

Hilltown Township Supervisors Meeting

January 12, 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 Feryl Spanninger. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Feryl Spanninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl.

A motion was made by Feryl Spanninger to increase the street light tax from 18¢ a ft. to 19¢ a ft. in the Souderton area and from 15¢ a ft. to 16¢ a ft. in the Blooming Glen area. Motion was seconded by Vincent Pischl and approved unanimously. Need for increase due to increase in P.P.&L Co. rates.

Dale Hartshorne read the letter he had written concerning the well contamination. It was approved by all the supervisors for mailing. Copies were sent to Senator Howard, Representative Weidner, Daily Intelligencer, Bucks County Commissioners, Robert Sekella, Charles Strouse, Robert Wiley, Earl Hess, and John Carson. Letter was sent to Thomas Salvadore of the Bucks County Board of Health.

A hearing on the Quarry Ordinance will be held at our regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 9th. Copies of the ordinance are to be sent to H. & K. Materials, Vernon Horn, DER, BCPC, and Mr. Carson by Mr. Wilson. A copy is to be given to the Hilltown Planning Commission by Mrs. Gutekunst.

A brief discussion was held on the census taking. Mrs. Gutekunst advised that a representative from the Bureau of Census will be getting in touch with her about Jan. 15th to finalize plans.

Suggestions on improving the traffic conditions at Route 113 and Diamond Street and Route 113 and Bethlehem Road were discussed. Mr. Frankenfield and Chief Boose are to get together and contact the Penn Dot Traffic Engineer.

A motion was made by Feryl Spanninger and seconded by Vincent Pischl to sign a resolution approving the borrowing of an additional \$78,000.00 from the Bucks County County Bank for the Hilltown Township Sewer Authority. This amount will be for December bills and the amount due the Hilltown Township General Fund for bills paid from that account over the last five years.

Mr. Wilson reported he had received additional information in connection with writing a rifle ordinance.

Dale Hartshorne reported it is perfectly legal to reappoint members to the Sewer Authority in March and change the term to a fiscal year basis.

Mr. Heidrich's report for the year, 1975 on permits issued and dollar value of same was read and reviewed. The value of permits issued was \$3,149,340.00. Fees for all the permits for the year were \$18,154.50.

Reports on Mr. Mager's single home located rear of Callowhill Road, tax parcel #15-28-164 were received from Richard Hoch, electrical engineer and Walter Hackler, registered architect from Richard Cowan & Associates and Mr. Heidrich. Mr. Kelly, representing Mr. Mager, was at the meeting and he was told to have the corrections made as suggested by the reports submitted and then another inspection would be made of the property.

Mr. J. Richard Fretz had submitted a curative amendment and filing costs to the Board of Supervisors. "Upon presentation to us of the petition for a curative amendment submitted by Mr. Fretz, the matter was referred to our Solicitor for review. He has advised us that in his opinion the petition is defective in that the constitutional issue raised in the petition had already been decided against Mr. Fretz in the Bucks County Common Pleas Court. It was the recommendation of the Solicitor that the petition be returned to Mr. Fretz, along with his filing costs, with a statement that the petition will be reconsidered if the named defect in the petition is corrected. Having no objection to this advice, we hereby authorize and direct the Solicitor to proceed accordingly." Foregoing quote made by the Hilltown Board of Supervisors. Letter sent to Mr. Fretz by Mr. Wilson.

The Hilltown Board of Supervisors will present the Comprehensive Plan at a public meeting scheduled for February 2nd at 7:30 P.M.

Question was raised as to the repairing of the roads damaged when sewer installations are made. Statement was made by someone that this would be the township's responsibility but according to ordinance 70-2, the contractor or the sewer authority would be responsible for repairing the roads.

Mr. William Lewis along with Mr. Harley Moyer were at the meeting and Mr. Lewis is planning to move all his operations to his father's farm, boarding of horses, etc. O.K. given by the supervisors.

Mrs. Gutekunst was given permission to contact the Sellersville Rug Mart about carpeting for the township office. Also permission given to buy a flag to be put up outside.

The 1975 report was received from the Silverdale Fire Company. They answered a total of 40 calls in 1975 and 30 of them were in Hilltown Township.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes on file in the Hilltown Township Offices.

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