

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
August 25, 1986**

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: C. Robert Wynn, Acting Manager
Gloria Neiman, Ass't. Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Twp. Solicitor
George C. Egly, Jr., Police Chief

Chairman Pischl welcomed back Mrs. Kelly who thanked everyone for their cards and well wishes while she was in the hospital.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the August 11, 1986 Supervisors' Meeting as written; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$9,337.19 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 highlights of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31st was read by Mr. Wynn; 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: None

E. ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction - Mr. Wynn reported on the status of this project, indicating that the contractor has damaged approximately 100 feet of existing storm water piping which will be replaced at their cost. Mr. Wynn also recommended the Board's approval of release of monies for curb, sidewalk, and driveway work performed to date. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to release \$27,068.75 from Community Development funds for work completed on the Blooming Glen sidewalks; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously. Mr. Grunmeier commended the Ventresca Company for "the fine job they are doing".

(b) Broad Street/Callowhill Road Re-alignment - Contractor, Nevin Moyer, has not yet commenced work on this project. Mr. Wynn has notified both Nevin Moyer and John Garis. In answer to Mr. Grunmeier's questions and concern of school buses and cold weather, Mr. Wynn indicated that the contractor has until the middle of September to complete the job (he will check exact cut-off date).

(c) Liability Insurance Coverage - Supervisors approved Public Official's Insurance policy with National Casualty Company on July 14th. This company has informed us that the policy is in effect; however, due to a back-up in paperwork, the contract and billing will be forwarded at a later date.

(d) Law Enforcement Policy - Notification received of non-renewal of this policy by Republic Insurance Company (policy expires October 29, 1986). Mr. Hervey Scoffied of Gum Insurance Co. will be seeking applications from additional insurance companies for this coverage.

(e) Driveway Aprons - Pleasant Meadows Subdivision: Mr. Wynn reported that there is a great difference between the sidewalk elevation and dwelling unit in front of Lot #37. Curb and sidewalk have been installed and it is difficult to enter and exit the driveway. Mr. Wynn met with the property owner who indicated he would like this condition remedied (at his own cost, if necessary). The Board was informed that this will involve a small deviation from standard specifications, necessary to improve entry to the driveway.

2. New Business:

(a) Correspondence received from Telford Borough Authority (copied to Mr. Grabowski), requesting adoption of a mandatory connection ordinance for properties with sewer mains. Mr. Grabowski discussed this matter with Mr. Sam Moyer, Attorney for the Perkasio Borough Authority, questioning if it is necessary for the Township to enact an ordinance. Mr. Moyer indicated that the Township's ordinance dated 1977 may need to be updated to EPA requirements; he will check with EPA regarding the need for an ordinance.

F. PLANNING:

1. Proposed Zoning Changes - Mr. Jack Fox has proposed two zoning changes: (1) To take single family cluster housing (Use B3) out of Rural Residential District, and (2) to change minimum lot size for houses and stores in Village Center District to 50,000 sq.ft. unless there is public water and sewer. The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board consider these proposals. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that, although other changes may be needed, a water impact study requirement on major subdivisions is the first priority. Chairman Pischl agreed with this statement and explained that these changes must go before the BCPC and Hilltown P.C., and a public hearing be held before final adoption (time frame involved would be at least 2 months). Mr. Wynn indicated that it is possible change the Zoning Ordinance by placing a number of items in one amendment. The P.C. will be holding a work session in the beginning of September to consider what impact the developments have had on the groundwater table and what type of ordinances could be written to address this impact. The Board asked Mr. Wynn to request that the P.C. meet as soon as possible and prepare a written draft of their recommended zoning amendments.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Life Safety Code Ordinance - advertised in newspapers for tonight's meeting. This ordinance, which has been recommended by the National Fire Protection Agency, authorizes the Township Building Inspector to enforce provisions of the Code. Mr. Grabowski read and explained sections of the Code; copies of this ordinance are on file at the Township Office. Chairman Pischl asked if there were any questions from the public; there being none, a motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Ordinance #86-6; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.

2. Nelson Carl Ruhmann Subdivision - Mr. Grabowski reported on development agreements which have been signed by the developer and applicant. Insurance certificates required for site improvement have been provided and funds for construction escrowed through a letter of credit. Mr. Grabowski recommended that the Board enter a motion to accept these agreements. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept and approve the development agreements for the Nelson Carl Ruhmann Subdivision; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
3. Nelson Carl Ruhmann Resolutions - Portion of Red Wing Road to be dedicated. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to adopt Resolution #86-42, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication and Resolution #86-43, Declaration of Public Purpose; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Tom Johnston requested status of Line Lexington Sewer Study and was told no further progress has been made. Townships are awaiting status of grant applications due later this week. Upon resolution of grant status, assessment methods will be reviewed by the Joint Study Committee.
2. Joseph Pettner, 1208 Broad Street, stated that he has had discussions with person(s) at PennDOT (will not reveal name) regarding reduction of speed limit on Broad Street. Chief Egly indicated he would have a speed study completed by the next Supervisors' meeting.
3. Dennis Gibson, a resident of Pleasant Meadows, questioned Glenn Garis' method of construction in his development. Mr. Gibson owns the property previously referred to as Lot #37 in the Township Manager's Report #2(e). He is questioning amount of time being taken to install a precast box culvert in Phase III. Mr. Wynn explained that since permits for stream crossing had expired, a stream culvert had to be designed and reviewed by Cowan Associates. Further, agreements between the Township and developer must be executed prior to installation of improvements in Phase III. The Board directed Mr. Wynn to follow up on this.
4. Jackie Smith, Woodlawn Drive - Mrs. Smith indicated she does not believe the Township should allow parking on both sides of street in the Pleasant Meadows development, since emergency vehicles will not be able to enter the development. Mr. Donald Smith also noted that width of the cartway is not adequate. Mr. Wynn indicated the width is 26 ft., actually the same width as Woodlawn Drive. Mr. Smith stated emphatically that his street was substantially wider than Pleasant Meadows' streets. The Board asked Mr. Wynn to double check Cowan Associates' inspection of Phase I & II streets.
5. John Strouse questioned zoning ordinance proposals received from the P.C. and was advised of the discussions earlier in these minutes.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. July Fire Company Reports received from Telford, Line Lexington and Silverdale Fire Companies - same are on file at the Township office.
2. Notification received from Software Innovators recommending that Township purchase contract on hardware for computer at a cost of \$500 to \$700. Mr. Wynn will contact IBM to determine if a service contract can be obtained through them at a lower cost.
3. Bucks County Consortium Seminar to be held on September 8th in Northampton, for organization and management of time in the office. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to send Ann Walsh, Township Secretary to this seminar at a cost of \$30/person; seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
4. DRBC invitation to Supervisors to attend program on September 18th.
5. Bonnie Ammon reported she took in a stray female dog on 8/13 which is scheduled for surgery on 8/21 and will be placed on 8/22. Mrs. Ammon will follow up with a report.

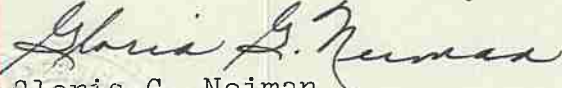
J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Grunmeier indicated that a Township Roadmaster's Workshop will be held on September 18th at the Sheraton Inn in Carlisle, PA. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to send Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent (if he determines it will be beneficial) to this seminar at a cost of \$45/person plus expenses; motion seconded by Mrs. Kelly and carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Grunmeier also indicated his desire to attend a seminar to be held by Brandywine Conservancy Atco Corporation on requirements of housing and zoning on September 29th, 5:45 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Motion was made by Mrs. Kelly to send Mr. Grunmeier and any member(s) of the Township Planning Commission who wish to attend this seminar at a cost of \$15/person; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously. Mr. Wynn is to contact P.C. members at their work session to determine which members may want to attend.
3. Mr. Grunmeier asked if the Police Department has investigated previous complaints of high weeds from Merle Osgood and James Coyne. Chief Egly indicated the Police Department cannot locate owners of either of the properties in violation. He indicated that the last owner recorded at the Courthouse has claimed they do not own the land. Current year's taxes are delinquent. This will be further investigated to determine ownership.
4. Chairman Pischl announced that interviews with six candidates for the position of Township Manager were held on Saturday, August 16th. A decision will be announced at the next Supervisors' meeting.
5. Chairman Pischl also indicated that a closed work session will be held on Tuesday, August 26th with the Planning Commission, Water & Sewer Authority, Park & Recreation members, and various heads of departments to discuss potential sites for the new municipal building.

6. A press conference was held to answer questions and concerns of those reporters present.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria G. Neiman
Assistant Secretary

