

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
December 8, 1986

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

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

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Grunmeier requested that an addition be made to Section D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: (2). The sentence should read "The Resolution recommends that a contribution of \$500 per dwelling unit be made by each developer building in Hilltown Township to the Volunteer Fire Company that will service that area." A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to approve the minutes of the November 24, 1986 Board of Supervisors' Meeting as corrected; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Current billing in the amount of \$9,948.16 was presented for approval. Mr. Grunmeier requested that the Board approve an additional \$11.00 be paid to the Line Lexington Fire Company for recharging a fire extinguisher. A motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to pay bills when due in the amount of \$9,959.16; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasuer's Report was presented by Mr. Singley. Same is on file at the Township Office. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the report as given; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. Jack Fox requested relief from the Real Estate Transfer Tax for the Hartzell-Strassburger Homestead. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to relieve the Hilltown Township Historical Society from the Real Estate Transfer Tax for the property owned by such Society located on both sides of Keystone Drive at the Old Bethlehem Pike, Tax Map Parcel #15-1-94. Motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

a) Auditor Vacancy - A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to appoint Patricia Garland to the Hilltown Township Board of Auditors; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

b) Line Lexington Resolution - Mr. Singley read the proposed Workman's Compensation Resolution presented by the Line Lexington Volunteer Fire Company. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-62, "Workman's Compensation Resolution Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors, Line Lexington Fire Company Hilltown Township Special Fire Police Non-Emergency Activities Resolution"; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Mr. Grunmeier read a letter from the Line Lexington Volunteer Fire Company recommending the confirmation of the following people as Hilltown Township Special Fire Police: Edward M. Smith, Captain; John L. Snyder, Lieutenant; John Deitcher, Member; Robert Gehman, Member; Scott Holt, Member; Gerald Moyer, Member; Kenneth Schuenemann, Member; James Walter, Member; George Zink, Member. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-63, confirming the appointments of the Hilltown Township Special Fire Police, until such time of their resignation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

c) Copy Machine - Mr. Singley reported that the requests for bids for a new copy machine have been advertised. The opening of the bids is scheduled for December 22, 1986.

d) Addresses for Township Residents - The Township Manager reported that assigning addresses is a complex problem as the system that we are presently using is quite antiquated. The situation is in the process of being corrected, and the Township Manager requests that the residents be patient. A letter will be sent to each resident requesting assistance. Mr. Grunmeier suggested that a solution may be to investigate the possibility of an outside company assisting in solving the problem. The Township Manager will be in contact with the Postal Service and outside firms regarding the assigning of addresses.

2. New Business:

a) Budget Presentation for 1987 - The Township Manager presented the 1987 Budget for Hilltown Township. At this time, Mr. Singley, Township Manager, read a letter highlighting the Budget and thanking the Board of Supervisors for allowing him to express his ideas regarding municipal government. Same is on file at the Township office. The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Singley for his industrious effort in the preparation of the 1987 Budget.

8:00 P.M. - Public Hearing

Mr. Grabowski, Township Solicitor, reported that a public hearing has been advertised for tonight's meeting to review a proposed Ordinance regarding Real Estate Transfer Taxes that are collected by Hilltown Township. Mr. Grabowski explained the Ordinance and asked for public comments. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Ordinance #86-10, "An Ordinance Providing for the Levying, Assessment and Collection of a Tax for General Revenue Purposes Upon a Transfer of an Interest in Real Property to the Extent that Transfers are Subject to Tax Imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pursuant to 72 P.S. 8101-C et Seq., and Administered, Collected and Enforced Under the "Local Tax Enabling Act", 53 P.S. 6901 et seq.; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date"; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

8:05 P.M. - Regularly Scheduled Meeting Resumed.

F. ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. Mr. Singley presented the Engineering Report for the Township Engineer. He reported that the Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction Project has been completed. The Township Engineer has recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the release of \$1,000 to Ventressca & Sons, Inc. which is the balance owing the contractor. The Township Engineer indicated that all outstanding items have been completed on the project. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay \$1,000 to Ventressca & Sons, Inc. as the project has been satisfactorily completed as stated by our Township Engineer; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

G. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Buzby, Road Superintendent, presented the road report for November 9, 1986 through December 6, 1986. Same is on file at the Township office.

H. POLICE REPORT:

The Police Report for November, 1986 was presented by Police Chief George Egly. Same is on file at the Township Office.

Mr. Grunmeier asked Chief Egly the status of the weeds growing wild on vacant lots in Hilltown Township. The Chief reported that a letter has been sent to the owners notifying them that the weeds will be cut by the Township at the owners expense. Mr. Grunmeier commented that this can be done under the Township's Nuisance Ordinance.

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Grabowski, Township Solicitor, presented a Deed of Dedication for the Hannah Binder Subdivision. He presented Resolution #86-64, which is the Acceptance of the Deed of Dedication" and Resolution #86-65, which is the "Declaration of Public Purpose" for the Hannah Binder Subdivision. Both documents have been properly prepared and executed and appropriate for acceptance. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #86-64 and Resolution #86-65; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

As requested at the last meeting, Mr. Grabowski presented his comments and recommendations regarding the proposed Water Ordinances. The Board of Supervisors will review Mr. Grabowski's report.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. J. Poggi, 333 Thistle Lane, Pleasant Meadows, Hilltown Township complained about the drinking water in the Pleasant Meadows Development. Mr. Grabowski asked the Board's permission to contact the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority to investigate the situation. The Board agreed.

Mr. John Snyder commented that Mr. Edward Bishop, Principal of Grasse Elementry School is retiring. He was the first Principal of Grasse School. The Board of Supervisors would like a letter sent to Mr. Bishop from the Township with best wishes for his retirement.

J. CORRESPONDENCE:

Line Lexington and Dublin Volunteer Fire Company Reports have been received. Same is on file at the Township office.

Two letters have been received regarding the assigning of addresses for residents. Mr. Singley reiterated that letters will be sent to the residents explaining the situation and informing them that their requests will be acknowledged as quickly as possible.

A letter was received from the Borough of Telford requesting the Board of Supervisors of Hilltown Township consider making the interesection of Reliance Road and Township Line Road a three-way stop interesection. Mr. Grunmeier questioned the reasoning for this request and suggested that the Township Manager contact Telford Borough and clarify the request. The Board agreed.

K. SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS:

Chairman Fischl reported that the Board of Supervisors has received a request from the Hilltown Township Planning Commission to set up a joint work sesssion sometime in January. The Board agreed on two tentative dates being January 13, 1986 or January 27, 1986.

Supervisor Grunmeier informed the public that he and Supervisor Kelly attended the First Annual Pennridge Christmas Parade. It was a very enjoyable affair and was received very well by the people. Mr. Grunmeier would like a letter sent to Mr. Dotzenroth complimenting him on the affair and wishing him much success in the future. Mr. Grunmeier announced that Supervisor Kelly won first prize and received a trophy.

Supervisor Grunmeier commented that he received a complaint from a resident regarding the dumping of trash on a vacant lot on Hilltown Pike. It was requested by Mr. Grunmeier that a letter be sent to the owner informing him of the trash situation.

Supervisor Grunmeier commented on the possibility of self-insurance for municipalities. He reported that, to his knowledge, new innovated concepts have become available. He requested the Board's permission to proceed with investigating the possibility of self-insurance with Hilltown Township being the lead Township. The Board agreed. Mr. Grunmeier would like a letter sent to Bedminster, East Rockhill, Springfield, Haycock, and West Rockhill Townships.

8:27 P.M. - Press Conference.

8:30 P.M. - Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Marie Walsh

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Township Secretary

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