

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

September 12, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Vincent Pischl as Mr. Spaninger called in that he would be a little late arriving at the meeting. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Ed Wentz and seconded by Vincent Pischl. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Ed Wentz and seconded by Vincent Pischl.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with the following comments: Mr. Wilson reported that he had written the letter to Mr. J. Ray Hillegass about the zoning for his subdivision. On the controversy between the builder of the "Village" and Mr. and Mrs. Rickert, Mr. Leister reported to Mrs. Gutekunst that the engineer for Mr. Lamelza will be presenting a counter proposal for the drainage construction by Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Hopefully, this will be a constructive proposal and this can be resolved. Mr. Leister felt that perhaps a meeting should be arranged after this has been done. On the status of Church Road in connection with the construction of Flood Control Reservoir PA-625, N.W.R.A., Mrs. Gutekunst talked to Mr. Larason of Wm. H. Major Associates on September 12th and he assured her that plans are in the working to elevate Church Road. As soon as all the field work has been done, a letter will be forthcoming to the township stating so and explaining what is to be done. In connection with this road, Line Lexington Fire Co. presented a letter to the supervisors opposing the closing of Church Road, a letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Tyson also, and a call was received from Mr. Frank Ott expressing his concern. Mr. Ott and a neighbor had been in to the previous meeting. The minutes were approved by Ed Wentz and seconded by Vincent Pischl.

Mr. Louis Heim and family were in attendance asking for a ruling about having chickens. A neighbor had complained about his raising chickens, Mr. Heidrich had called on him and Mr. Heim said he is out of work and is trying to earn a little money by keeping about 20 chickens. Since Mr. Heim has had the chickens before the new zoning ordinance was adopted, it was ruled that he could keep them but not to increase the size of the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Longyehr brought in the linens for their site development to be signed by the supervisors. They had made the necessary corrections as directed by our engineer. Mrs. Gutekunst will have the planning commission sign them at their meeting on September 20, 1977.

Mr. Robert <sup>Dreman</sup> Barney of Barney's Auto Parts presented a request to have the licenses issued for operation of his business along with the other three businesses in the township, changed from a junk license to a automotive dismantling and recycling license. Mrs. Gutekunst will ~~write~~ write up a resolution to do this. The fee will remain at \$100.00 per license.

Interested parties from Diamond Street were in to complain of the dangerous curve on Diamond Street between Mill Rd. and Rickert Rd. There have been numerous accidents at this spot. They will write letters and send them to Mrs. Gutekunst to enclose along with a letter from the supervisors to the state asking them what could be done to correct this situation as this is a state road.

A letter was received from Mr. J. Richard Fretz asking for a meeting with the supervisors and our solicitor to discuss a compromise to their last curative amendment for 424 semi-detached, single family units, situated at the Northeast corner of Keystone Drive and Hilltown Pike. Mrs. Gutekunst is to write to him, advising him, he is welcome to come in to any of our regularly scheduled meeting to discuss same.

A motion was passed by the supervisors to have our planning commission along with the Bucks County Planning Commission update our amendment to the Act 537 plan and to also apply for the 50% funding available from DER for this project.

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Mrs. Gutekunst reported that a check for \$18,626.72 was received as our share of the two percent tax paid on premiums by foreign casualty companies for police pension fund purposes. This check has been forwarded to the Bucks County Bank. Also a letter was received from our actuary, that our Police Pension Plan is sound without any police contributions.

Approval was received from the Department of Transportation to install flashing lights at the intersection of Old Beth. Read and Route 113. This will be review again in about six months.

We received acknowledgment of our application for permission to install traffic lights at the intersection of Route 113 and Diamond Street. The state will schedule 24 hour recorder and 6 hour manual counts as soon as possible and then advise us if we can install a light. We received a petition with over a hundred signatures asking for this light. A copy of this petition will be forwarded to the state.

Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to order one map hand colored and mounted at a cost of \$60.00 from the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Mr. Heidrich's report for the month of August was read, reporting \$3158.50 collected in permits and fees.

Two bids were received for term insurance in the amount of \$5000 for the police. Mrs. Gutekunst was advised to contact Mr. Mackowski to write coverage for the six policemen.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that we received a report from the Department of Transportation that an additional mile and a half has been added to our township road mileage bringing the total to 63.01 miles.

Mrs. Gutekunst advised the supervisors that an invitation to attend Civic Sunday, 77 on Sept. 25th was received.

A Federal Aid briefing and Grants Conference will be held October 13, 1977 at the Hilton in Valley Forge sponsored by Senator Heinz. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to attend if possible.

Concern was again expressed about the poor visibility at the intersection of Route 113 and Callowhill Road. Mr. Heidrich was asked to call Mr. Maurio Galli again about this.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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