

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

May 24, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dale Hartshorne. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Dale Hartshorne. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Dale Hartshorne. The minutes of the previous meeting were scanned for discussion of unfinished business.

Settlement on the property bought from the Hilltown Lions Club will be on ~~June~~ 19th at 4P.M. in Charles Wilson's office. On the gun ordinance, a letter received from Mr. Wilson was read indicating that at the present time we do not have any evidence that there were any incidents of accidental shooting into homes, etc by any sportsmen. It would be difficult to convince the Game Commission that they should change Hilltown Township to a shotgun area only. Mr. Hartshorne suggested that Mr. Heidrich and Mrs. Gutekunst contact the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to obtain recent aerial photographs for comparison with aerial photographs taken previously to support the change and growth in the township.

Mr. Hartshorne inquired about the state audit and Mrs. Gutekunst reported that the money paid out of state funds for pipe was not allowed because we had not put out bids on the pipe. The amount will have to be reimbursed to the state fund from the general fund.

At our previous meeting there had been some discussion as to the performance of sand mounds. Mr. Hartshorne had a newspaper clipping on this subject and also Mr. Heidrich had a clipping. For the present, these articles indicated sand mounds would continue to be acceptable.

A letter from Mr. Wilson to the supervisors re: Hilltown Township vs. Charles Grindle was read. Mr. Grindle is in poor health and owns no real estate and has no money to pay the sum of \$1,767.97 plus costs of \$84.13 which was the verdict in the accident Mr. Grindle had in the township. No further action will be taken, however we do have a judgement against Mr. Grindle in case at any time he would be in position to pay said costs.

The minutes of the Planning Commission were reviewed for any action which should be taken by the supervisors. On the subdivision of Florence Trauger, located on Route 113, question was raised whether road improvements would be needed. Since this is a state road, Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to contact Mr. Jerry Taylor of PennDot to get an answer on this problem. On the former Zimmermand Tract which Mr. Picard would now like to subdivide his portion of this tract, the supervisors on Mr. Frankenfield's advice, felt curing and widening would be necessary and there is a serious drainage problem at the corner lot. On the Francis Duff subdivision, the Bucks County Planning Commission recommended that the access points should be on Reliance Road instead of the way the plans were drawn up. Improvements should be coordinated with PennDot officials and with the Township Engineer.

A letter was read from Jack Koenig asking our cooperation again this year in paying for the personnel needed to run the recreation program at the J. M. Grasse Schhol and the Margaret Seylar School. Motion made by Feryl S panninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl to support this program again this year. Mrs. Gutekunst will contact Mr. Koenig and advise him of the decision.

Mr. Wilson advised that hearings on the Pae vs Hilltown Township and Fretz vs Hilltown Township will be held on June 21st.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Mr. Beechwood to Mr Agarbanel concerning the availability of sewer service for J. Richard Fretz from the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority's sub-regional Plant. His letter advised that Hilltown Township does not have a need for capacity in the Hatfield Plant since the comprehensive land use plan designates the southwestern portion of the Township to be a Rural Residential(holding Zone). The area adjacent the Perkasio-Sellersville area is designated a development district as public sewerage service is being provided at the Penridge Waste-water Treatment Authority's Plant.

On the polluted well problem, Mr. Spanninger met with a representative from the County Board of Health and a representative from DER on May 14th to give them information on the owners of residents from whom samples of water should be obtained. We believe this taking of samples of water from the seventeen homes was done on May 18th. Mr. Leister of Richard Cowan & Associates also met with these gentlemen and will be doing work on this project. On June 9th at 9-9:30 A.M. a meeting will be held by DER in our municipal building and at 10:30 A.M. Mr. Haines and Mr. Horne will join the meeting. Mr. Dennis Coyne, Assistant Attorney General of the State will also be present at the meeting. Mr. Heidrich reported that Mr. Horn gave the geologists permission to take samples from the two wells on his property.

Mr. Hartshorne will attend the meeting of Neshaminy Sub-Region I Wastewater Management Coordinating Commission on May 25th. Mrs. Gutekunst gave him copy of the proposed agenda for the meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. Courtland J. Cox, Jr. of 215H Callowhill Road complaining of the operations of the Carson Helicopter. Mrs. Gutekunst was told to make a copy of his letter and send it to Mr. Cox and advise him to send same to the F.A.A. who would be able to possibly help him with his problem.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported on a letter received from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors asking our support in opposing House Bill 2054 and Senate Bill 1209 which asks for an appointed Boundary Commission with the authority to approve an annexation request without the vote of anyone. Mrs. Gutekunst was requested to write a letter to Senator Howard and Representative Wiedner that we support the position of the association.

Discussion was held on the poor visability at the intersection of Callowhill Road and Route 113. Mr. Spanninger reported that he had spoken to Mr. Galli about this problem and Mr. Galli said that the state did not have the funds to move the fence back on the property of Mrs. Harding and perhaps some arrangement could be worked out whereby the township and the state could share the expense. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to write a letter to Mr. Galli with a copy to John Murphy concerning this problem.

Permission was given by the supervisors to pay the expenses for Chief Boose to attend the State Police Convention.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that there were bills amounting to \$11,000.00 to be paid for the sewer authority, she was advised not to pay them until we received all the projected costs from the authority. Mr. Kee sent in his projected costs but that is all we received at the present. There is not enough money left in the original borrowed \$300,000.00 so something will have to be worked out to cover additional expenses incurred before grants are received.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer