

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

March 8, 1976

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dale Hartshorne.

Because of the large number of people at the meeting in reference to a proposed gun ordinance, we heard their pleas before having our business meeting. The group had been misinformed and thought we were considering an ordinance banning all hunting in the township. After hearing from quite a few of the persons present, Dale Hartshorne suggested they have a meeting and present their input into drafting a gun ordinance. Dale offered them the use of the township building and they decided to have a meeting next Monday, March 18th, 7:30 P.M. in the township building.

Bids were then opened for stone, oil, police vehicles. No bids received for fuel oil and gasoline for the trucks and cars. Only one bid received for road oil- Loder & Sharp were awarded this contract. Only one bid received for stone- H. & K. Materials were awarded this contract. Three bids received for police vehicles- 2 1976. Low bidder was Liverman Chevrolet, Inc.- \$7,233.82 for two police cars. Quakertown Ford submitted a bid of \$8,473.28 for two police cars. Fleet Sales of Zion Hill, Pa. submitted costs of leasing police cars - no bid on buying new cars. Chief Boose is to look over bids as submitted and report back to Mrs. Gutekunst so that the contract can be awarded.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Gutekunst and approved by Vincent Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spaninger. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Feryl Spaninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl. The minutes of the last meeting were checked for follow-up items. Mr. Frankenfield was asked to check the drainage problem over at Centennial Ridge. Mr. Hartshorne said he had been over there and possibly opening the ditch across the street from Ed Wentz's property would solve some of the problem. Mr. Bedrock and Mr. Townsend of the Centennial Ridge complex were present at the meeting.

Mr. Wilson was questioned on the status of the proposed change in handling the Police Pension Fund. He had written a letter to Paul Noone of the Pension Dept. of the Bucks County Bank and Trust Co. He has had conference with ^{DICK} Dennis Helf, lawyer connected with the bank, and Mr. Wilson will contact him to come to the March 22nd meeting to explain the costs, etc. of the bank handling the Police Pension Fund.

Mr. Arthur Baum, who had been into the February 23rd meeting about putting a trailer on his property for a tenant farmer, was at the meeting with an approval for on-site sewage system for same. Approval given by the supervisors. He will have to come in to Mr. Heidrich for a building permit as he is going to put in a foundation under the trailer.

Mr. Charles Dick of 1831 Limkiln Pike asked if he could have a TV repair shop in his home. Permission was given on the basis that customers would not be coming to the house but it would be a pick-up service by Mr. Dick.

Mr. Steve Clemmer of Schoolhouse Road asked permission to put an apartment in his house on Schoolhouse Road which is zoned Light industrial. He was advised to apply for a variance through the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Walton Bergey of Route 113 also asked permission to put an apartment in his house. He also was advised to apply for a variance through the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Dembroski and son were into the meeting to complain about their neighbor, Ted Strug having a dump on his property close to their boundaries which are causing health problems. He was advised to contact the Bucks County Board of Health. They also complained of junk cars on Mr. Strug's property which are causing unsightly conditions. Mr. Dembroski was told there is a state law controlling abandoned cars and Chief Boose will come out to the property and investigate.

Pay Kelly was into the meeting to inquire as to the outcome of the inspection on the house on Callowhill Road. and what decision the supervisors would make. Mr. Hartshorne advised Mr. Kelly the supervisors would like to make an inspection of the house on April 3rd if arrangements could be made. Pat said he would make arrangements for same.

Mr. Wiggins, Chairman of the Flood Damage Reduction Program, was present at the meeting and presented a brief talk on what this new program is about. The county hopes to be able to help all the townships and municipalities correct some of their flooding problems. The township should present any problems or needs they may have to the county board. This service is being offered free of charge.

Mrs. Gutekunst had written to the Department of Transportation Traffic Control in St. David's. Reply received February 25th as follows: If we wish flashing beacons at the intersections of Route 113 and Diamond St. and Route 113 and Bethlehem Road, complete application forms attached. Also send a transparency of an engineering drawing of the intersection. Also a three year accident history, if available. In the meantime, however, if the township wishes to paint the word "STOP" on the pavement of the stopstreet, permission is given provided it is painted according to regulations. Mr. Frankenfield was instructed to have this done. Mrs. Gutekunst will send the application forms and request for a transparency to James Leister and Chief Boose will prepare the accident history.

The supervisors signed a letter for the auditors verifying the financial report for 1975.

A report was received from the Central Bucks Activity Center asking for permission to attend one of our meetings to explain their program. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to write to them and explaining how a great number of our senior citizens are connected with the Perkasié and Souderton Units.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Frank Nicholas thanking us for removing the 84 lumber signs.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported the audit of the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Account for the year 1974 was received and everything is satisfactory.

Mr. Heidrich's report for the month of February was read, reporting \$145.50 received in permits.

The audit of the office of District Justice J. Robert Hunsicker was received reflecting a total of \$1,533.00 collected in fines for the township.

A meeting of Sub-Region 1, Neshaminy Basin will be held on March 10, 1976 in the meeting room, Hatfield Township Building. Dale Hartshorne will attend and he invited the other two supervisors to accompany him. Mr. Spaninger will not be available but Mr. Pischl will go.

A copy of a letter to John Chambers, P.E. from Walter Gancarz on a review of the Environmental Assessment Statement for the Pennridge collection and conveyance system was received. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to send same to the Hilltown Township Sewer Authority.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer