

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

October 23, 1978

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanninger. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

From the minutes of the previous meeting the following reports were given: 1. Mr. Leister reported that he will contact Rutherford, Contractors, to do the work on the Carter property about getting the curbing and widening done before winter sets in; 2. On the settlement of the Rickert-Lamelza problem, Mr. Wilson has scheduled a meeting for all attorneys involved so that hopefully a settlement can be reached. 3. Mr. Wilson sent a letter to the county requesting that bridge #235 not be abandoned. 4. No further action on the drainage and road improvement on Schoolhouse Road-Mr. Leister was advised to proceed with having this done before the winter sets in. 5. Mr. Leister presented some new terminology to be used in the Fire Code Ordinance and on the smoke alarms. 6. The right-of-way release was signed by the Penridge Full Gospel Church for trespassing on their property in connection with the State Street Storm project. Mr. Leister explained why no work is being done this week. PennDOT has promised to supply the inlets and grates and so far have not been able to get them. A motion was made by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz to go ahead and purchase the inlets and grates and bill PennDOT if they did not have them here by Wednesday of this week. It was felt that it is very dangerous to have these open ditches and the project should be completed. On the extension of the storm sewer- they are waiting for pipe. 7. Mr. Wilson obtained a map with all the names of the township roads from the secretary and will now proceed to write an ordinance on restricting truck traffic on certain township roads.

The bills was presented for the completion of the construction of Schoolhouse Road which is to be paid out of state funds. This project was submitted as one of our construction projects. However, Mr. Kee had tried to get 75% funding from DER and failed but Mr. Leister suggested perhaps if the supervisors would send a letter to DER asking for this funding, maybe funding could be obtained. Mrs. Gutekunst is to contact Mr. Kee as to the contents of the letter to be written to DER.

A resolution was signed by the supervisors adopting the earned income and profit tax regulations as promulgated by Berkheimer Associates.

Mrs. Gutekunst again reminded the supervisors that the projects to be submitted for the balance of our funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program have to be submitted no later than December 1, 1978.

The question of what to do about the septic tanks that will not be used after the sewer is connected was brought up and Mr. Leister felt it should be left at the discretion of each individual homeowner to take care of their own problem. It was suggested that Mr. Leister should so inform Mr. Kee that perhaps the sewer authority would so inform the people.

The Arthur Ketterer subdivision plans were signed by the supervisors and Mr. Ed Browning took them with him to have them signed by two members of the Planning Commission so they could be recorded.

Mr. Nixon, the surveyor, and the attorney for Derco Associates were in to question the status of the Robert Green subdivision plans. Mr. Leister said they are still being reviewed.

Robert Moyer was in with the plans to be signed for the subdivision of Grace Moyer. The supervisors signed the plans but Mr. Leister asked Mr. Moyer to have his surveyor come into the township office and show on the plans the location of the well. Mrs. Gutekunst will hold plans here until this is done.

Mr. Patrick Fanelli also brought his linens in for signing which the supervisors did as Mr. Leister gave his o.k. They are being held here at the office for the signatures of the Planning Commission.

Mr. John Snyder of the Line Lexington Fire Co. again brought up the idea of having a Fire Marshall for the Township. Mr. Wilson will do more research on this problem before this is brought to a decision.

Mrs. Gutekunst reminded the board and Mr. Wilson that an ordinance had never been written for the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, which had been approved both by the Bucks County Planning Commission, our Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Wilson will proceed with this and advertise same.

It was noted that the ordinance for adding a Quarry District to the Classes of Districts permitted within the township and amending manufacturing uses within the industrial district will be advertised October 24th and 31st and will be adopted at the November 13th meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Spaninger read a letter from Donald Parker of Buckingham Township asking for the support of Representative Ed Howard in the November elections.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the Police Department report for September, 1978.

The proposed Federal Revenue Sharing Budget was then discussed. Mr. Spaninger asked whether any citizens in the audience had any input- no response. The Police Dept. submitted the following requests- Blinds for the Police Station-\$700.00, 4 Hand Held radios, complete with charger, extra batteries and carrier- \$8000.00, 2 Bar lights, strobes, complete with speaker and penetrator- \$2000.00. The Road Dept. submitted the following requests- Power Broom-\$4000.00, Truck- \$12,000.00, Grader-\$35,000. (this would not be needed until 1980 but perhaps some of the cost could be obligated in the 1979 budget). The Zoning Officer presented a request for a 4 wheel type of vehicle- \$8000.00. Also the Police Dept. will be trading one car in 1979- \$6000.00. A communication system for the office so the road crew and the Zoning Officer could be contacted when they are out- \$2000.00. Line Lexington Fire Co. for truck-\$4000.00, Telford Fire Co. for new building-\$1500.00 and annual donations to the eight fire companies- \$20,000.00. Total- \$90,200.00 if \$22000.00 of the cost of the grader would be obligated in 1979.

Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary-Treasurer

