

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

August 9, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dale Hartshorne. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Feryl Spanninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanninger.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Follow-up on the petition presented by Mr. Noel Hanson asking for speed limit signs along Schwenkmill Road- Mrs. Gutekunst reported that she had told Chief Boose and he will report back to her. Paul Frankenfield was asked to contact Frank Grass who had reported accidents and problems at his corner property on Upper Stump Road. Mr. Grass felt that one of the reasons for the accidents was that the road is much higher than the shoulders of the road at this corner. Mr. Wilson reported that he had checked with Mahlon Souder on the cost of insurance on our recreational and open space properties. Cost is nominal. Mr. Heidrich is to have signs made as these lands have to be posted as being available for the residents of Hilltown Township. Minutes were approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanninger.

Mr. Spanninger reported that he had been contacted by Dr. John Richards about accidents in front of his property and on his property. He asked whether guard rails might be placed there. Paul Frankenfield is to check on this. Mr. Hartshorne suggested that both Mr. Grass's and Mr. Richards's properties be placed on the agenda when they do their road inspection in September.

The supervisors signed the sub-division plans of Robert Greene on Blooming Glen Road. Mr. Hartshorne signed the Federal Revenue Actual Use Report that is due by September 1, 1976.

A letter was received from Walter Rubel regarding the commencing of a used car agency at the corner of Routes 313 and 113. Mr. Heidrich had visited there today and informed the owner that he had to submit plans of development and obtain an occupancy permit.

Mr. Spanninger reported on the meeting with Paul Yanika of DER on the well situation. It has been definitely established that the pollution of the wells is caused by the quarry dump on Mr. Horn's property. Mr. Horn has said he will cooperate in having the dump drained into man-made drains which material will be treated before going into the streams. Also it was suggested that casings be put into the affected wells. Question arose as to who will bear this expense. Mr. Wilson was directed to write letters to DER and Mr. Coyne so that speedy action will be taken on this problem. Mr. Wilson is to confer with Mr. Spanninger on the contents of these letters.

Mr. Frankenfield reported he had ordered the parts and materials needed for the repair of the bridge on Reliance Road. Question was raised as to whether or not our bridges are covered by insurance in case the costs would not be paid by the party who hit the bridge.

The supervisors were given a copy of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting on August 3, 1976. At this meeting the draft of the proposed zoning ordinance was partially reviewed. Each supervisor will study what has been accomplished so far.

A letter was received from Luke Witt of 1020 Middle Rd. about his problems with his well since the apartment complexes have been built in Dublin, adjacent to his property. Mrs. Gutekunst will answer letter giving him advice where he may obtain help with his problem.

A notification was received from the U. S. Treasury that in the future, Federal Revenue Checks will go directly to the banks for deposit. Form will be filled and sent to the proper source.

A hearing will be held on August 24, 1976 re: Horn Quarry Batch Plant Application. Mr. Wilson will represent the township.

A copy of a petition with approximately thirty signatures sent to PennDot was read. Petition requests that action be taken on the speed limit and conditions of Hilltown Pike (flat area below Green Street.).

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Jim Leister regarding release of escrow funds for Walter Gross sub-division. Mr. Gross indicated to Mr. Leister that improvements have been made on two lots and that on the third lot which Mr. Gross has sold- in the agreement of sale, the new owner is responsible for the improvements. Mr. Gross will send a copy of the agreement so further evaluation can be made. One suggestion possibly being that the new owner put up an escrow.

A letter was received from PennDot asking that the township enter into a agreement with them for snow and ice control on some state routes in the township. They would pay the township a lump sum of \$3,165.00 for this work. The supervisors consulted with Mr. Frankenfield and the decision was to have Mrs. Gutekunst write to Penn Dot advising that we do not have the manpower or the equipment to take on this additional work during snow storms.

Mr. Heidrich reported to the supervisors that Agway, located on Route 313 outside of Dublin would like to build an addition and since this addition would not conform with our Zoning Ordinance on proximity to neighboring properties, he was told to advise Agway to apply for a Zoning Hearing for an exception.

A memorandum was received from Steven Stein, Director, Bucks County Community Development Program, with an enclosed map of the township which they are asking us to mark as to blighted areas and substandard housing. Tabled until next meeting, when hopefully information will be forthcoming on such areas.

Motion made by Vincent Pischl to adjourn meeting, seconded by Feryl Spaninger.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy Gutekunst*

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Secretary-Treasurer