

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
November 25, 1985

The meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by the 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, Twp. Solicitor  
George C. Egly, Police Chief

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Grunmeier indicated a correction be made to Page 2, Item H 1 - 1st sentence - spelling of name corrected to Henry Gaiser. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the minutes of the 11/11/85 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Current billing in the amount of \$11,313.28, with an additional Northern District Sewer Account bill of \$58.50, was approved by the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to pay bills when due, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

D. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

1. Old Business:

(a) Kirk's Service Center - Towing: Mr. Kirk and his attorney, Mr. George Bush were present. Mr. Wynn explained that Mr. Kirk has shown evidence of securing additional insurance (\$1,000,000) and acquired a lease at Blue School Road and Rt. 313 at an existing service station for storage of cars. Mr. Kirk is requesting his towing area to be bounded by Rt. 313, half way between 313 and the westerly side of the territory of Herb's Auto Body. Chief Egly questioned whether someone would be available at any time of day or night to allow police to search an impounded vehicle (the Chief explained there is a 6 hour time limit for arraignment). The Supervisors agreed to send letters to Kirk's and Herb's in an attempt to resolve questions raised at this meeting, and to table a decision until those questions have been answered to their satisfaction.

(b) Silverdale Borough - Snow Removal: Received Silverdale Borough's Agreement to Hilltown Township's Proposal for snow removal of their streets. Mr. Wynn will contact Tom Crouthamel regarding the additional plowing of South Walnut Street.

(c) Campbell Property - Barn Demolition: Letter received 11/13/85 from Ms. Campbell's attorney stating that she is undergoing medical treatment and intends to start reconstruction after the fall harvest.

2. New Business:

(a) 1986 Estimate of Revenues & Expenditures for General, Federal Revenue Sharing, and Highway Aid Funds totals \$1.675 million, with no proposed tax increase. Mr. Wynn read proposed budget amounts; copies of this estimate were posted on bulletin boards, distributed to Supervisors, and are on file at the Township office. The 1986 budget is scheduled for formal adoption at the second Supervisors' meeting in December (12/30/85).

Sgt. Watts explained the formation of a youth aid panel, consisting of Township residents and juveniles; the panel would sentence offenders instead of bringing them before a judge and jury. Chief Egly requested that any residents interested in being a member of this panel contact the police department. There will be a meeting regarding formation of this panel held on Monday, December 2nd at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Office.

E. TOWNSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT (continued):

New Business:

(b) Police Car Advertisement - The Board authorized advertisement for bid opening at next meeting (12/9/85).

(c) Outside Auditor - Advertisement for outside audit of Township records has been advertised for 12/9/85 Supervisors' meeting.

(d) Supervisors' Meeting - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to change the second scheduled Supervisors' meeting of December 23rd to December 30th at 7:30 P.M. due to Christmas holiday observance, seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

F. PLANNING REPORT:

1. Maurice Schultz - Final Plan - 19 lot subdivision, off of Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Grunmeier questioned if turnaround area of cul-de-sac will be large enough for fire department equipment - Mr. Wynn stated that it will have to meet all requirements. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve the final plan of Maurice Schultz subject to conditions listed in P.C. Minutes of 11/18/85, seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

2. Alice Moyer - Final Plan - 2 lot subdivision, located on corner of Hilltown Pike and Church Road. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Alice Moyer final plan subject to following conditions of P.C. minutes of 11/18/85 being accepted and accomplished by the applicant: (1) dedication of right-of-way; (2) installation of monumentation; (3) final approval of BCHD; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

3. Rodney Grasse - 2 lot subdivision, located on Upper Church Road. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to approve the Grasse Subdivision subject to conditions listed in P.C. minutes of 11/18/85; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

4. Christopher Lewis - lot line correction for Telford Homes subdivision. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the change in lot line subject to conditions listed in P.C. minutes of 11/18/85; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

5. Donald Nase - 3 lot subdivision on Hillcrest Road. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to approve the Donald Nase subdivision plan subject to Items 1, 2, and 4 of P.C. minutes of 11/18/85; that widening of street be waived in lieu of installation of two DW endwalls; and that an escrow account be set up to ensure two PennDOT endwalls are installed at each end of a 42" culvert located 50' south of the property; motion was seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.

6. Franklin Rice - Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to name the private road in the Franklin Rice Subdivision "Pineside Drive"; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jim Kane, 510 Broad Street, Hilltown - Mr. Kane expressed his concern over the microwave tower being constructed near his property. In answer to his question regarding radio transmission, Chief Egly explained that this tower should not affect police or fire company radios; although they hope to request an aerial for better transmission after the tower is constructed.

Name of transmission company: Telecom Engineering Atlantic States Microwave Transmission Company.

Mr. Grabowski explained that the transmission company investigated sites within Bucks County and found this site to be the most beneficial with highest elevation. When asked if the Board could reverse their approval of the site plan, Mr. Grabowski replied that from a legal (and zoning) standpoint, they could not. Mr. Wynn explained that a site development plan was submitted and reviewed by the Township Engineer and the Board approved the plan based on the Engineer's recommendation. In answer to Catherine Kohler's (601 Broad Street) question regarding non-conforming use, Mr. Wynn advised that Use F-1 "Public Utility" is a permitted use within the RR District.

Other residents stated they were not contacted regarding the proposed construction of this tower and were advised that it is not a requirement of site plan submittal to contact neighbors -- adjoining neighbors are contacted only in a zoning appeal. Residents also questioned if construction of the tower could be stopped until tests are conducted, and were informed that the Township would have no legal grounds to do so. Mr. Wynn explained that the transmission company secured a building permit and a driveway permit from the Township and site plan approval from the Board. He further explained that all construction in the Township must adhere to the BOCA Building Code. In regard to a change in the Zoning Ordinance, residents were informed that any change would not affect this tower as it has been approved and constructed previous to any proposed change. Residents were told they could inspect the site plan and building plan files at the Township office during normal working hours.

Donald Marinucci requested that the Board check into the safety aspects of the tower; i.e., extreme weather conditions (tornados, hurricanes) and effect of high frequency microwave on nervous systems.

George Zwik, a resident of Callowhill Road, stated that a cable had pulled loosed from the base during construction of the tower according to a construction worker.

Shirlene Coleman, 605 Broad Street, stated she has had interference on her television since the tower was constructed.

Other questions and concerns of the residents are:

- (1) Lights on top of the tower are not operating at all times (tower has received FAA approval).
- (2) Will blasting by Quarry affect the tower?
- (3) Mrs. Dorothy Marchini, 609 Broad St., expressed concern over low flight patterns of aircraft in the area during foggy days and at night.
- (4) What materials is tower comprised of, i.e., microchips compressed gas?
- (5) Is radiation present; if so, what kind and how will it affect resident's health.
- (6) Would microwaves affect a pacemaker?
- (7) Can zoning be changed so that another tower cannot be placed within the Township?

Residents were told that correspondence would be sent to Telecom stating their questions and concerns. Contact person for residents is Mrs. Dorothy Marchini (822-3093).

10:05 P.M. - Mr. Pischl announced a 10 minute recess to allow residents to leave the building.

#### H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Corporation Hilltop - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-46 Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for Corporation Hilltop; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously. Resolution #85-47 - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-47, Declaration of Public Purpose - Corporation Hilltop; seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.
2. Herbert Harris Subdivision - Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to adopt Resolution #85-48, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for the Herbert Harris Subdivision; seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mrs. Lockard to adopt Resolution #85-49, Declaration of Public Purpose - Herbert Harris Subdivision; motion seconded by Mr. Grunmeier and carried unanimously.
3. Clemmer Moving & Storage - Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-50, Acceptance of Deed of Dedication for Clemmer Moving & Storage; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to adopt Resolution #85-51, Declaration of Public Purpose for Clemmer Moving & Storage; seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Grabowski read correspondence received from Teamsters Local 115 regarding a request for a representation election and asking if the Township is willing to join a joint election request (for non-uniform employees - public works personnel and 1 clerical secretary and 1 clerk from the Police Department). Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to not enter into a joint election request for non-uniform employees; motion seconded by Mr. Pischl and carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Grabowski further reported that action has been taken toward appointment of a third arbitrator in the Police Contract negotiations.
6. Dublin Well/Hager Condemnation - Judge Beister issued his decision last week, stating that Hilltown Township does not have the right to involve itself with condemnation matters involving private property. Mr. Grabowski recommended that the Township make further appeal to the Bucks County Court in an attempt to overrule Judge Beister's decision. Motion was made by Mr. Grunmeier to appeal Judge Beister's decision to the Commonwealth Court of PA; motion seconded by Mrs. Lockard and carried unanimously.

7. Mr. Grabowski also announced a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th with Dublin Borough Council, Bedminster Township and Hilltown Township at the Dublin Borough Hall, 7:30 P.M. for discussion of area water problems and possible solutions.

8. Notice received from Gov. Thornburgh regarding annual compensation for Supervisors to be based on population of townships. Annual compensation for our Township (population 10,000 to 14,999) would be \$2,600 - effective only for those supervisors elected after 10/31/85. The Board instructed Mr. Grabowski to advertise this ordinance for the next Supervisors' meeting.

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Perkasio Fire Company October report received and on file at the Township Office.

2. Correspondence received from Mike Tuttle, owner of Mike's Exxon (Rt. 113 and 313), requesting consideration for contract to service police vehicles.


J. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Grunmeier commented that, in his opinion, the municipal liability insurance rates have been increasing to an alarming degree. He suggested that municipalities should meet to discuss formation of an insurance group.

2. A budget work session is scheduled for December 11th at 7:30 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mr. Grunmeier and seconded by Mrs. Lockard. Adjournment at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gloria G. Neiman  
Secretary

PETITION

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Contrary to statements made in the area newspapers, we were never advised of the tower construction, etc.

We are concerned over its possible reception interference and more importantly, its threat to our health. We want to know what materials are in its make-up and the possible adverse affects it will have on our health and welfare.

- 1 Catherine T. Kahler 601 Broad St. Perkasie, Pa.
- 2 Myrtle Kahler 601 Broad Perkasie Pa.
- 3 Shirley Coleman 605 Broad Hilltown Pa.
- 4 Joe M. Coleman 605 Broad Hilltown Pa.
- 5 Almus Edmonds 1313 Upper Stumps Rd.
- 6 Claudine Edmonds 1313 Upper Stumps Rd.
- 7 Loretta Payne 413 Brook Street
- 8 James Kain 510 Broad St.
- 9 George C. Zink Callowhill Rd
- 10 Howard Karger 728 Broad St Perkasie Pa
- 11 Craig Ogelly 730 Broad St, Perkasie, Pa.
- 12 Arnold J. Fleis 635H CALLOWHILL RD PERKASIE, PA
- 13 Walter B. Belkowski BROAD ST. HILLTOWN PA 18927
- 14 Louis Walsh Rt 152 Box 125 Hilltown, Pa 18927
- 15 Donald J. Mammie 2007 Mill Rd, Hilltown
- 16 Edwin Aungst J 617 Callowhill Rd Perkasie
- 17 Brenda Aungst " " "
- 18 Whitia Jett 737 E. Callowhill Rd Perkasie
- 19 Elmer Jett " " " "
- 20 David R. Rosenberger
- 21 William Godek 206 Broad St. Perkasie, Pa 18944
- 22 Capt J. Fallo 1317 BROAD ST PERKASIE PA 18944
- 23 Vernon Denstine Rosenberger Drive, Perkasie Pa.
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1 Joseph L. Kirschner

2 Wanda Freed

3 Jay Wassel

4 Tim O'Connell

5 Pat O'Connell

6 Dorothy Marchini

7 Julian A Marchini

8 Mary R. Derby

9 Lawrence D. Derby

10 Joan H. Fiel

11. Earl W. Kennedy

12. Jean & Bob Smola

13. Jim McGuire

14. Patti McGuire

15. John A. Trapp

16. Betty C. Trapp

17. Carl Perstine

18. Glen Perstine

19. Barbara Hopkins



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- 1 MR. & MRS. Richard Beck
- 2 Daniel Court
- 3 James H. Landis
- 4 Bruce W. Landis
- 5 Mike McHugh
- 6 Pat & Blanche Malin
- 7 Howard & Sharon Felton





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**Residents Present Concerning the Tower:**

Elmer & Alberta Jett  
737 E. Callowhill Rd., H.  
Perkasie, PA  
822-1097

Larry Derby  
2524 Hilltown Pike  
Perkasie, PA  
822-1831

Barbara Hopkins  
201 Welcome House Road  
Perkasie, PA  
249-3123

Bob Wassel  
414 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA  
822-6191

John Trapp  
820-H Callowhill Road  
Perkasie, PA  
822-8420

Craig Ogelby  
730 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA  
822-8897

Howard Kane  
728 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA  
822-1715

Ed Aungst, Jr.  
617 Callowhill Road  
Perkasie, PA  
822-7481

Glenn Derstine  
816 Callowhill Road  
Perkasie, PA  
822-1296

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Dorothy Marchini  
609 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA  
822-3093

Ron Theis  
635H Callowhill Rd.  
Perkasie, PA  
822-7264

Shirlene Coleman  
605 Broad Street  
Hilltown, PA 822-8877

Joe M. Coleman  
605 Broad Street  
Hilltown, PA  
822-8877

Loretta Payne  
413 Broad Street  
Hilltown, PA

George C. Zwik  
Callowhill Road  
Hilltown, PA

Catherine Kohler  
601 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA 18944

Joseph Kirschne  
601 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA

Walter Helhowksi  
Hilltown, PA

Louis Wabel  
Rt. 152, Box 125  
Hilltown, PA 18927

Ivan Jurin  
417 Rt. 152  
Perkasie, PA 18944