

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

February 28, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Feryl Spanninger. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanninger. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Feryl Spanninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to forward copies of the engineer's bill and the lawyer's bill as soon as they are received so that the supervisors have an opportunity to check over same before the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to report on the meeting held at the Penridge School to discuss the possibility of the school collecting the earned income tax instead of H. A. Berkheimer. A great deal of discussion was held and Mr. Donald Stubbs presented the ideas of the school for this collection. At first there was a great deal of antagonism towards the idea of the school collecting the tax but after clearing the air, it seemed to be a good idea. The school is looking for every possible way to save money and by collecting this tax, they could save paying commission on their portion of the tax and the first year they would charge the same commission as we presently pay to Berkheimer, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Hopefully, in future years, they could lower that rate- one advantage being that they have access to the computers at the tech school without charge. Mr. Stubbs is preparing a letter presenting the nucleus of the meeting along with a resolution so that each municipality could vote on this matter if favorably inclined.

The minutes of the Planning Commission were reviewed and the supervisors signed the minutes for the John Geyer Plan and the D. Ker Endslo Plan. Mr. Endslo took the signed copies with him to be recorded. Mrs. Gutekunst asked him to return one minute copy to her.

Mr. Spanninger read a letter from Mr. Achenbach Jr., Secretary of the Bucks Co. Assoc. of Township Officials Resolutions Committee asking our board to review the enclosed list of resolutions to be presented at the convention and to forward to him any which we would like to support. Mrs. Gutekunst is to answer this letter and indicate the resolutions which we particularly support.

A letter was received from George Metzger re: Year 2000 Population Projections. Supervisors reviewed same but before reply to this letter, we would like to have feedback from the Hilltown Township Planning Commission.

A resolution was signed by the supervisors pertaining to the purchase of land at Route 113 and Callowhill Road. This resolution gives the supervisors the right of condemnation if the agreement of sale would not be consummated.

Mr. Fred Slifer asked the supervisors about bicycle trails and the only road running north and south from one end of the township to the other is Callowhill Road, which is a state road. Penn Dot or Mauro Galli to be contacted about this matter.

The January Police Report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst. The February report of the Zoning Officer was read, noting \$25.00 collected in that month for permit fees.

Mr. Wilson wrote a letter to J. Lawrence Grim re: legal and engineering expenses- Carson Helicopter, advising payment by the citizens of one-half of the fees, and looking forward to payment of the other half by Carson Helicopters.

Mr. Spanninger signed the Statement of Assurance -General Revenue Sharing- Entitlement Period Eight.

An update received from the Pa. State Assoc. of Township Supervisors, asks our comments on new bills, etc. One very important item is legislation to waive the restrictions which are placed on the expenditure of Liquid Fuel Funds by townships. We should try to contact our senator and representative to lend support to this type of legislation. Another matter of great concern is the high cost and limited availability of Errors and Omissions and Public Officials' Liability Insurance.

At the fifty-fifth annual convention of the State Assoc. a reception and party in Milton Delancey's honor is planned. A testimonial book is being prepared for presentation and if we would like to contribute to this book, we should write a letter no later than March 31st. Mrs. Gutekunst will do this.

The 69th Annual Convention of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials will be held on Saturday, March 19, 1977 at 9:00 A. M. at the Fountainhead, Route 202, New Hope, Pa. Mrs. Gutekunst will send in the reservations.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bids were then opened. Three bids were received for a 1977 Police Vehicle. Early Ford, Inc. of Otisville, Pa. bid \$140.50. Overman Chevrolet, Inc. of Sellersville, Pa. bid \$185.00 and Haskertown Auto Sales, of Quakertown, Pa. bid \$175.00. Two bids were received for tires. S. & K. Motorists of Chalfont bid \$12,000.00 and General Garage Service Co. of Easton, Pa. bid \$13,000.00. Only one bid was received on oil and gas bids were received for fuel oil and gasoline for our cars. The contracts will be awarded at the next meeting, March 21, 1977. Mayor Fogua shall review the police car bids and Mr. Schaeffer and Mr. [unclear] shall review the oil and gas bids.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that as of December 31, 1976, assets of the Police Pension Fund were \$12,504.87 as reported by the Bucks County Bank. Agreement reached to be 2.5% of the fund. Fee to be charged by the bank. Fee being 1/2% of market value of bond fund, 5 per cent of loans, 20.00 per participant, amount for insurance administration, Business Fee \$150.00

Report received from the Sellersville Fire Co. that they had responded to a fire call in Milltown Township in 1976.

Mr. Pisch reported on a meeting he attended on March 8, 1977 on water quality in Bucks County. Today we are, however, all systems are to be cleaned up and free of pollution by 1980. He reported that the presence of spiders from the different municipalities represents that this should be a local matter, as well as single case that can be handled better than an outside.

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