

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
July 28, 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 Grunmeier, Vice Chairman

Others present were: C. Robert Wynn, Acting Manager
Ann Walsh, Township Secretary
Mary Eberle, Twp. Solicitor
George Egly, Jr., Police Chief

Chairman Pischl announced that Mrs. Kelly will not be present due to illness.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the July 14, 1986 Supervisors' meeting as written; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Current billing in the amount of \$18,704.14 was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to pay bills when due; seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 1986 was presented by Mr. Wynn and is on file at the Township building. There being no questions, corrections or additions to the Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the Treasurer's report as given; seconded by Chairman Pischl, and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. Joseph Pettner, 1208 Broad Street, Hilltown Township, presented a petition to the Board which was signed by the residents of Broad Street, Hilltown Township. Chairman Pischl read the petition aloud as follows: We the residents of Hilltown Township are very concerned about the increased truck traffic occurring over the last several months on Broad Street. Two main factors are responsible: (1) The opening of a gate to the Haines and Kibblehouse quarry on Broad Street, (2) The closing of Stump road by New Britain Township to truck traffic. Because of this situation we do not feel Broad Street is safe for its residents or for its users. To provide a safer condition we propose that either Stump Road be reopened to truck traffic or the speed limit on Broad Street be reduced. This petition is on file at the Township Office.

Due to the concern expressed by the residents of Broad Street, the Board of Supervisors requested that a speed study be conducted, and that New Britain Township be contacted to possibly resolve this situation.

2. Harry Budenz, Haines & Kibblehouse, was present to request the Board of Supervisors send a letter to DER notifying them that Haines & Kibblehouse, Inc. was granted a road variance from Hilltown Township under their original agreement. This gives Haines & Kibblehouse, Inc. permission to place a "berm" on Quarry Rd (already existing). The Board of Supervisors agreed to notify DER.

E. ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Blooming Glen Sidewalk Reconstruction - A pre-construction conference has been held to proceed with the Blooming Glen Sidewalk Project which has been approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 23, 1986. It was pointed out that the original bid (alternate) may not have been the best bid. Further examination revealed the base bid to be approximately \$1,000 less than the alternate. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to revise the award to Ventressca & Sons to the project base bid; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously. Construction is expected to begin during the week of August 4, 1986.

(b) Agricultural Security District: Mr. Wynn read Resolution #86-39 stating that the Board of Supervisors declare and accept the proposed Agricultural Area for Hilltown Township. This resolution is on file at the Township office. Mr. Wendig thanked the Board of Supervisors for working hard and thoughtful to see that this Agricultural Security Area Project be completed. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to adopt Resolution #86-39; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously. At this time, Chairman Pischl wished to express gratitude to Mr. Wendig for helping to establish and coordinate this project, and also thanked the Hilltown Township Planning Commission, Agricultural Advisory Committee, and the Bucks County Planning Commission for their assistance. The Resolution will be recorded at the Bucks County Courthouse as required by Act.43.

(c) Thomas-Musselman Log Barn Project - Mr. Wynn reported that Mr. Jack Fox, Administrator for the Hilltown Township Historical Society, has approved the final release for the Log Barn Project (total cost being \$30,200). The Township has paid Mr. Richard Harlow, contractor for the project, \$7,949.20 to date. He is now seeking final payment of \$22,250.80. Mr. Wynn reported that Mr. Fox inspected the project on July 22, 1986 and indicated that the work has been completed. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to pay Mr. Richard Harlow \$22,250.80 for the balance owed for the Thomas-Musselman Log Barn Project, which has been inspected and approved by Mr. Jack Fox on July 22, 1986; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

2. New Business:

(a) Municipal Building - Work session scheduling.

At the previous meeting, the Board of Supervisors requested that a joint work session be scheduled with the Hilltown Township Planning Commission, the Hilltown Water & Sewer Authority, the Hilltown Park & Recreation Board, and all Department Heads with reference to choosing a site for the new municipal building. It was reported that the Planning Commission is available the last Tuesday and Wednesday in August or the second week in September, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. The dates were discussed and it was agreed to set a tentative date of either Tuesday, August 26 or Wednesday, August 27, 1986.

(b) Broad Street/Callowhill Rd. Repairs - Mr. Wynn reported that during the week of August 4, 1986, road construction is scheduled to begin to realign Broad Street at the intersection of Callowhill Road. The contractor, P.K. Moyer & Sons, expects the work to take approximately 2 weeks (weather permitting). During this construction period, Broad Street will be closed to thru traffic between Callowhill Road and Upper Church Road. Access to private property will be maintained, but limited to connection with Upper Church Rd. A notice will be sent to the residents.

F. PLANNING:

1. Nelson Carl Ruhman Subdivision Final Plan. 5-Lot subdivision - Red Wing Road. - It was reported that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the Ruhman Subdivision with the stipulations that an escrow agreement be established for the installation of public improvements and that the Red Wing Road extension be dedicated to Hilltown Township. The dedication and escrow agreement is being prepared by the Solicitor. It was indicated that revisions to the plans were delayed due to relocation of the shed on Lot #5, which has since been resolved. Mr. Grunmeier commented that the roadway must be wide enough for fire trucks. This was established. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the Nelson Carl Ruhman Subdivision Final Plan as stipulated in the Hilltown Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 21, 1986; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

2. William Bennett, Jr. Subdivision - Fairhill Road Final Plan - The Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the William Bennett Subdivision Final Plan conditional upon the following being accepted and accomplished by the applicant: (a) Notation be added to the plan indicating that Lot #2 is to be consolidated with an become part and parcel with T.P. #15-24-61, (b) A concrete monument be placed at the southern corner of Lot #2, and (c) Shading of the "detail 1" map in the upper left corner of the plan be revised to clearly indicate the plan of lots is only a portion of the total parcel T.P. #15-22-78. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the final plans for the William Bennett, Jr. Subdivision with the stipulations as stated in the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 21, 1986; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

3. Strassburger Estate Subdivision - Final Plan
It was noted that Mr. Jack Fox of the Hilltown Township Historical Society was present. Mr. Wynn reported that this is a parcel of land that is being transferred to the Hilltown Township Historical Society. This is a 2-lot subdivision. The Hilltown Township Planning Commission recommended final approval of this subdivision on July 21, 1986 conditional upon the following: (a) Dedication of Orchard Road, Keystone Drive and Bethlehem Pike right-of-way to Hilltown Township, and (2) Waiving of the requirement to install monumentation (SLDO Section 508). Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the Strassburger Estate Subdivision as stipulated in the Hilltown Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 21, 1986; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

4. Louis Walch Subdivision - Preliminary Plan
It was reported that the Hilltown Township Planning Commission denied approval of the Louis Walch Subdivision Preliminary Plan due to a lack of response from the applicant to comply with the Township Engineer's recommendations. The Planning Commission is specifically concerned with the floodplain as it affects Lot #2. Because of the construction of a house on Lot #1, the Bucks County Health Department required that Mr. Walch not continue with the subdivision until resolution of a septic system that is being installed on the property. This has been completed and Mr. Walch is now offering the Township an extra 60 days to review the plans and ask that they not be denied at this time. Mr. Wynn referred to a letter from Mr. Walch, dated July 22, 1986. Chairman Pischl asked if the Hilltown Township Planning Commission was aware of this request. They were not as the extension was offered after the last meeting. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to accept a 60 day extension of the review period for the Louis Walch Subdivision; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

5. Souderton Square Site Development - Final Plan

This is a proposed shopping center next to Burger King on Rt. 113. This subdivision was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to the preliminary plan requirements. These requirements are specifically noted in the minutes of the July 21, 1986 Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to give final approval for the Souderton Square Site Development as stipulated in the Hilltown Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of July 21, 1986; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

6. Tom & Joe Pileggi Site Development - Final Plan

Mr. Kirk W. Clauss, Showalter & Associates, who is responsible for the preparation of the plan was present. The final plan was reviewed by Cowan Associates and the recommended changes to be addressed were discussed. Mr. Grunmeier asked, "How many stores are proposed?" "The maximum will be 20", replied Mr. Clauss. Chairman Pischl asked, "Do you have any projections of approximately how much water will be used?" Mr. Clauss stated approximately 5,000 per day. Mr. Jack Hetherington, resident of Hilltown Pike, Hilltown, Pa., advised the Board of knowledge of an 8" waterline under Route 309 and Orvilla Road and adjacent to this tract. As such, Mr. Hetherington questioned the use of a private well. Mr. Clauss indicated that he has met with North Penn Water Authority several times and has been advised that no public waterlines exist at this location on the Hilltown Township side of Route 309. Mr. Hetherington reaffirmed the existence of this public line stating same was constructed approximately 1 1/2 years ago. Mr. Fox, member of the Planning Commission, indicated that he recently heard rumors confirming Mr. Hetherington's information. When asked by the Board, Mr. Wynn stated he was unaware of the existence of an 8" line at Orvilla Road and did not recall any construction activity in the past 3 years providing for such installation. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to table the final plan and directed Mr. Wynn to contact the North Penn Water Authority to resolve the matter. Motion seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Township Solicitor reported that the Chittick Site Development agreements have been prepared and properly executed by the required parties and are ready for the signatures of the Board. One agreement is for the Site Improvement Plan and Escrow Agreement and the other is for a 20% reduction of non-residential parking space. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to adopt the Chittick Site Development Improvement Plan and Escrow Agreement and the Non-Residential Parking Agreement; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jack Hetherington asked if he may look at the Joseph Bush subdivision plan. This plan was denied in the Spring, 1986. Mr. Hetherington was advised to come to the Township office during normal business hours and the file will be provided for his perusal.

Mr. Dale Nice of the Telford Fire Company reported that the Telford Fire Company has received a new truck and asked when Township contributions would be remitted. He was advised that same would be sent prior to September 1, 1986.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

There was a request from Police Chief Egly for approval for membership to the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors for Patrolman William Leyden and Det/Lieut. Kerry Trauger. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Mr. Grunmeier noted that Lieut. Trauger has indicated that this membership includes a \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage for these Instructors and our Township. A motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the membership; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wynn read the Line Lexington Fire Company Report for the month of June, 1986. This report is on file at the Township office.

A letter was read from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation requesting that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of September as Cystic Fibrosis Month in Hilltown Township. Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to proclaim the month of September as Cystic Fibrosis Month in Hilltown Township; seconded by Chairman Pischl and carried unanimously.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Auditor General's Report for the Hilltown Township Police Pension Fund, period January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984, has been received. This report is on file at the Township office.

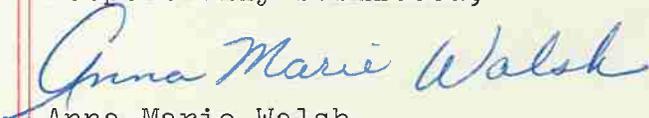
J. SUPERVISORS'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Pischl referred to a letter from Congressman Peter Kostmayer, dated July 18, 1986, concerning Federal Revenue Sharing.

Chairman Pischl announced that there will be a closed executive session after this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

9:50 P.M. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Marie Walsh
Township Secretary