

# Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

November 9, 1981

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vincent Pischl. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Mary Lockard and seconded by Edward Wentz. The bills as presented for payment in the amount of \$6,930.66 were approved by Mary Lockard and seconded by Edward Wentz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with the following comments: Question raised on the Deed of Dedication for an easement onto the property of Leonard Sterling for the Central Avenue Bridge project. Mr. Drake reported that the deed has been signed and presented resolution 81-23 for accepting this deed. Motion made by Mary Lockard and seconded by Ed Wentz to accept this deed of dedication. Resolution No. 81-24 re; towing specifications and regulations was adopted by the supervisors. Minutes approved as written.

Mr. Wynn, our engineer then gave his report. He will be proceeding with a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, Ply-Mar Construction for the Central Avenue Bridge. A letter was received from Arlin Hunsberger asking for a 60 day extension on his subdivision. This was granted. Motion made by Mary Lockard and seconded by Ed Wentz. Mr. Wynn advised that Mrs. Pellin' and her attorney, Joseph Wagner were in attendance about obtaining an occupancy permit for the old one-room school house located at Route 309 and Schoolhouse Road to be used as an oriental rug shop/ There are no sewage facilities on this property but according to the 1981 BOCA Code as long as there are no more than three employees on the premises, it is not required. As they will be having only one full-time employee and one part-time employee, motion was made by Mary Lockard and seconded by Ed Wentz to grant them an occupancy permit on the recommendation of our engineer. Mr. Wynn reported that he had contacted the Penridge Full Gospel Tabernacle about removing the tree at the end of the Woodlawn Drive and this was acceptable to them. Also, Mr. Wynn contacted Mr. Yassi about removing the trailer and he said he had sold the trailer and the purchaser would be removing same within the next two weeks.

Residents of the Woodlawn Meadows development were at the meeting and they were told that Dr. Austin has not applied for any permits, etc to put the Group Home in the development. Also there is a good possibility of Dr. Austin obtaining property else where in the township for this group home. Dr. Austin and Mr. Hackett have asked to be put on the agenda of the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion was made and passed unanimously by the supervisors as follows: "The supervisors of Hilltown Township under Section 609.2 of the Municipalities Planning Code, declare its Zoning Ordinance of 1977, as amended, substantially invalid with respect to Group Homes, the definition for "family"(Section 220) and any other uses as excluded or may be excluded." The supervisors now have 180 days to prepare a code of amendment to overcome this problem.

Mr. John Snyder, Chairman of the Fire Commission, presented a possible map for redefining districts for the various fire companies. However, it can not be finalized at this time as two of the fire companies have not approved same as of this date. He also asked if any money had been budgeted in the 1982 budget for a Fire Marshall- he estimated the cost to be between \$1200- \$1500 dollars. No action taken.

Mr. Handschu of Line Lexington again asked about possible Sewering for his area. He heard that a line was being run up 309 but it was determined that this line deadends at Hershey Lamp Co. Mr. Wentz said he would call Roy Love of the Hatfield Sewer Authority to determine if any new plans are anticipated.

Mr. Drake reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Poust giving them 30 days from the date of the letter, 11-5-81 to remedy the violations on their property.



Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from the Pennridge Activity Center asking for a donation towards their heating and insulation project. Action deferred to the next meeting.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Mr. Swayne asking the supervisors to draft a resolution asking to keep Bucks County in a single congressional district. Action on this matter postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. Drake advised that the Cable Television Ordinance has been advertised for adoption at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the report of the Zoning Department for the month of October, 1981, reporting \$1527.00 collected in fees for permits, etc.

A notice was received from the Department of Transportation that unless the driveway is constructed within 10 days from date of notice, 10-27-81, the permit will be revoked. This concerns the driveway to be constructed in the Highpoint Farms development. Mrs. Gutekunst advised that Mr. Wilson had had some correspondence with Mr. Boland about this matter, Mr. Drake will look into same.

Mr. Drake wrote to Mr. Robert Gabler, Attorney for Green Meadows Homeowners Association, who have been concerned about the activity in the development- sending him a copy of the agreement entered into by First Family Federal and Loan Association, Telford Homes and Hilltown Township regarding Section 2 and 3 of the Green Meadows Development.

.Motion made by Mary Lockard to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Meeting was reconvene at 9:00 P.M. to hear the complaint of Sharon Boose about being laid-off until the end of the year due to a deficit in the Part-time Police Budget. A petition was presented signed by about 40 people which read as follows:  
"We, the undersigned find it difficult to comprehend your decision to lay off two police officers. Currently, the rising crime rate of vandalism, theft, and homicide is at an all time high. Surely the budget can be pared in a less strategic department. Also, we have found Sharon Boose to be a sincere, visible, and motivated officer, dedicated to the performance of duty and an asset to our community. We can ill afford to sacrifice her years of experience and training; especially at this time. We need more police-- not less"

The township was represented by Attorney John McClure and Miss Boose was represented by Craig Smith. A court reporter took down the discussion held.