

Hilltown Township Supervisor's Meeting

January 27, 1975

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dale Hartshorne. Mr. Hartshorne welcomed the members of the Hilltown Civic Association present at the meeting and introduced the members of the official family of Hilltown Township.

The treasurer's report was read and approved by Paul Frankenfield and seconded by Feryl Spanniger. The bills as presented were approved for payment by Feryl Spanniger and seconded by Paul Frankenfield. Mr. Heidrich presented his year end report on number of permits issued and the dollar value compared to the year 1973. Mr. Spanniger reported that \$12,473.39 had been earned in interest in the year, 1974 by investments in saving certificates and treasury bills.

It was decided to refund the sum of \$1200.00 to Mr. Fretz on his subdivision submittal on Blue School Road. Originally the subdivision was submitted for 40 lots and the fee collected was \$1450.00. The new submission only calls for 4 10 acre parcels so it was felt he was due a refund on this basis.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a letter from Signal Service, Inc. that they will install the flashing warning device at Hilltown Pike and Swartley Road later this week or early next week.

A registered letter from the state re: application for a permit to continue the operation of an existing Surface Mine at H. & K. Materials, Skunk Hollow Road was read. Mr. Wilson will persue this matter with the state and H. & K. Materials.

A letter from J. Richard Fretz, President of the Bucks County Board of Realtors was received asking for the consideration of a representative of the Bucks County Board of Realtors to be appointed to the Township Planning Commission. There was some discussion on this matter- the feeling being that would create a conflict of interest.

Mrs. Gutekunst read a notice from the Pennridge School District advising of the qualifications needed by residents to qualify for property tax or rent assistance.

A notice was received from Doylestown on new procedures to be followed in collecting delinquent taxes. Under the old law most costs were paid from general county revenues but under the newly established Tax Claim Bureau, fees will be charged to the delinquent taxpayers so that they will be required to carry a large part of the cost of collecting. Also, only a 3% commission will be taken by the county on delinquent tax collection compared to the previous rate of 5%. New ground rules also are established on the sale of property for back taxes. Under the old law the owner was given a two-year redemption period after the sale but under the new law, the redemption period comes before the sale and all sales are final.

Mr. Paul Landis was present at the meeting and presented a request to install a holding tank on his subdivision submission. Since we have an ordinance stating holding tanks can only be installed on industrial properties, this request was turned down.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dresing with Mr. Larry Somers and Mr. Nevells were also present in reference to their subdivision submission. They were instructed that road widening would have to be put in and an escrow agreement drawn up for this operation. Mrs. Gutekunst was asked to contact Mr. Leister to estimate the amount of escrow needed and he in turn will contact Mr. Wilson so an agreement can be drawn up.

Mr. Paul Frankenfield presented a resume of the road construction and cost for the year 1974 and briefly discussed what maintenance and construction is anticipated to be done in the year 1975.

Mr. Dan Foster inquired of the supervisors what expansion and improvement is expected to be done by the Deep Run Valley Sports Association. Nothing was known at the present time by the supervisors and he was assured that a close watch would be given to any activity at this location.

Mr. Spanniger remonded everyone that a PUC hearing

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will be held on February 24, 1975, 10:00 A.M. in the Hilltown Township Municipal building re: Carson Helicopters, Inc. Application.

Mr. Jim Thomas presented quite a lengthy discourse on the operation of the Carson Helicopter Firm and he was advised by Mr. Hartshorne that he would have an opportunity to present his complaints, etc on February 24th at the hearing.

Mr. Frankenfield indicated his intention not to run for the position of supervisor for another term. His present term expiring at the end of 1975. Mr. Hartshorne suggested that re-cruiting of a candidate for this position whould be started in the very near future.

Mr. Cressman of the Allentown Morning Call mentioned that the grant for the Perkasio Sewer Authority has been awarded. Mr. Hartshorne informed the audience that a search for members of a sewer authority to be appointed has started and as soon as five persons have accepted to serve on this authority it will be announced.

Mr. Gubelman made a suggestion to the members of the Hilltown Civis Association that possibly some member of their board or one of their officers could attend at least one meeting a month of the Hilltown Township Supervisors

Mr. Spanniser reported on the insurance coverage for the township. We had a review of the two quotations received by an insurance broker. Because of a
continua with my present coverage and to have an independent insurance broker develop a program for the township.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Gutekunst
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Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Gutschy reported that the township will receive \$77,000.00 from the Bus and Community Development Funds. Dorothy Gutekunst will call a representative from the county on March 24th meeting and explain the program in detail to us.

Comment was made by Mr. Hartshorne that the snow removal was accomplished in a very fine manner. He complimented those who served in the township office. Mr. Hartshorne requested Mr. Frankenfield to schedule at possible a cleanup for the street bought by the township for recreation purposes.

The supervisors reviewed the subdivision plan of the Liverman Tract. Too much time had elapsed since the initial signing to have the plans recorded in the County Office.

The plans for the traffic signals at the Jean Granger School and the Sacred Heart School were studied by the supervisors. Mr. Frankenfield kept the plans and the letter received from Jim Heisler and will confer with Jim on same.

Mr. Grayhagen, Mr. McKilley and another gentleman were present at the meeting to discuss plans of the Green Meadows Plan. A few changes were asked for by the interested parties and they will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Mr. Denison was present at the meeting and asked permission to have dog kennels on a property on Clearview Drive he intended to buy. Permission was granted.

Bob Gavin of Township Realty asked whether a golf course could be built on the Bona Fide Property. After reviewing the zoning for that area, it was decided that he would have to apply for a curative amendment - change of zoning hearing.

Patrick Kelly presented his subdivision for approval by the township supervisors. Mr. Hartshorne felt that the plan was basically sound but Mrs. Gutekunst was requested to call Mr. Victor Jackson and have him look at the plans as he is involved in all the Charles Jager property.

Mrs. Gutekunst announced that the next meeting of supervisors will be held on March 14th. All township supervisors and all three auditors indicated they will be there. Mrs. Gutekunst will write for resolutions.

An invitation was received from Mr. Malley of the Pearl Rock Foundation to have the official family of Hilltown Township