

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

July 24, 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 in the amount of \$6,211.83 were approved for payment by Vince Pischl and seconded by Ed Wentz.

The supervisors briefly reviewed the financial statement of the first six months income and expenditures prepared by Mrs. Gutekunst. Mrs. Gutekunst pointed out to them that in two areas - snow removal and road maintenance we have exceeded the amounts budgeted. Over all, we are in fairly good shape.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed but most items to be followed upon concerned our engineer and since he was not yet at the meeting, these were deterred until later. Minutes were approved as written.

The minutes of the Planning Commission were reviewed. The plans of Gerald and Florence Simons were signed by the supervisors and also the plans of the Mr. and Mrs. Wolfram were signed by the supervisors. Mrs. Gutekunst reported that Mr. Finkelstein had brought plans into the office while she was on vacation but no applications or fees accompanied the plans. The Finkelsteins have left for Mexico so we will try to reach them by mail so that the plans can be processed. The supervisors passed a resolution amending Act 537 as it affects the sewage facilities in Hillcrest Village.

Mr. Kramer, President of the Silverdale Fire Co, Mr. Ralph Nocella, Mr. Wm. Gardner, Foreman, and Kenneth Kuhn, Assistant Chief, all of the Silverdale Fire Co. spoke to the supervisors about the services provided by the Co to the township. Mr. Kuhn was the spokesman for the group. They do have a Fire Prevention Program which they have been presenting at the different schools and would be interested in presenting their program to any civic groups, etc. They feel with all the potential development, they would like to arrange a meeting with the supervisors and discuss some longrange plans. Mr. Spanninger advised them that Mr. Wentz had been making some studies on the fire companies and he should be contacted for a future meeting.

Mr. Kee, Mr. Rice of the Sewer Authority, and Mr. Leister representing the township discussed the storm sewer system to be installed in Blooming Glen. Mr. Clymer, Mr. Godshalk, Mr. Myers, Mr. Kulp and Mr. Moyer, residents of State St. in Blooming Glen were present at the meeting to hear what can be done about their problem of getting water in their cellars, etc. At our last meeting it was thought that tests could be made by this meeting time to determine whether the blasting and construction by the sewer construction Company, Lisbon, may have been responsible for some damage to storm sewer pipes. This has been ruled out since the storm system is so old and possibly more damage could be done by testing. Mr. Leister will call Mr. Steve Stein of Community Development to determine if there is a possibility of using some of the 1979 funds from Hud towards extending the storm line approximately 200 additional feet to take care of the above people who are having problems.

Mr. Leister reported on the various followups from the previous minutes: He sent a check list to be used for final inspection to be studied by everyone concerned. He reviewed the site plan for Todd Motors and since it was prepared based on a gravel driveway, he returned it to them and asked them to prepare it based on a macadem driveway and parking lot. A meeting has been set up between Salford Boro Manager, Hilltown Township Supervisors, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Frankenfield for July 31st, at noon at the Hilltown Township Building. On J. & B. still no bids received. Mr. Wilson is to pursue this further as Mr. Wentz does not want this project to fall by the wayside. Still working on the traffic agreements/ Jim has not had an opportunity to contact any of the lot owners in the "Village" about retaining the retention basins. Jim also reported that most of the improvements are completed on the Walter Gross property on Keystone Drive. Mrs. Gutekunst felt the improvements should be done also on the Dave

Nemec lot which Robert Carter owned and had promised to put in curbing and widen the road. There is some escrow still remaining for this work to be done.

Mr. Spaninger had a letter from the state that the state is joining the township in their fight against Vernon Horn and the water pollution problem from the quarry.

Mr. Wentz reported on his meeting he attended on July 20th at the Upper Bucks Technical School on Soil Conservation. Many questions were raised and one of the chief concerns seemed to be utilization of open space and solutions for storm drainage.

Mr. Pischl attended a meeting on the Home Rule Charter. He reported another meeting will be held again soon as there were many questions raised and much discussion. Mainly, the concern was on having the five member board elected at large - the fear being that the upper part of the county might not have any representation because of the density of the population in the lower end of the county. Concern also raised about too much power being in the hands of the elected County Executive.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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