

Hilltown Township Supervisors

August 14, 1978

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanniger. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Feryl Spanniger and seconded by Vince Pischl. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vince Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanniger.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with the following comments: Mr. Leister reported his findings on the extension of the storm sewer line in Blooming Glen. He talked to Mr. Bash and three possibilities were suggested as possible solutions- 1. extending a completely new line, 2. running an extension across the street to feed into the new storm sewer line on the other side of the street, or 3. running the waste water into the abandoned septic tanks. Mr. Leister did not think this last suggestion worth considering. There was to be a meeting on August 15th at the site to finalize the decision. As far as funding an additional extension from our Hud grant- we could do this but the money would not be available until after July 1, 1979. At this time, Mr. Leister estimates extending the line would cost \$8400.00.

The postponed meeting with Telford Borough manager of July 31st has been rescheduled for August 31, 1978 at 12 noon.

Mr. Spanniger had a call from Mr. Robert Carter from Detroit, Michigan about doing the curbing and road widening in front of the lot he sold to Dave Nemec. Mrs. Gutekunst contacted Rutherford, the contractor, who verified the fact that they had a signed contract with Mr. Carter to do the work but they have been too busy to get to the job. Mr. Leister will contact the contractor and advise to do this work as soon as possible.

Mr. Leister reported on the inspection done by Mr. Frankenfield and himself relative to the bridges and the road conditions in relation to the truck traffic on these roads and bridges. 3 culverts on Keystone Drive between Routes 113 and 309 were inspected, 2 bridges on Twinbrook Road, and 1 bridge on Schoolhouse Road. With the exception of the bridge on Schoolhouse Road, all culverts are in good condition and show no signs of overloading or other stress. The Schoolhouse Road Bridge is an old structure on parged stone abutments which are in good condition. The deck consists of 8" steel beams supporting 8" of reinforced concrete. The bottom half of the steel beams are exposed. Since this is an old bridge, probable fifty years old, the exposed portion of the steel beams are heavily rusted and it is estimated that the deck will have to be replaced within the next three years. However, close examination of the under side of the deck revealed no deterioration cracks, or other signs of overloading. At either approach to the bridge there is a dip in the road surface which, for rapidly moving vehicles, will produce excessive pounding. It is recommended that the approaches be filled in so that the road profile is level. Also, the exposed portions of the steel support beams on the deck should receive a heavy coat of penetrating paint, such as Rustoleum, to preserve the remaining portion of the material. On the basis of the findings, it is recommended that a road limit of 15 tons be placed on the structure.

To control truck traffic on the other road areas, we recommend that, in lieu of limit restrictions, "no truck" signs except for local deliveries be considered.

Replacement is necessary in the near future for the Central Avenue bridge. A five ton weight limit is presently posted on this bridge.

Mr. Wilson is to follow through with appropriate ordinances to control traffic on these roads.

Discussion again held on the Schoolhouse Road drainage problem, Mr. Wilson is to check with Mr. Wentz and then set up a meeting with the owners of Mayflower-Clemmer.

Mr. Dennison of 1932 Clearview Road was at the meeting to question the supervisors on building more dog kennels at his present address. His original building permit called for

additional kennels but the permit expired in April, 1977. Since that time there had been a new Zoning Ordinance enacted, requiring ten acres and approval for kennels, so he was advised by Mr. Wilson that his only way to proceed would be to have a Zoning Hearing.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported \$957.00 reported in fees for building permits, etc, in the month of July by Mr. Hoot. Mr. Hoot drove 950 miles and used 53.5 gallons of gasoline.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported we have received our Experience Modification Endorsement published by the Pa. Compensation Rating Bureau. This means that we will receive a credit of 6.0% on our Workmen's Compensation premium when the audit is made.

Mr. Wilson advised the township to appeal the decisions handed down last week in Bucks County Court of Commons Pleas by Judge Walsh. in the Horn and H. & K. Quarry cases. Mr. Wilson told the supervisors the same reason the judges used in dismissing the case involving the Skunk Hollow Quarry should also have been applied to the Blooming Glen Quarry, that is, the plans for asphalt and concrete plants were not submitted.

Amendments to the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of June, 1977 adding a Quarry District to the Classes of Districts permitted within the Township and amending manufacturing uses within the Industrial District will be considered for adoption by the supervisors on September 25, 1978.

Mr. Wilson will arrange for a meeting between Mr. Richard Fretz and the supervisors at 6:30 P.M. August 28, 1978.

The following ordinances were signed and adopted by the supervisors: Ordinance 78-2- An Ordinance amending Ordinance 73-7 Of 10-20-73, and Ordinance 76-2, 4-12-76, establishing a Police Pension Fund or Pension Annuity for the Benefit of such members of the Hilltown Township Police Force who receive Honorable Discharge therefrom by reason of age and service and providing for certain death benefits. Ordinance 78-3- Adopting the Boca Fire Prevention Code of 1978, Ordinance 78-4- Adopting the Boca Basic Building Code of 1978, 7th Edition, Ordinance 78-5- Adopting the Boca Basic Mechanical Code of 1978, 3rd Edition, Ordinance 78-6- Adopting the Boca Basic Plumbing Code of 1978, Ordinance 78-7- Adopting the NFPA National Electrical Code of 1978.

Mr. John Snyder of the Line Lexington Fire Co. had a few suggestions to make. One was whether it would be possible to have smoke detectors in all newly built homes and he asked whether the new code asked for a stop wall that is a 2 foot extension above roof line. His suggestions were seconded by the assistant chief from Telford Fire Co.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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