

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING - 01/09/84

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vincent Pischl, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made to approve minutes of December 27, 1983 Supervisors' meeting and unanimously carried by the Board. Motion was made to approve minutes of January 3, 1984 Reorganization meeting and unanimously carried by the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Robert Wynn; motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to approve the report as written, seconded by Mary Lockard, and carried unanimously by the Board.

Bills dated January 9, 1984 were presented to the Supervisors for approval. Motion was made by Mary Lockard to approve current billing, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and unanimously carried by the Board.

Thomas Buzby, Road Superintendent, reported that additional Town Watch signs were installed -- seven permanent signs and two temporary signs were placed. Due to frost, old posts could not be removed at this time.

The Township Coordinator's report was read. Under "old business": (a) an agreement with Automatic Business Centers (ABC) was presented to provide payroll service for the Township in 1984. It was understood that the Township may terminate these services at any time. Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier, seconded by Mary Lockard and unanimously approved by the Board. (b) The steering committee met with William D. Kee, Township Engineer, to review the draft of Sewerage Feasibility Study for Line Lexington area and New Britain Township. Purpose of meeting was to insure all items were included as required by the proposal. Another meeting will be set with Hatfield Sewer Authority and a public meeting held when report is complete. (c) Resolution 84-2, Carl T. Fretz Utility Easement to Hilltown Township and/or assigns was presented to the Board. Motion was made by Mary Lockard to accept Resolution 84-2, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and carried unanimously by the Board.

At this time, several residents of Hilltown Township asked to be recognized by the Board. Jim Thomas expressed his concern over four traffic accidents which occurred Friday evening, January 6th, on Hilltown Pike (from Swartley Road to the village of Line Lexington). Three young men were killed in one of these accidents. Chief Egly reported that all of the accidents were due to human error; not road conditions. The accident involving the three deaths was due to excessive high speed. According to a PennDOT survey, only 5% of vehicles travel this road above 50m.p.h. Ms. Carol Butterworth, a representative of Representative Benjamin Wilson's office, stated that they have been working on this problem since October, 1973. Flashing warning devices were installed and an advisory speed posted of 25 m.p.h. (by Hilltown Township); chevron alignment signs were installed along curb, and another sign posted to alarm motorists going opposite way of intersection to Swartley Road. Another resident, Jane N. Houlihan, expressed her concern over the drainage problem in this area. Ms. Butterworth stated she would advise PennDOT of this problem. Ms. Houlihan also remarked that children walk across Hilltown Pike to board a school bus and this is a very dangerous stretch of road. Ms. Butterworth (through Rep. Wilson's office) will contact Penridge School District and attempt to reroute bus schedules.

Paul Maynard, a resident, stated that there is a dangerous section of road from the Mennonite Church to Cedar Hill Road ("s" curve). Chief Egly stated that chevron signs were placed 50' apart by PennDOT; he believes they should be 25' apart with flashing signals to indicate there is a curve. Mr. & Mrs. George Dowiak expressed their concern over the number of accidents which have occurred in front of their home, causing much damage to their property. They suggested the ditch in front of their property be filled and shrubs placed along the front. Don Owens, head of Town Watch, suggested either a traffic light or stop sign be installed at Swartley Road.

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All residents questioned PennDOT's practice of keeping their records on file only three years. Mr. & Mrs. Dowiak have kept a log of accidents occurring in front of their residence since 1962. It was decided at this point to have Ms. Butterworth arrange a public meeting with representatives of PennDOT (both Doylestown and St. Davids) at our Township Building. ~~NOTE:~~ NOTE: attached are names and addresses of residents who made public comment at the meeting.

Under "new business": (a) Resolution 84-3, Police Pension Contribution, was accepted by the Board. Motion was made by Mary Lockard, seconded by Robert Grunmeier. (b) Motion was made by Robert Grunmeier to approve the flood plain permit for Russell Dimmig, Schoolhouse Road, conditional upon the following items being accepted and accomplished by the applicant:

1. Schoolhouse Road right-of-way be dedicated to Hilltown Township.
2. A drainage easement be granted to Hilltown Township.
3. Schoolhouse Road frontage be regraded per Township requirements.

The motion was seconded by Mary Lockard and unanimously carried by the Board. (c) Line Lexington Fire Company report for 1983 was presented to the Board. This is the only fire company report received to date. (d) A zoning complaint was received in regard to the Haberle property on Bethlehem Pike. A second trailer was moved onto the property without permit. Mr. Haberle does not have a building permit and may be using the trailer as living quarters. Follow-up report will be given at the next meeting.

Mr. Wynn read a notice from the Federal Revenue Sharing Regulations stating that before January 17, 1984, Hilltown Township must advertise its policy against handicapped discrimination and appoint a person responsible for implementing a plan to have all public accessways, etc. conform to handicapped regulations. Mary Lockard entered a motion to appoint Robert Wynn, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Wynn presented a request by Russell Rogers of Dublin Borough to allow the road crew of Hilltown Township to install signs (41) in Dublin Borough. Dublin Borough will reimburse Hilltown Township. An estimate was made of \$250 for break-away anchors (approx. 10 hrs.); \$500 for entire sign (approx. 20 hrs.). The Board agreed to submission of a proposal to Dublin Borough for their approval.

The Zoning Report for December 1983 was read and will be reviewed by the Board.

Chief of Police report was read by Chief Egly; motion was made by Mary Lockard to approve report, seconded by Robert Grunmeier and ~~carried~~ unanimously by the Board.

Mary Lockard requested that the Health Department be contacted before the next Supervisors' meeting regarding Blooming Glen Quarry well testing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion was made by Mary Lockard, seconded by Robert Grunmeier.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Neiman
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Following are names and addresses of residents who made public comment at the meeting:

Jane N. Houlihan
Valley View Road
Line Lexington, PA 18932

Mr. & Mrs. George Dowiak
514 Swartley Road
Hatfield, PA 19440

Jim Thomas
120 Longview Road
Perkasie, PA 18944

Paul Maynard
Valley View Road
Line Lexington, PA 18932

Don Owens
2025 Rickert Road
Perkasie, PA 18944

Other residents present at the meeting:

Harlan Law
Box 128
Line Lexington, PA 18932

Diane Kelly
Valley View Road
Line Lexington, PA 18932

Laurie & Carl Wagoner
Hilltown Pike
Line Lexington, PA 18932

Henry A. Gainer
Bethlehem Pike
Line Lexington, PA 18932

William Reckner, Jr., Constable
528 Keystone Drive
Sellersville, PA 18960