

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

August 10, 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 in the amount of \$14,222.81 were approved for payemnt by Ed Wentz and seconded by Mary Lockard.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with the following comments: Question raised on the cost of snow plowing, Mrs. Gutekunst did a study of previous years- noting that in a year when we had quite a bit of snow, the cost came to about \$575 a mile of road and in years of lesser snowfall the cost came to about \$450 a mile. Mr. Buzby will do a study on his meeting with the representative of PennDot and report at the next meeting. Mr. Pischl reported that the Police Arbistration will be held on August 12th at 7:30 P.M. here in the Municipal Building. Minutes approved as written.

Mr. Wynn of Cowan Associates reported on the following items: on Woodlawn Meadows, the repair fo the curbs are completed as best they can be, the overlay of the roadway will be completed by the Spet. 1st deadline, possibly the detention basins will not be completely finished by that date. Mr. Yassi is still claiming that PennDot had sent a letter stating that the culvert would not have to be replaced. So far noone has come up with copy of that letter. However, the supervisors would still like to have that culvert replaced and it was noted that it is covered by escrow. One of the residents in the development asked about having that tree removed or trimmed at the end of the lane because of bad visability in driving out onto Blooming Glen Road. Mr. Wynn will contact PennDot about the culvert. Mr. Wynn reported that the Highway Permit had been received from PennDot to improve the road at Route 113 and Blooming Glen Road. The cost has become greater than anticipated to have an outside contractor do the work so consideration is being given to have a contractor do the milling of the road and our township crew do the resurfacing. Mr. Wynn is still awaiting word from DER on the Central Avenue Bridge and he questioned Mr. Wilson about the preparation of the easements. This will be checked out by Chic. Telford Homes Inc. is awaiting approval of sewers and water from Telford Borough and also preparation of the escrow funds for the construction estimate in the amount of \$146,970.00.

The bids for the installation of a concrete slab floor in the addition to the maintenance were opened with the following results:

F. & S. Quality Construction Co. Philadélphia, Pa.	\$15,147.00
Happ Contractors, Inc. Doylestown, Pa.	8,641.00
Masonry Enterprises, Kulpsville, Pa.	15,240.00
Ventresca & Sons, Inc. Warrington, Pa.	6,325.00
Clarence Keene Willow Grove, Pa.	6,600.00
H. E. Alshouse Glenside, Pa.	5,650.00
Pipe Maintenance Services, Inc. Exton, Pa.	7,890.00
Wm. Cox, Inc. Huntingdon Valley Pa.	7,380.00

Motion made to award contract to lowest bidder, H. E. Alshouse contingent upon review by our engineer that all specs are met.

Residents of Hilltown Pike and Swartley Road were into the meeting complaining about the speeding on that road and the numerous accidents. They felt the police were not making arrests for the many violations.

They also complained that the 25 mile speed sign at the top of the blinking light is obscured by tree branches. Also the guard rail has only one wire left intact after being hit so often. Also the speed limit should be lowered from 50 at least to 45 along that stretch from the Good Shepherd Church out to Route 309. Mrs. Gutekunst is to write a letter with all complaints mentioned to try to have some of these violations corrected.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Mr. Richard Bailey, County Extension Director asking for a coordinator from Hilltown Township to assist in the control of the Gypsy Moth. There will be a meeting in Nashaminy Manor on August 27th to outline the guidelines for 1982. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to contact Mr. James Thomas to see if he would be interested in serving in this capacity.

Mrs. Gutekunst gave each supervisor and the solicitor a copy of a Police Mutual Aid Agreement recently prepared by the township of New Britian. They are asking for any additional input before adopting same.

All have received copies of letters from Mr. Drake of Charles Wilson firm to the state and federal agencies in connection with adopting a Hilltown Township Floodplain Ordinance. State approval has been received, waiting for Federal Approval.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Karen Pollock, Director of the Community Arts Program, regarding grants that can be obtained to support local non-profit arts organizations. These are matching type grants. No action taken on same.

A letter was received from the Bucks County Historical Tourist Commission asking for the appointment of a representative to serve on the steering committee for celebrating the 300th birthday of the state. Mrs. Gutekunst had already talked to Jack Fox, President of the Hilltown Historical Society about appointing someone from their group.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that the P. P. & L. Co. had done an energy survey free of charge on the township building. Several suggestions were given as to how to achieve more efficiency and these will be kept in mind when we do our budget for 1982.

Four representatives of towing contractors were at the meeting to discuss the proposed towing contractor specs. After considerable discussion, they were advised to put their suggestions in letter form and forward to Mr. Wilson for review before we adopt a towing ordinance.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the highlights of the July, 1981 Police Report which was accepted by the supervisors. Also the July report of the zoning officer reporting \$2188.00 collected in fees was read and accepted by the supervisors.

Mrs. Gutekunst read an invitation to attend Visitation Day, 1981 in Middlesex Township, Sept. 25th. Also there will be a Bridging the Gap Conference in Washington, D. C. Sept. 9-11. On Sept. 23rd, the Bucks County Association of Township Officials will sponsor a trip to Washington, D. C. Possibly Mary Lockard and Dorothy Gutekunst may attend this. Decision will be made by the next meeting.

Mr. Wilson reported that H. & K. may be ready for negotiations by the last meeting of the month.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst

Letter received from PennDot about restricting speed of traffic on Church Road as requested. They will do a field investigation and if a limited speed zone is granted, the township is responsible for purchasing, erecting and maintaining signs. Mrs. Gutekunst will write to them, asking for an approximate cost.