

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

February 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 Spanniger and seconded by Vince Pischl. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Vince Pischl and seconded by Feryl Spanniger.

Under old business, reviewing the minutes from the last meeting, Chief Boose and Paul Frankenfield were asked about improving the traffic regulations at Route 113 and Diamond Street and Route 113 and Old Bethlehem Road. Mr. Frankenfield said he expected to have an appointment with Bill Fell tomorrow, 2/10/76 about this problem.

On the problems at Green Meadows, Mr. Heidrich's reports were read, noting that they are working on the problem daily and so far insulating boxes have been installed on 43 of the homes and plumbers have been checking and caulking around all outside spigots. Water mains are to be lowered in the ground as soon as frost is out of the ground. Reliance Road bridge work is now out for bids. As long as they continue to make improvements on schedule, they may continue work on phase 2.

Mr. Pischl attended a conference held by the State Council of Civil Defense on February 5, 1976. He reported that they suggest each municipality have a local director and a great deal of the emphasis today is on being prepared for local disasters such as floods, heavy snow storms, etc. If an emergency is declared in a local area, matching funds for incurred expenses can be procured.

A memo was received from Ed Wentz, Chairman of the Planning Commission re: Multi-Family Zoning. "Since the area now zoned for multi-family dwellings has not been fully utilized to date, we do not see the immediate need to create further acreage for this use. If the need should arise, we recommend the area on the northern edge of Silverdale for Multi-Family use. This area, which lies within the proposed development district, is within proposed sewage lines and has suitable road service."

Another memo was received from Ed Wentz, Chairman of the Planning Commission, re: Hatfield Sewage Lines. "We have reviewed the need for Hatfield sewage treatment lines in Hilltown Township. Since no plans for higher density dwellings exist in the Comprehensive Plan for the southwest corner of the township, we see no need for this service. However, since these lines would be coming up Route 309, they may want to contract with the individual home owners that are adjacent to 309."

Mr. Hartshorne commented on the fine aerial photos of the quarry which were submitted to us by Richard S. Cowan & Associates which Mr. Hartshorne forwarded to DER.

Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to write a letter to Richard S. Cowan & Associates in response to their offer of a special package at a cost of \$600.00 a year to have an engineer attend at least one meeting a month. Since we already have Mr. Leister attending the planning commission meeting each month, we felt we did not need the additional service.

Mr. Wilson is to contact Mr. Grabowski on a follow-up on the Horn Quarry situation, Vernon Horn vs Hilltown Township.

A brief discussion was held on the East Creamery Road Drainage. Mr. Leister had submitted a lengthy report and his recommendations for correcting the situation. Mr. Frankenfield was not entirely in agreement with these suggestions. Mr. Hartshorne suggested that when the supervisors go out on their road inspection early in April, Mr. Frankenfield should accompany the supervisors and they may be able to resolve this problem at that time. In the meantime Mr. Frankenfield should get an estimate on the cost of pipe and labor to correct this problem.

Mrs. Judy Eater and Mr. Scott Tagg came into the meeting to invite the supervisors to attend the Liberty Ball which will be held February 28th at the Steakmaster on Route 202. Cost per person is \$12.50. Mrs. Gutekunst informed them that Peggy Adams will be at the February 23rd meeting to present the Bucks County Bicentenni

Bicentennial Flag to the township. Mr. Hartshorne invited them to be present at the presentation. Mrs. Gutekunst also gave them a flier received from Pasquale Deon on a contest being run in the county on a theme for the Bicentennial. A letter was received from Elaine Zettick, Executive Director of the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee, advising that a portion of House Bill No. 1333 provides for payment to municipalities of matching grants of 50% of the costs and expenses incurred by municipalities for health services, police and fire services and traffic control necessary to accomodate Bicentennial activities. However, the critereia will be not available until after February 15, 1976.

The question was raised by Judy Eater whether or not the supervisors had made another offer for the land being sold by the Hilltown Lions Club. They responded that they had but they had received any reply to this last offer.

Jack Fox of the Hilltown Historical Society was at the meeting to express his thanks to the supervisors for the use of the township building for various meetings and storage space provided for the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinkle, Mrs. Paul Leister and Mrs. John Finegan came into the meeting to discuss the possibility of having the sewer lines extended to include eight properties on Diamond Street north of Hillcrest Road. From correspondence from Mr. Kee to Mr. Marshall Cashman, we learned that these properties if taken in to the original plan for sewage, there would be an additional cost of between \$50,000 and \$70,000. There would have to be a new avenue of funding found for this. The supervisors gave the residents present their approval if the funding and other details could be worked out without creating more of a financial burden on the original persons to be included in the sewage system.

Mr. Joseph Teterus of the Lazy Days property was into the meeting to ask for permission to have a trailer camp on his property along with the fishing ponds already there for public use. A variance had been granted in 1969 to Mr. Paul Schmitt, then the owner to have the fishing ponds. Mr. Teterus was advised to first contact the Bucks County Board of Health to find out if he could get sewerage facilities, if he could, then he should contact his neighbors to see how they would feel about having this camp and then he would have to have a zoning board hearing to see if the variance would be granted.

Mr. Ken David of Sibel Real Estate was at the meeting to inquire as to the feasibility of a man having a flea market on a property on Route 309. Question of parking area was discussed. He was advised to have a drawing of the tables and parking area proposed and bring it in to the Planning Commission at their next meeting, February 17th.

Mrs. Gutekunst was instructed to place bids for two new police cars after receiving the specs from Chief Boose, It was decided to trade in the Zoning Officer's car, the 1974 Chev. and give the zoning officer the 1974 Ford.

Discussion on road restoration due to damages from installing the sewer lines was postponed to the Feb. 23rd meeting which Mr. Kee will attend.

Bills for the renewal of subscriptions to the Water Resources Association and The American City and County Municipal Index were received. Supervisors decided not to renew either one of these.

A letter was received from Mr. Brenton Wiggins, Chairman of the Flood Plain Advisory Committee. They asked to have one of their representatives come to one of our meetings to brief us on the development of the Master Plan for Flood Damage Reduction and to learn from us of the flood situation in our area and suggestions as to how it should be dealt with. Mrs. Gutekunst was advised to invite them to the first meeting in March.

Mrs. Gutekunst reported that the Zoning Officer had collected \$699.50 in the month of January for permits.

Mr. Wilson will get in touch with Robert Carter that his year has expired to make the improvements.

