

Hilltown Township Supervisors' Meeting

July 26, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Feryl Spanniger. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanniger. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanniger. The first six months' budget report was reviewed by the supervisors. Mr. Hartshorne arrived and took over chairing the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hartshorne questioned what follow-up had been made on the complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Rubel regarding the flying of model airplanes on adjacent property. Mr. Larry Maier of the Charles S. Wilson law firm reported that Chief Boose had spoken to the Sensingers, owners of the adjacent property and they said they did not know of any plane endangering the Rubels. Further follow-up will be made. A letter will be sent by our solicitor advising that this is RA Zoning and as such model airplane flying is not allowed.

Mrs. Gutekunst commented on a letter received from Jim Leister regarding the Green Meadows Project. Question raised whether the supervisors would be agreeable to sharing costs with Telford Borough and the developer in storm drainage and general reconstruction of the area of Hartzell Avenue and Washington Avenue. Supervisors were agreeable to this. However, Mr. Leister felt the developer should clean up the other problems in Phase 1 of the development before being granted permission to obtain building permits for Phase 4.

Mr. Walter Hackler of Richard S. Cowan Associates was at the meeting and the drawings of the proposed police station were reviewed by the supervisors and discussed with Mr. Hackler. One change made was to put in windows so that fresh air could be utilized - Mr. Hackler assured them this would be no problem. Mrs. Gutekunst was advised to go ahead with advertising for bids which would be opened at our August 23rd meeting.

The supervisors signed the Charles Mager and Mabel Thomas subdivision plans. Looked at the Alderfer & Lapp plans on Schoolhouse road but since no real interest has been expressed by the applicant- no action was taken.

Mr. Noel Hansen was in to the meeting and expressed concern for the safety of the children along Schwenkmill Road. He asked whether speed limit signs, 25 miles per hour could be erected and Watch Children Signs. He was told that if the residents would buy the Watch Children Signs, our road crew would put them up. Chief Boose is to be contacted about the speed limit signs. Mr. Hansen had a petition with approximately 42 signers.

Mr. Frank Grass of Upper Stump Road was also into the meeting advising of four accidents at his corner recently. There is a bad curve in this area. Chief Boose will be contacted on this matter.

Mrs. Gutekunst told the supervisors that Mr. Frankenfield would like to advertise for the purchase of a new dump truck. O. K. was given by the supervisors.

Grant agreements were received for Bicentennial Community services from the state. Mr. Wilson had reviewed the document but it was decided to file same for future contemplation if we would have any unusual expenses in connection with the Bicentennial Activities.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a notice that there will be a meeting Thursday, July 29th at 7:30 P.M. in the municipal building with Paul Yaniga, geologist from DER to review recent water analyses of area wells.

Notice was received from now on the Bucks County Law Library is designated as the Office of Record for the filing of proposed township ordinances. Mr. Maier advised they also received this notice and are aware of the new procedure and fees involved.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter received from Mr. Wilson re: Property purchased for open space, park and recreation land. The Board of Assessment advises that we have to post a notice on all properties held by the township as park and open space for which we have applied for tax exemption. This sign should suggest that this land is open to the citizens of Hilltown Township for their use and enjoyment. Mr. Maier was asked to compare the cost of insurance on these grounds and the cost of taxes and report at the next meeting.

A notification was received from PennDot that the Federal Government will pay the total cost of applying pavement markings to local roads, etc. In order to achieve the most efficient administration of the program on a statewide basis, we anticipate the establishment of District-wide contracts which would be administered by PennDot. Mrs. Gutekunst was told to notify PennDot that we would like to participate in this program.

We receive a thank you letter from Mr. Bruce Sottolano of Welcomehouse Road for the prompt consideration given to his drainage problem by our roadmaster.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that she had received an estimated cost of \$2137.85 from Dublin Borough for them to rebuild 100 foot of road on Rickert Road. Mr. Frankenfield had reviewed this estimate and thought it was in line.

A request was received from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors to complete a 1976 wage and salary survey. Mrs. Gutekunst was told to answer same by the supervisors.

A letter was received from Larry Grim confirming his verbal comments that in the future testing and training of pilots will be done elsewhere. Also Carsons will be working out new arrival and departure proceedings with the F.A.A.

A letter from Charles Wilson to the supervisors re: dog barking, etc. was received. He enclosed a copy of the Abington Township Dog Ordinance which in his opinion is not too helpful in controlling the nuisance of dog's barking, etc.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer