

MINUTES

The Supervisors of the Municipality of Hilltown met this 20th day of January, 1973, at the Municipal Building, 113 State St., Blooming Glen, Pa.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., with all Supervisors present.

In attendance were Mr. Hulsheizer, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Browning, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Gubelman, Mr. Heidrich, Dorothea Moore, Mr. Kopp, Mr. Palmen, Mr. Shanley, Mr. Boose, Mr. Keller, our solicitor, Mr. Wilson, and reporters, Lorraine Campbell, Intelligencer, Bonnie Mostella, Free Press, Mr. Mitchell, North Penn Reporter, Mr. Cressman, Call Chronicle.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held January 4, 1973.

A motion by Mr. Hartshorne to approve the minutes as read was seconded by Mr. Frankenfield.

The bills were reviewed and ordered paid on a motion by Mr. Hartshorne and seconded by Mr. Frankenfield.

The Supervisors mailed a resolution to the Dept. of Transportation for applications for permit to install and operate flashing warning devices to be erected at the Margaret Seylar Elementary School.

The Supervisors received from the office of the Treasury, Jan. 5, 1973, a Federal Revenue Sharing check for the entitlement period commencing July 1, 1972 ending December 31, 1972, the amount of \$17,972.00, which was placed in a Savings account.

The Supervisors received from the Recorder of Deeds office, Real Estate Transfer taxes of \$9,086.01, also from our tax collector, \$ 485.85 Real Estate and \$643.65 Per Capita.

A letter was read from the Board of Assessment and Appeals that Hilltown Township Real Estate valuation is \$ 17,241,000; Occupation valuation, \$ 711,500 and the number of taxables is 3,781.

A letter was read from the law office of Smith & Wilson by Victor Jaczun, a memorandum to support a motion to dismiss a suit in Civil action of Charles J. Mager and Hazel, vs. Hilltown Township.

A letter was read dated January 11, 1973, from Pennridge School District stating that they were recipients of a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, that they notified the Department that notices should be mailed to Hilltown township.

A letter was read dated January 19, 1973, from Bruce E. Stewart, Assistant Director of Natural Resources, if we would like to discuss the County Ordinance on trash transfer station; request tabled.

A letter was read from our Solicitor dated January 8, 1973, suggesting that the comprehensive plan be updated; we are in the process at the present time.

The Police Report was read for December 1972: Accidents, 18; Injuries, 11; Motor Vehicle and Property Damage, \$13,560; Hold up, 1; Investigations, 2; Move in permits, 2; Police Hours, Chief, 290 hrs; Sgt., 252 hrs.; Patrolman, 411 hrs.; Part time, 80 hrs.; Woman's Division, 198 hrs.; Total, 1330 hrs.

A letter was read from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Municipal Services, calling attention to a printing error on the Municipal Budget forms, 966, revised 10/72, to delete the word "township" and insert "municipal or municipalities".

A letter was read from John T. Welsh, Chief Clerk, for the fixed Real Estate charge for Hilltown Township, which is .004 mills.

A Cease and Desist order was mailed by Edward Mininger, to Louise Peterson for Violation of Article 1113, Section 301.

A letter was read from the Perkasio Borough Authority, dated January 5, 1973, stating that Mr. William H. Eastburn, esquire, was the authorities legal counsel.

We received a deed for Real Estate located on L. R. Route 154 dated November 30, 1972, Charles Houck Jr. and Grace A. Myers, executors of the estate of Charles Houck deceased, conveyed premises to the Township of Hilltown; recorded in deed book 2060, Page 569, November 30, 1972.

A letter was read from the Department of Transportation that the traffic signal permit #6536 has expired; this was for the signal at the restaurant drive-in at Route 309, Hatfield Township. Our solicitor advised this is up to Hatfield Township.

Mr. Kopp, a resident of Broad Street, requested the Supervisors to have our building inspector to have evening hours one day a week.

A petition was presented to the Board of Supervisors by Mr. Hultzheiser and Mr. Walsh, residents of Keystone Drive and Hilltown Pike area, against the rezoning of the J. Richard & Elizabeth Fretz tract located on Keystone drive and Mill Road, Hilltown Township.

PETITION

We, the undersigned, as residents of Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereby petition the township supervisors to restrict any building plans for the area enclosed by Hilltown Pike, Keystone Drive and Mill Road to single family dwellings at a maximum density of one dwelling per acre. This petition would also apply to a tract of 60 acres currently for sale on Hilltown Pike, Line Lexington.

Building plans calling for a density greater than one unit per acre in this area will produce the following:

1. Immediate overloading of area schools and, thereby, an increase in the tax burden on surrounding residents.
2. The subject grounds are not capable of handling the waste generated by the higher densities. This will only result in pollution of nearby water supplies and streams, and unhealthy living conditions.
3. Immediate overloading of fire and police forces, which will again, increase tax burdens of surrounding residents.
4. Immediate overloading of rural roads, making conditions crowded and congested.
5. Immediate devaluation of surrounding property values with an increased tax burden.
6. The increase in the tax burden on surrounding residents, will be out of proportion with taxes obtained from the units.

For the above reasons the undersigned petitions the township supervisors to restrict building densities on named tracts to a maximum of one single family dwelling per acres.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund: Balance, Jan. 20, 1973 \$ 9,683.63

Receipts: H. A. Berkheimer	\$ 6,078.90
Erie Ins.	5.00
National Land Acq.	5.00
George Egley	5.00
	<u>\$ 6,093.90</u>

Expenditures: Xerox	\$ 48.83
Bucks Co. Planning	2.25
News Herald	3.90
John J. McHugh	35.00
Smith & Wilson	100.00
C. Rittenhouse & Son	49.10
Norman G. Good	16.35
W. D. Godshall Inc.	1.84
Provident Bookstore	9.40
P. P. & L.	130.82
Phila. Electric	26.82
Melody Lakes	4.00
Farm & Home	644.73
A. B. C.	28.94
Herbert W. Cope Garage	10.08
State Chemical Mfg.	149.40
Titus F. Alderfer	26.80
Crest Research	21.50
G. & W. H. Corson, Inc.	114.12
Loder & Sharp	1,745.70
Eureka Stone Quarry	37.22
M & M Stone	128.80
Mahlon A. Souder	2,447.00
	<u>\$5,782.60</u>

Balance, Feb. 1, 1973 \$ 9,994.93

State Fund: Balance, Jan. 20, 1973 & Feb. 1, 1973 \$ 1,292.75

Revenue Sharing Fund: Balance, Jan. 20, Feb. 1, 1973 \$18,728.00

Revenue Sharing Savings Account: \$17,972.00

Payroll Account: Balance, Jan. 20, 1973 and Feb. 1, 1973 \$ 441.29

There being no further business, Chairman Frankenfield entertained a motion to adjourn; the motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Hartshorne, and seconded by Mr. Frankenfield; the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Arthur Moyer
Secretary