

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
December 9, 1985**

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: Mr. Vincent Pischl, Chairman
Mrs. Mary Lockard, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Grunmeier, Supervisor

Others present were: Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Twp. Coordinator
Mrs. Gloria Neiman, Secretary
Francis X. Grabowski, Solicitor
George C. Egly, Police Chief
Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve the minutes of the 11/25/85 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the Treasurer's report dated 11/30/85 as given, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$7,291.14, with a Building Fund Account bill of \$712.50 and a Street Light Tax Account bill of \$236.12, was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to pay bills when due, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Atlantic States Microwave Transmission Tower: The following statements were received from Mr. Chester Mallett of Atlantic States Co. in answer to Mr. Wynn's questions: (1) There are no hazardous materials contained within the equipment; only compressed dry air. (2) Tower does not involve radiation or radio active substances, only radio microwaves and, therefore, would have no effect on pacemakers. (3) The tower is designed for earthquake loading, and would not be affected by quarry blasting. (4) Extent of liability insurance is \$1,000,000. (5) Height of tower is 360 feet as per the construction drawings. (6) Regarding the alleged "anchor failure", Mr. Mallett explained that during an inspection, x-ray of equipment revealed an anchor flaw and this anchor was replaced. There was no "failure". (7) Telephones and television cannot be affected because the frequencies are so different. (8) Lights on top of tower are controlled by photo cells and electronically notify company when a light is not operating.

Public comments regarding the Tower: Mr. Don Owens asked why residents were not notified, and Mr. Wynn again explained notification is only required for Zoning variance hearings. Mr. Bill Guttick, 206 Broad Street, questioned contents of building (Mr. Wynn indicated he would follow up on this). Mr. Grabowski advised residents to speak with a realtor regarding their concern of the effect the tower may have on property values. Regarding tax assessment, they were told to contact Mary Evans of the Board of Assessment in Doylestown.

(b) Kirk's Service Center: Letters were sent to Kirk's and Herb's Service Centers; replies are expected by next meeting. Herb Barsby and Jerry Fish (both Township towers) remarked that the three current towers could sufficiently handle all towing within the Township. Chief Egly questioned whether Mr. Kirk would be able to handle towing in the Township during a severe storm, since he also services the upper end of the County. The Supervisors tabled a decision until a reply has been received from Mr. Kirk.

2. New Business:

(a) Treasurer's Bond - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Aetna Casualty Insurance Company's 1986 Public Officials' Treasurer's Bond in the amount of \$250,000 for C. Robert Wynn; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously. Cost of Bond: \$363.00.

(b) Deep Run Valley Sports Association, Inc. The Association has requested the Township oil and stone their driveway next year during the road program, and have requested cost of time, labor and materials to do this. Mr. Wynn and Mr. Buzby will investigate and follow-up with letter.

(c) Executed 1986 Fire Protection Agreements received from: Silverdale, Perkasio, and Line Lexington - to be signed after meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept the agreements of Silverdale, Perkasio, and Line Lexington Fire Companies for the year 1986; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

(d) Mr. Wynn presented a site plan for Kunkin and Kunkin which proposes a 32,000 ft. addition to the rear of their building with site improvements including construction of two stormwater retention basins in the northern corner of the property; installation of paved driveways and paving of another driveway to eliminate stone washout. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to grant conditional approval subject to the following conditions: (1) Stormwater management facilities should be reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer. (2) Removal and replacement of driveway pipe at the southwest driveway. (3) Approval of sewer lateral design by HTWSA. (4) Installation of required planting, retention basins, and other public improvements required by the Ordinance. (5) Construction of swale on top of pipe, crowning driveways and installation of trench grates at driveway intersections with public street. (6) Installation of rip-rap at DW endwall. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

8:03 P.M. - Bid opening for 1986 Police cars - only one bid received from A & T Chevrolet, Sellersville, PA, for one full size marked police car, and one full sized unmarked car:

A & T Chevrolet bid:

1 - four door Chevy Caprice and 1 two door Monte Carlo
net cost \$24,400

Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to accept A & T's bid of \$24,400 for 1 Monte Carlo and 1 full size Chevy with trade-in of 1979 Ford at a cost of \$24,400, subject to review by Chief Egly and Mr. Wynn; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

Proposal Opening - 1985 Township Audit - Four bids received for audit of Federal Revenue Sharing funds in compliance with recent Federal Revenue Sharing order requirements and all other Township funds, including DCA reports, Federal Revenue reports, and State fund reports:

<u>Name of Firm</u>	Amount
John M. Rarick, Roslyn, PA	between \$8,800 and \$11,500
Michael J. Holmes, Bala Cynwyd	\$4,800
Niessen, Dunlap & Pritchard	between \$7,600 to \$7,900
Mathieson, Aitken & Co.	approximately \$4,000

Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to accept the bid of Michael J. Holmes, Bala Cynwyd of \$4,800 for 1985 audit of Township funds; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

F. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Ordinance #85-7 - to affix method and amount of compensation for Supervisors. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-7, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

2. Nuisance Ordinance - The Board authorized advertisement for consideration at next Supervisors' Meeting (12/30/85) at 8:00 P.M.

3. Joint work session was held on Wednesday, December 4, 1985 at Dublin Borough with officials of Bedminster Township, Dublin Borough and Hilltown Township attending. Mr. Grabowski reported that the three municipalities agreed to the formation of a Joint Water Study Commission proposed by Hilltown Township, with three members to be appointed to the Commission from each municipality. Purpose of this committee is to investigate and report (within 180 days of first meeting) on water conditions with aid of an independent hydrogeologist (other than that hired by Dublin). The budget for same (\$10,000 total) is to be approved and shared by the three municipalities. Mr. Grabowski presented to the Board a summary of that meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to enter into a Joint Water Study with Dublin and Bedminster Township as per the agreement of understanding with the stipulation that no well (the Hager Well in particular) be drilled by Dublin in Hilltown Township until recommendations are made by the Joint Study Commission; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously. Mr. Pischl announced that Mr. Jack Fox has volunteered to be a member of the study commission.

G. PUBLIC WORK'S REPORT - Tom Buzby read the report dated November 10 through December 7, 1985 and same is on file at the Township office. He further stated that he attended a 2 day seminar on 11/19 & 11/20 with a presentation on the evaluation of road and rating system, and that this would be a good method to determine deterioration of roadways.

H. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Egly read the report for the month of November; with one fatal accident on Hilltown Pike and Swartley Road. The Chief also requested the Board's approval of wrought iron work to be placed on windows and doors of the police trailer. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the purchase of wrought iron work for the trailer from Smith Brothers at a cost of \$1,900; seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ivan Jurin - questioned Enslow property subdivision - Mr. Wynn reported that no formal plans have been submitted to the Township. Mr. Jurin also questioned amount of right-of-way given to the Township (50 feet) and was told that cartway widths depend upon lot size requirements. In answer to Mr. Jurin's question, Mr. Grabowski stated that open space does not have to be a continuous parcel but may be any amount of land acceptable to the Township.

2. Carl Wagoner, representing Hilltown Township Town Watch Youth Activity Program, requested the Board's consideration of hiring one or two additional police officers. Mr. Wagoner stated his opinion that Officers Brady and Watts, who are both involved with youth education, are needed full-time for these programs. He further stated that training is inadequate at this time. Ms. Elizabeth Haman, Captain of District 8 Town Watch, agreed with Mr. Wagoner and also praised Officers Brady and Watts for their effective work with the youth of the Township. Mr. Samuel Pierce, a resident of Silverdale and a former Town Watch operator, also requested additional men be placed on the force. Mr. Pischl replied that the Township is currently in police negotiations of a 2 year contract and also indicated that the Township will lose approximately \$200,000 in revenues (from federal revenue, turnback of roads, and Police Grant) and that the cost of hiring one additional officer is approximately \$35,000, not including additional requirements for vehicles, equipment, training and clerical staff.

J. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Alderfer & Frank - Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve a 6 month service contract with Alderfer & Frank for trash pick-up at a cost of \$52.73/month; seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

2. Fire Reports - November reports received from Silverdale, Line Lexington, and Dublin Fire Companies; same are on file at the Township office.

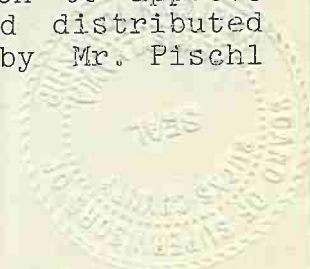
3. Notice of package policy insurance cancellation effective 2/4/86 by H.A. Thomson Co. Effective 1/9/86 Workman's Compensation will not be renewed. The Township is currently receiving quotes. Mr. Pischl recommended the Township look into PA State Association workman's compensation insurance.

4. Mary Phillips - regarding Mrs. Ammon's dog kennel, a meeting was held with Senator Howard, Ms. Erwin, and officials of DER and Bucks County Health Department.

K. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Grunmeier recommended Mr. John Snyder be appointed PEMA Coordinator to replace Mrs. Betty Kelly who has been elected Township Supervisor. Mr. Snyder stated that, since he is an appointed Township Auditor, he would have to give thought to this appointment and other family considerations before accepting the position (the Second Class Township Code states an elected auditor cannot hold an appointed position).

2. Test Team - Mr. Grunmeier made a motion to approve the Test Team Agreement, to be signed and distributed to other municipalities, motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.




3. Budget work session to be held Wednesday, 11/11/85 at 7:30 P.M.

4. The Supervisors thanked the police and road crew for the fine job they performed during the recent storm.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier, seconded by Mrs. Lockard. Adjournment at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gloria G. Neiman
Secretary

