 received from Mr. Landis indicating his wish to withdraw the subdivision since he has found a buyer for the entire parcel.
2. North Penn Industrial Subdivision - Final Plan - Items of conditional approval have not been accomplished; no response received from applicant or applicant's engineer. P.C. recommends plan be denied due to noncompliance with preliminary plan and lack of action by applicant. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to deny the plan on basis of P.C. recommendations; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.



3. Kaiser-Miller Ford Car Dealership Site Development Plan - Mr. Wynn presented plan of proposed new car sales and service center with 20,000 sq.ft. building to be serviced by Telford Borough Water Authority and HTWSA. Plan proposes widening of Bethlehem Pike 38 feet. Mr. Grunmeier questioned existence of underground gas tanks; Mr. Wynn indicated that there are none shown on the plan. No action required on plan at this time.

G. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The December report was read by Chief Egly; same is on file at the Township office. The Chief emphasized that conviction rate for the year averaged 95%. Mr. Grunmeier requested that the Detective's Report for the month of December be submitted.

H. ROADMASTER'S REPORT: The report dated 12/7/86 to 1/12/87 was read by Mr. Buzby; same is on file at the Township office. Mr. Grunmeier remarked that he feels it is imperative that Mr. Buzby be equipped with a "pager" so that office personnel can contact him; the Board approved this suggestion.

I. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Grabowski indicated he had nothing to comment on at this time.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Bucks County Association of Township Officials - Semi-annual meeting to be held on February 21, 1987 at 8:30 A.M., at the Warrington County Club. Mr. Singley will contact auditors and other Township personnel to determine number of reservations to be made.
2. State Convention - Notice received for registration at State Convention in Pittsburgh, PA April 12 to April 15, 1987.
3. December Fire Company Reports received from Telford Fire Company and Bucks County Fire Marshall's Office. Dublin Fire Company 1986 Report and Telford Fire Company 1987 election results also received.
4. Historical Ledger received - for Historical Society.
5. Correspondence received from Irene Bishop, 2735 Hilltown Pike, requesting amber lights on Hilltown Pike at corner of Catholic Church. She indicated her house has been hit twice by motorists. Chief Egly will investigate this matter.
6. Report received from Bonnie's Animal Shelter; same is on file at the Township building.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Pischl questioned status of flashing lights at County Line Road - Souderton Borough has not yet advised the Township of results of their meeting.
2. Mr. Pischl announced that, since it was not advertised, the joint work session scheduled for January 13th at 7:30 P.M. has been cancelled. The Board set another meeting date of Thursday, January 22nd which will be advertised in the local newspaper.

3. Mr. Pischl further indicated that the Township is in the process of updating the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Singley will compile a request for proposals for a professional planner to make these revisions.
4. In answer to Mr. Pischl's question regarding status of Joint Water Study Commission, Mr. Singley advised that Dublin is in the process of again contacting the Township.
5. An address, entitled "Reflection on the Year 1986" was written and read by Mr. Grunmeier. In this address, Mr. Grunmeier indicated that 1986 was a "constructive yet controversial year in Hilltown Township"; he emphasized the need for proper water management and stated that this is an issue affecting all of us where we live. Mr. Grunmeier also summarized the year's events: Hiring of the Township's first Township Manager; the formation of two youth aid panels; increased police protection (12 officers); hiring of additional administrative help; the construction of a new municipal building (hopefully to begin in 1987); the hiring of a new Township Engineer; and the signing of fire company agreements. In regard to amount of new construction within the Township, Mr. Grunmeier stated that, after a comparison with other municipalities, the rate of development in Hilltown Township has not been as great as many people believe. In closing, he remarked that he and the Board look forward to another productive year in 1987. A copy of this statement was distributed to the press and is on file at the Township office.

8:40 P.M. Press Conference held at this time to answer any questions or concerns of those reporters present.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman  
Assistant Secretary

