

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
MARCH 26, 1984

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vincent Pischl at 7:30 P.M. with Mary Lockard, Robert H. Grunmeier, Robert Wynn, Jeffrey Drake, George Egly, and Gloria Neiman in attendance. At this time Mr. Pischl announced that the meeting was being tape recorded.

Robert Grunmeier indicated a correction be made to the previous meeting's minutes of 3/12/84 -- third page, third paragraph, should read: "Mr. Grunmeier stated that he attended seminars on February 28 and March 6, 1984 held by the Department of Community Affairs for newly elected officials and thought they were very worthwhile presentations." Mary Lockard indicated a correction be made to the first page, sixth paragraph, third sentence, should read: ". . . dead livestock inside the barn . . ." There being no other corrections, motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mary Lockard, and carried unanimously by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Robert Wynn; motion was made by Mary Lockard to approve the report as read, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board. Current billing in the amount of \$14,087.76 was approved; motion was made by Mary Lockard to pay bills when due, seconded by Robert Grunmeier, and carried unanimously by the Board.

Mr. Pischl again announced (for residents who came in late) that the meeting was being taped.

Jay Francis, Chairman of the Board of Auditors, presented a letter to the Board with recommendations for financial improvements including better investment of Township funds. He also stated that the auditors approved of the change in accounting guidelines and thanked Robert Wynn and Gloria Neiman for their help in this respect. Mr. Grunmeier thanked the auditors for a job well done.

Dr. Shearburn was present to again discuss the Campbell property and, in particular, the deteriorating condition of the barn. He stated that he feels it is a "junkyard". Mr. Wynn advised him that the "junkyard" is a non-conforming use which existed prior to the Zoning Ordinance and as such is allowed. Dr. Shearburn stated that the barn is a safety hazard and voiced his concern regarding school children walking in the area. Jeffrey Drake, Township Solicitor, informed him that the barn and junkyard situation are two different issues. He stated that the Township would need an evaluation from a structural engineer as to whether the barn is a hazard, and after that legal action could be taken; however, Mrs. Campbell must be given a 30-day notification and an opportunity to also be heard. Mr. Terry McGinn, another resident, also voiced his displeasure with the property and condition of the barn. The Supervisors agreed to inspect the barn during their road inspection of the Township.

Les Lombardy, a resident and spokesman for the Woodlawn Meadows' Homeowners, presented a petition signed by the majority of front footage residents, requesting that all five street lights be removed. There were a total of 11 lot owner's signatures on the petition. Mr. Lombardy questioned whether the Homeowners would be able to put in their own lights and if there were any limitations in doing so. Mr. Wynn stated that they must be 25 feet from centerline of road (10 feet behind curb). In answer to Mr. Lombardy's question regarding taxing of lights from now until April 15th, Mr. Drake advised that this would have to be determined and Mrs. Lockard stated that whatever was paid could be applied toward having them removed. The Supervisors agreed that Mr. Wynn should contact P P & L to determine cost of removing the street lights; after cost is quoted by P P & L, Mr. Wynn will contact a representative of the Homeowners.

Mr. Wynn presented the Township Coordinator's Report: Under "Old Business": (1) Quarry Well Testing - Well testing will be conducted on March 29th, with well test pumping on March 27th and March 28 (48 hrs. prior to testing). Haines & Kibblehouse advised in a letter that they intend to schedule grading on Skunk Hollow as soon as ground is dry, and will seed the berm this spring. (2) Reminder - a public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5th regarding Hilltown Pike. This notice was advertised in the newspaper; no other Township business will be conducted. (3) The 1983 Chalfont Fire Company report has been received; Chalfont responded to 7 alarms in Hilltown Township. All fire company reports have now been received -- John Snyder, of Line Lexington Fire Company, will compile a total report encompassing all fire company's response in Hilltown Township. (4) Community Development update of projects for 1984 -- Mr. Wynn reported that Community Development has been working to turn around legislation regarding funding of Fairhill School Road Bridge (\$70,000) and two storm drainage projects (\$8,500). They are confident that all projects will be approved prior to June 1st. (5) Mr. Wynn reported on the Bucks County Consortium which involves a group of Township Managers who meet monthly to discuss various means of improving management of municipalities. Hilltown Township took advantage of joint bids for purchase of salt (144 Tons) at a savings of \$2,500. We are also investigating sign purchase alternatives; i.e., bidding completed signs or having a larger municipality make signs for us. Mr. Wynn is also working toward a medical insurance program modeled after Montgomery County which will result in lower costs for health care. (6) Pinewood Lane - no progress - curb line is staked out but nothing else has been accomplished due to mud. (7) Police Department - roof has been repaired, with only gutters required for completion.

No "New Business" at this time.

Planning Report: (a) H. Franklin Rice Subdivision - Robert Grunmeier made a motion to accept the H. Franklin Rice Plan with the recommendations as provided by the Planning Commission; Mary Lockard seconded and motion was carried unanimously by the Board. (b) Herbert Hager Subdivision - Mary Lockard made a motion to approve the Herbert Hager Plan with recommendations of the Planning Commission; Robert Grunmeier seconded and motion was carried unanimously by the Board. (c) Robert Reep - The Planning Commission recommended acceptance of Mr. Reep's Plan if applicant applied for an extension of time. Mr. Wynn presented a letter from Schwartz Realtors, granting a 90 day extension of time. Robert Grunmeier made a motion to accept the extension of 90 days, Mary Lockard seconded and motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

Jeffrey Drake presented the Solicitor's Report. The Bucks County Planning Commission has approved the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance which changes the fine for violation from a maximum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$500. Hilltown Township Planning Commission will act at their next meeting, with Supervisors' review at their second April meeting (4/23/84).

Mr. Roscoe Dunlap, a resident, was present with other property owners to voice their objection to apartments proposed by Raymond Rosenberger. Mr. Wynn advised the residents that the Zoning Hearing Appeal meeting (3/15/84) notice was published in the News Herald and a sign posted on the property (15 feet from edge of road), with notification sent to adjacent property owners (Mr. Brubaker, Mr. Rush and Mr. Sterling). The Zoning Hearing Board will give their decision on April 12th (no testimony can be given at that meeting). Mr. Dunlap stated that neither he or any of the residents present were aware of the Zoning Hearing Board appeal hearing on March 15th. Mr. Drake advised them that their only recourse at this time is to go before the County Court in Doylestown.

Correspondence: (1) Mr. Wynn reminded the Board that Local Government Week will be observed April 15th to April 20th. At this time the Supervisors agreed to have an "Open House" at the Township Building on Tuesday, April 17th from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. A notice will be placed in the local newspapers to that effect. (2) A letter was read from the Pennridge Community Day organization thanking the Supervisors for their support. Pennridge Community Day observance will be in Lake Lenape Park on July 1st (rain date July 8th). (3) Bucks County is seeking candidates for membership on the Community Development Citizens Committee. Applications must be returned by May 11 to be considered. (4) PennDOT correspondence was received with Pothole Hotline phone number 1-800-222-1956. (5) A seminar on public cash management will be held at the Hotel Hershey May 9th through May 11th. Decision on this will be made at next meeting. (6) Correspondence received from Grand View Hospital regarding Auxilliary Plant Sale - orders must be received by 4/23/84. Listing of plants and notice will be placed on the Township Bulletin Board. (7) PA Roadside Council and PA DER are sponsoring a seminar on recycling, Thursday, April 26th and Friday, April 27th with \$50 Registration Fee; early registration ends April 24th. (8) Rep. Peter Kostmayer has scheduled a "Municipal Leaders Day" in Washington, D.C. for Thursday, April 12th, which will include seminars and discussions on grant writing, proposal application, revenue sharing and availability of government funds. Robert Wynn and Robert Grunmeier will be attending this seminar. Cost is \$45 per person. (9) Mr. Wynn reminded the Board of Lieutenant-Detective Kerry Trauger's probationary period of one year which ended on March 11, 1984. The Board acknowledged Mr. Trauger's position as official Detective of the Police Department. Officer Robert Miller has also completed his one year probationary period. Letters from Chief Egly on both of these matters are on file at the Township office.

Mr. Grunmeier noted that the Souderton Open House will be held on April 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Bids for asphalt, concrete pipe, aluminum pipe, stone and fuel will be opened at the second Supervisors' meeting in April (4/23/84).

There being no further business, a motion of adjournment was made by Mary Lockard and seconded by Robert H. Grunmeier. Adjournment at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Neiman
Secretary