

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

May 8, 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 reviewed. Question raised whether the speed control signs which had been taken down by the developer of the Village had been replaced. This will be taken care of by Mrs. Gutekunst calling the developer. Minutes approved with no other comments.

Mr. Michael Wertz of Green Meadows was present and thanked the supervisors for the time, effort and money put into investigating complaints for the Green Meadows residents. He then asked about the deadline which had been set for repairing cracked concrete, etc. The deadline of May 15th is fast approaching and the work has not been started yet. Also the deadline for the completion of the tot playground is June 30th and this was to be a seeded and sodded area. Mr. Wertz said he had heard he was not going to seed or sod this area but use wood chips. Mr. Wilson was asked to contact Mr. McMullen to remind him of the deadlines on the concrete work and the tot lot.

Mr. Michael Welsh, a realtor representing Steven Ondek who is proposing subdivision of an 86 acre tract off Hilltown Pike into eight 10-acre lots asked for a decision on constructing a private road. He was told the road must be blacktopped and the deeds of the future property owners should include restrictions stating that the road is a private road and must be maintained by the owners and the lots should not be further subdivided.

Mr. Albert Blackwell, attorney representing the developers of the proposed Telegraph Hill Estates, questioned the letter of denial received from the Planning Commission because ponds were indicated on the plans. The ponds are really retentions basins and probably will be dry most of the time. The supervisors said the planners had misunderstood the plans and suggested Blackwell attend the next meeting of the Hilltown Planning Commission to discuss this further with them.

Mrs. Gutekunst is to check with PennDot about better warning signs and curve signs on Hilltown Pike.

Cowan & Associates submitted an estimate to convert the gymnasium into a storage garage for road equipment and cars of \$20,000.00. Since we had only budgeted \$15,000.00 for this project and since all extra money at this point is needed for road repairs this project will be postponed until next year and be included in the budget then.

The supervisors signed the subdivision plans of Leo and Doris Bartl for a two lot plan of 5.96 acres located on Route 113 between Route 309 and Silverdale.

A letter was received from Mr. Wilson that the Commonwealth Court has decided the Pae case in favor of the township.

Mrs. Gutekunst read the Police Report for March, 1978 and the Report of the Zoning Officer for the month of April-\$5927.50 collected in fees.

A letter was received from the P. P. & L. Co. of a filing for a change in the Electric Tariff Rules with the Penna. Public Utility Commission.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a notice from Senator Howard that a meeting on the dumping of sewage sludge will be held in Doylestown on May 18th.

Paul Frankenfield was told to contact New Britain about erecting the 4-way stop signs at the intersections of Township Line Road and Sellersville Road.

An agreement had been prepared by Mr. Grabowski, attorney for the sewer authority, relative to the construction of Schoolhouse Road and Highland Park Road. The road will be totally reconstructed by Lisbon, Contractor for the Sewer Project, and the township will enter into an agreement with the Sewer Authority to reimburse the authority for the cost of the base on onehalf of the road. The estimated cost of this will be \$27,000.00. As this will be paid for out of State Liquid Fuels monies, Mr. Wilson questioned the legality of not submitting the project out on bids. It was explained that Mrs. Gutekunst had contacted Mr. Fell, PennDot representative for our area, and as longas the agreement and costs were attached to the proper application, this would be consider an emergency situation. However, Mr. Wilson felt he would like to contact someone at PennDot and get further clarification. This will de done before finalization of submission.

The supervisors signed a resolution changing the formula for determining the valuation of building in order to obtain a building permit. The fees were changed as follows:

Garage or Porch					\$10.00
Residence-	from	\$20.00	to	\$25.00	per sq. ft.
Commercial-	"	\$12.00	to	\$15.00	" " "
Industrial	"	\$10.00	to	\$12.00	" " "
Warehouse-	"	\$10.00	to	\$12.00	" " "
Pole Barn-	No change-	\$6.00	per square foot	with floor	
"	"	"	"	"	without floor
"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"

Discussion held on fee to be charged on all new residence occupancy permits. Not resolved.

Meeting adjourned.

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 Secretary-Treasurer