

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S MEETING

September 13, 1976

A regular meeting of the Hilltown Township Supervisors was held on September 13, 1976 with the following officials present: C. Dale Hartshorne, Feryl L. Spaninger, and Vincent M. Pischl, Jr., Supervisors, Blair Boose, Chief of Police, Arthur Heidrich, Zoning Officer, and Charles Wilson, Solicitor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, C. Dale Hartshorne. The Treasurer's report was read by Feryl Spaninger in the absence of Dorothy Gutekunst, Secretary-Treasurer. Vincent Pischl, Jr. moved the report be accepted and was seconded by Feryl Spaninger. Mr. Spaninger moved that the bills as presented be approved. Mr. Pischl seconded the motion. After a review of the minutes of the previous meeting of August 23, 1976, Mr. Pischl moved they be accepted with a second from Mr. Spaninger.

Feryl Spaninger moved that the Township award the dump truck bid to the low bidder, Paul W. Histan Company. His motion was seconded by Vincent Pischl.

It was noted that the semi-annual road inspection be postponed until October.

Mr. Spaninger reported that the Hilltown Sewer Authority would have a report regarding outstanding bills and future financing by the next meeting scheduled for September 27, 1976.

Mr. Robert McMillan of Cowan Associates, Township Engineer, presented a final report on bids for the new Police Station. The following low bidders were awarded contracts:

Mr. Hartshorne moved and Mr. Pischl seconded to award the General Construction to Walter Brucker & Co., Inc. minus the carpeting but with the brick facing. Spaninger moved to award the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning contract to Foster & Hutcheon. Pischl seconded the motion. G & C Mechanical Contractors, Inc. were awarded the Plumbing contract on a motion by Spaninger, seconded by Pischl. The Electrical contract was awarded to Comroe Electric, Inc. on a motion by Pischl, seconded by Spaninger. The bids totalled \$ 50,605.00 and Mr. McMillan reported that construction should begin in approximately two weeks. Mr. Hartshorne reported that Arthur Heidrich, Zoning Officer, would be responsible for the elementary coordination of the project with key inspections to be performed by the Township Engineer, Cowan Associates.

Mr. Robert J. Sekella of 515 Twin Brook Road, a victim of water pollution from the Quarry Dump, owned by Vernon & Edith Horn, appeared to ask questions on the resolution of the problem. He asked the following questions: Did the County Department of Health issue a permit to fill the Quarry? Did Merck, Sharp & Dohme dump drugs in the Quarry and do we know what these drugs may have been? Can the Township close the entire Quarry operation until Mr. Horn cures the pollution problem? Mr. Spaninger reported that DER was still in the process of testing the pollutants and seemed to be reaching an impasse with Mr. Horn. It was reported that the Township is of the opinion that the County Department of Health issued a dumping permit. Mr. Hartshorne explained the dumping of Merck trash but through an independent carrier. Mr. Wilson reported that DER would issue an Abatement Order should Mr. Horn refuse to correct the condition. He suggested that the citizens who have pollution problems may wish to consider hiring their own attorney on a contingency basis to sue for damages. Mr. Wilson was directed to call DER tomorrow, Sept. 14, 1976 to speak to Assistant Attorney General, D. Coyne, and have DER expedite their action.

Mr. Russell Hunsberger, spokesman for the petitioners who have complained about motorcycle noise coming from the Theodore Landis property, asked about any action the Township may have taken regarding same. Chief Boose reported that the department has investigated the problem and found no excessive noise. Mr. Landis reported that only three to six boys use the facility. There is no Sunday cycling and that the mufflers are the best that can be used for a racing cycle. Mr. Hunsberger presented aerial photos for our files and reported the noise was less frequent but the peak noise was still intolerable. A few neighbors spoke for and against the practice. Mr. Hartshorne suggested the neighbors attempt to work out some satisfactory compromise about the problem.

Mr. Joel Benner, owner of the Summit Ridge Apartments, near Telford, and his solicitor, Mr. John Grim, presented a plan wherein Mr. Benner plans to add additional acreage to his present grounds and add 14 to 16 units to the development. The Supervisors indicated they favored the proposal. Solicitor will follow up on all legal requirements.

Mrs. Esther Geremia, Realtor, requested the Supervisors re-approve the Fair View Estate (Ten-Up) plans due to the fact the past approval had expired. She reported there was an interested buyer. The Supervisors approved the request.

Mr. Jules Pearlstine, Solicitor for Clemens Markets, Inc., presented the final plans for the McDonald Restaurant development on Rt. 113, Souderton. McDonald's complied with all the Township Planning Board requests and received the Planning Board's approval. Mr. Spaninger signed the plans and after Mr. Pischl received our Solicitor's legal opinion, reluctantly signed the plans. Mr. Hartshorne abstained from signing the plans. Representatives from McDonalds indicated they would police the site to reduce any possible problems.

The Horn Quarry & H & K Materials hearings were discussed. Present dates are Sept. 15 th, 21 st, and 28 th. It was reported that the Zoning Hearing Board rendered substantially the same decision in the cease and desist order against Vernon and Edith Horn of April 5, 1971.

It was the Township Board's unanimous decision to direct Mr. C. Dale Hartshorne, Chairman, to notify Mr. Harold Sursa, Executive Director of the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority that we see no present requirements to participate in the Sub-Region II planning for sewer facilities. Our Comprehensive Plan calls for little development in this area.

The Alderfer & Lapp subdivision plans located on Schoolhouse Road were signed by the Supervisors. Mr. Wilson will see that proper escrow funds are arranged to cover the cost of improvements.

Mr. Vincent Pischl moved that the Bucks County Bank & Trust Company be appointed Trustee for the Police Pension Fund. C. Dale Hartshorne seconded the motion. The motion also contained the following: Funds to be restricted to a Bond Account as well as periodic reports on the welfare of the Fund. After one year the Board must analyze the Bank's performance. Mr. Wilson was directed to prepare the necessary agreements and contact the bank. Mr. Spaninger abstained from voting on the motion.

The Hilltown Historical Society request for a site was referred to Mr. Pischl, who will be responsible for follow-up.

The June Police report was read and reviewed by Chairman, C. Dale Hartshorne.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Spaninger, seconded by Pischl.


Acting Secretary