

# Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

January 12, 1981

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vince Pischl. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Ed Wentz and seconded by Mary Lockard. The bills in the amount of \$11,591.52 were approved for payment by Mary Lockard and seconded by Ed Wentz.

The minutes of the reorganizational meeting of 1-5-81 were reviewed and approved. The minutes of the 12-22-80 meeting were reviewed with the following comments: Question raised on the fees for a permit to install wood-burning stoves- after discussion it was decided to make the fee \$15.00. Mr. Wilson will write up said resolution 81-1. Supervisors asked Mr. Wilson about his meeting with Mr. Leister about Green Meadows. He reported that Jim felt basically all work was completed in Sections 1-2-3 except some drainage work and grading. Also Jim felt there might be enough escrow to complete Conestoga Way- this would involve paving, curbing and drainage. There seems to be activity in interested parties trying to buy Section 4 for development. Mr. Wentz announced the reminder of the meeting to set up the Fire Commission on January 20th. He also had prepared a possible outline to be followed at this meeting. Gave to Dave River for any comments or additions. Minutes approved as written.

Bob Wynn of Cowan's reported that the specs for the Reliance Road Drainage project will be submitted to Hud for approval in two weeks. Once that approval is received, they will advertise for bids on the project around March 2nd with bids being due April 6th for opening. This was approved by the supervisors.

Mr. Wynn also reported that Bob Young had called him about the contaminated well situation and Mr. Young will submit a report on all wells tested indicating which if any are o.k. etc.

Mr. Rice has not been paid the final payment on the maintenance building addition as we are still awaiting the prevailing wage certificate from the government. Mr. Buxby said before final payment is made, the doors should be checked as he has been having problems with them. Also a letter was received from Mr. Rice and Mr. Adams that the existing roof on the maintenance building is leaking causing water to enter the masonry wall where the new addition attaches the existing building. Mrs. Gutekunst is to contact Mr. Munn to check out this situation and give us an estimate on cost to correct the situation.

Mr. Pae was at the meeting and he registered a complaint with the supervisors that he was not getting any of the towing business from the township. Chief Boose responded that the police have been instructed to divide the towing business between the various garages in that business. The supervisors support the policy to divide this towing also.

Mr. Richard Phillips was also at the meeting and he asked the supervisors about raising fur bearing animals on his five acre plot. Since there was no definite ruling in the Zoning Book on this matter, he was advised to present his plan to the Planning Commission and then the supervisors would make a ruling based on recommendations from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Joseph Handsch of Line Lexington was also at the meeting asking about any new information on sewers in his area. Mr. Wentz advised that we have not heard anything recently from Hatfield Township on this but Mr. Wentz said he would contact Roy Love and try to have some information on this matter till the next meeting.

Ordinance 81-1 amending Ordinance 78-7, which prior ordinance provided for the proper maintenance, installation, alteration, construction and servicing of electrical systems, and the adoption of the NFPA National Electrical Code, and the present ordinance amends that ordinance by adding provisions providing for inspections and tests was adopted by the supervisors.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from the North Penn Water

Authority advising that the fire hydrant rental charges were increased from \$35.00 to \$42.00 per hydrant. Based on this, Mrs. Gutekunst was given the authority to increase the fire hydrant tax if necessary to meet this additional cost. Also, P.P.&L.Co. had notified the township there would be an approximate 18% increase in lighting costs, so if necessary, Mrs. Gutekunst was given the authority to increase the street lighting tax if necessary.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Mr. Titus Moyer, tax collector requesting a change of commission rate from 4% to 5% for the term 1982-1985. A motion was made by Ed Wentz and seconded by Mary Lockard to grant this request.

Question raised on the situation over at the Clemens' parking lot and McDonald's. Based on a letter received from Mr. Rhoads of Clemens', the supervisors advised the Chief to just have routine patrols over there and to stop having five or six police over there at one time. The aggrieved parties do not seem to want to cooperate with the suggestions made the supervisors to alleviate the situation.

Last month, the supervisors had questioned Mr. Leister about the excessive charges for inspection, etc at the new addition to the maintenance building and also the excessive charge by Dennis Pennington on the Horn Landfill. Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Mr. Leister offering a credit of \$1,048.88 on the maintenance building costs and Mr. Pennington agreed to reduce his bill by 12 hours or \$336.00. These offers were accepted by the supervisors.

Mrs. Gutekunst reminded the supervisors of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials convention to be held on February 7th at the Warrington Country Club. Reservations have to be in by January 30th.

Also a notice was received about the 1981 State Convnetion to be held Sunday, April 5 through Wednesday, April 8th. Reservations must be in by February 13, 1981.

Notice was received from the Municipal Officer's Education and Training Commission that Kerry Trauger received certification on December 11, 1980.

A notice was received also from the Bucks County Assoc. of Township Officials that if we have any resolutions we want considered at the convention, they must be submitted by February 7th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst

