

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, September 23, 1996
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett, Jr. at 7:35PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
George C. Egly, Chief of Police
Lynda Seimes, Township Secretary

Chairman Bennett asked for a moment of silence in view of the sudden and tragic death of Hilltown Township Police Officer John Thomas, Jr..

Chairman Bennett announced the Board and the Township Manager met in Executive Session on Saturday, September 21, 1996 to discuss labor negotiations.

A. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bill's List, dated September 24, 1996, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$21,953.96, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$74.16; for a grand total of all funds in the amount of \$22,028.12.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bill's List dated September 24, 1996, subject to audit.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager - Mr. Horrocks presented the Treasurer's Report with these balances as of September 23, 1996:

General Fund Checking Account	\$ 175,533.62
Payroll Checking Account	\$ 377.72
Fire Fund Checking Account	\$ 41,102.58
Debt Service Checking Account	\$ 126,255.22
State Highway Aid Checking Account	\$ 98,616.73
Escrow Fund Checking Account	\$ 113,267.34

For the Board's information, Mr. Horrocks advised the total cost to the Township for Community Day held this past Saturday was \$7,633.23, which included some significant improvements inside the refreshment stand at the park.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's

Report dated September 23, 1996, subject to audit.

C. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS ONLY: None.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks -

1. Advertised bids were opened today at 1:00PM for Bid #96-9A - ID2 Binder/Wearing and for Bid #96-10A for Concrete.

Bid results are as follows:

Bid #96-9A - ID2 Binder and Wearing -
Bidders: Blooming Glen Contractors - \$18,784.10
Drum Construction - \$19,536.95
Bray Brothers - \$19,859.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to award Bid #96-9A for ID2 Binder/Wearing to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$18,784.10.

Bid #96-10A - Concrete
Bidder: Ventresca and Sons - \$21,300.00

Since only one bid was received, Mr. Horrocks suggested the Board consider re-bidding this project. The Board agreed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to reject the bid for Bid #96-10A, and to re-advertise this bid for Concrete flooring.

2. Mr. Horrocks presented five escrow releases for the Board's consideration:

Bricks Villa Phase I	Voucher #22	\$	381.34
Bricks Villa Phase II	Voucher #02	\$	333.23
Bridle Run	Voucher #19	\$	348.61
Hilltown Crossings Outparcel	Voucher #01	\$	396.29
Off-the-Wall	Voucher #1A	\$	378.84

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to release the five escrows as listed on Mr. Wynn's correspondence dated September 19, 1996.

3. Act 205 of 1984 requires that the Chief Administrative Officer of each public pension plan inform the governing board of the municipality of the plan's expected financial obligation for the following year by the last business day in September. Mr.

Horrocks noted that the Township's minimum municipal obligation in 1997 for the Non-Uniform Pension will be \$29,109.00, and the minimum municipal obligation in 1997 for the Uniform Pension will be \$126,752.00.

4. With regard to police vehicles, Mr. Horrocks stated that the 1996 Chevrolet Caprice Classic, which is the type of police vehicle purchased last year, is no longer on the State contract with the company it was purchased from a year ago. The estimated price of that vehicle is \$20,381.10. The only 1997 police package vehicle available will be a Chevrolet Tahoe. Mr. Horrocks explained the Tahoe, which is a cross between a Blazer and a Suburban, is priced at approximately \$24,800.00.

Mr. Horrocks requested Board's consideration to purchase the available Chevrolet Caprice Classics at \$20,381.10 now, with funds to be paid back to the 1997 budget. Formal notification has been received from Perkasio Borough that if Hilltown Township bids on these vehicles, they wish to piggyback on the bid to purchase one police vehicle; and notification has also been received from Plumstead Township that they wish to piggyback on the bid to purchase three police vehicles. Mr. Horrocks noted the only supplier of the 1996 Chevrolet Caprice Classic currently has 500 State Police cars on order. If Hilltown Township hopes to re-supply any police vehicles in 1997, the Board must authorize advertisement for bid, since it is no longer on State contract. If the Board so desires, Mr. Horrocks advised a carry-over fund must be found in the 1996 budget to be repaid in 1997.

Supervisor Bennington asked how many police vehicles were to be purchased in 1997. Mr. Horrocks replied four marked police vehicles were scheduled to be purchased. Supervisor Bennington wondered where the funds to purchase these vehicles will come from. Mr. Horrocks stated any purchase made in 1996 will be a borrowing of funds from an account which will be repaid from the 1997 Capital Project budget of the Police Department. There are a number of funds to choose from that carry a surplus.

Supervisor Fox asked how many marked police vehicles there are at present. Chief Egly replied there are five marked police vehicles. Supervisor Fox was under the impression that the Township was keeping police vehicles for at least three years. Chief Egly stated that by January of 1997, the lowest mileage vehicle will have approximately 105,000 miles. Chief Egly reminded the Board that the Township gets approximately \$4,000.00 per vehicle for trade-in.

Mr. Horrocks offered to continue the investigation of which account funds might come from to pay for these vehicles. Chief Egly is concerned because he has heard that the State Police are

considering a bid for 500 Chevrolets. If the supplier receives that bid before ours, there is no chance that Hilltown will get these vehicles. Discussion took place.

Motion was made, reluctantly, by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of a bid for four marked police vehicles at the reduced price as specified by Chief Egly, for 1997 delivery.

Supervisor Fox stated he is very unhappy about spending money the Township does not have, however he reluctantly agreed to second the motion.

5. Mr. Horrocks believes it has been three years since the Township took quotes for Township insurance, including workers compensation, general liability, etc., and asked if the Board is interested in taking proposals for the 1997 budget. The Board of Supervisors agreed that quotes should be taken for the 1997 budget.

6. Signed Fire Protection Agreements have been received from Souderton Fire Company, Telford Fire Company and Dublin Fire Company, and will be available for Board signatures following this meeting.

7. Mr. Horrocks presented a map of the Hilltown Township Agricultural Security Area. In August, a review was received from the Bucks County Planning Commission, however, there were several errors on that review, with regard to names, addresses and acreage. All corrections have been made and the map before the Board this evening is an accurate reflection of the Agricultural Security Area of Hilltown Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to adopt the Agricultural Security Area Map of Hilltown Township.

F. CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager -

1. Correspondence has been received from Telford Borough Authority requesting to be placed on the agenda at the October 21, 1996 Planning Commission meeting, in order to discuss the wellhead protection steering committee. They have also requested that the Board of Supervisors be in attendance for that presentation.

2. Correspondence was received from Hatfield Township with regard to the Hilltown Crossings Shopping Center. Mr. Horrocks is in the process of investigating before responding to this letter.

G. PUBLIC HEARING - A Public Hearing was held to consider the possible enactment of an Ordinance amending the Hilltown Township

Zoning Ordinance of 1995 to revise requirements for buffer yards and layout of open space.

Solicitor Grabowski explained the proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Township Engineer in conjunction with the Hilltown Planning Commission. The Ordinance was also reviewed by the Bucks County Planning Commission, who gave a favorable recommendation for approval. The proposed Ordinance was appropriately advertised in the newspaper and was also filed with the Bucks County Law Library.

Solicitor Grabowski gave a brief synopsis of the proposed Ordinance. Section 509 of Article I is amended to provide for a different definition to buffer yards for a determination of the extent of buffering. There is now a three step procedure added to Section 509 to determine the required buffer yards and planting schedules. This section also includes tables to provide for classification of buffer yards on adjacent land uses, both for vacant land and for proposed land use. A table is now contained in the Ordinance listing planting options for applicants to review and offer as part of their proposal to the Township. Article II of the Ordinance is also amended within Section 510 to provide for planting material. It now requires financial security for planting material which may not survive the initial planting, and provides for various types of planting material. Plant and material specifications are now included. Section 511 is proposed for amendment to provide for general buffer yard requirements, and Section 534 is proposed to be amended to provide for layout of open space and municipal land uses in the CR, RR, and VC Districts.

Mr. Wynn explained this proposal ties the buffer yard provisions of the Zoning Ordinance to the new Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance, so that tree species and plantings are the same. This proposal also removes certain buffer yard requirements, such as residential uses abutting residential uses. Further, this proposal reduces some buffer yards, yet increases the required plantings for certain uses when, for example, there is an industrial use next to a residential use. The planting options and procedures remain the same, although some plant materials differ.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Gene Cliver of 427 Telegraph Road asked what the buffer areas refer to. Mr. Wynn explained it depends on what type of use is proposed, for example if there is an industrial use proposed next to a residential use, a buffer yard would be required along the property boundary with certain plantings required. Mr. Cliver asked if a buffer is required between homes. Mr. Wynn advised buffers are not required between single family dwellings.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #96-3 to amend the Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1995 to revise requirements for buffer yards and layout of open space.**

H. SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor -

1. Solicitor Grabowski presented two Declarations of Easement for the Harvey Freed Subdivision. The property has a unique configuration which requires a frontage easement to the Township by both Mr. and Mrs. Freed, and by the adjacent property owner, Mr. and Mrs. Larry York.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #96-29 for Acceptance of Declaration of Easement from Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Freed for the Freed Subdivision and to adopt Resolution #96-30 for Acceptance of Declaration of Easement from Mrs. and Mrs. Larry York for the Freed Subdivision.**

I. PLANNING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer -

1. Freed Subdivision - This lot line adjustment subdivision is located on Church Road and was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to dedication of Church Road right-of-way. Mr. Wynn noted approximately 3/4 acre of the Freed parcel is being transferred and consolidated with the neighboring York property. After conveyance, the Freed property will consist of approximately 12 acres in area.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant final plan approval to the Freed Subdivision.

2. Bartl Subdivision - This subdivision is located on Rt. 113, between Diamond Street and Keystone Drive. The plan proposes a two lot subdivision, with Lot #1 containing an existing single family dwelling, and Lot #2 containing a beauty shop which is to be discontinued. The existing driveway, which served both the house and the beauty shop, will serve as a common driveway for the existing house and a proposed conversion of the barn located on the rear of Lot #2 into a dwelling.

The plan was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to the following conditions:

- Right-of-way area of Rt. 113 shall be dedicated to the Township.

- Planning Modules must be approved by D.E.P. unless an exemption is granted by D.E.P..

- Property monumentation as shown on the plan must be installed and certified in writing by the responsible surveyor prior to plan recordation.

- Driveway access for Lots #1 and #2 will be via a shared driveway contained within an easement area identified on the plan. Easement documents for the driveway access should be submitted for review by the Township Solicitor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant final plan approval to the Bartl Subdivision, pending completion of all outstanding items as noted above.

3. Nyce Subdivision - This minor subdivision is located on Keystone Drive and proposes to subdivide a 10 acre lot into two lots. Lot #1 is a proposed three acre building lot and Lot #2 contains an existing stone home, an outbuilding, and some small streams and floodplain area. This plan was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to the following conditions:

- A waiver of street improvements including cartway widening, curb, and sidewalk has been recommended by the Planning Commission conditional upon removal of several trees along Keystone Drive along the frontage of Lot #1, which are located approximately 5+ feet from the edge of cartway and are a potential hazard to motorists. Design engineer and/or applicant should meet with the Township to mark trees to be removed, and complete the tree removal prior to plan recordation (or guarantee the removal via execution of escrow agreement).

- Ultimate right-of-way area of Keystone Drive must be dedicated to the Township as an easement.

- Planning Module approval must be received from D.E.P..

- Property monuments as shown on the plan must be installed and certified in writing by the responsible surveyor prior to plan recordation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to grant final plan approval to the Nyce Subdivision, pending completion of all outstanding items as noted above.

J. ENGINEERING - Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer -

1. Gro-N-Sell Land Development - The original completion date of this plan was April 24, 1996, however on March 29, 1996, Mr. Wynn's office notified the applicant of a number of outstanding items, including right-of-way restoration, driveway entrances, buffer plantings, certification of pins and monuments, and as-built plans as required by the agreement. The applicant did pave the driveways later that spring, and requested an extension into the summer months to complete the remaining outstanding items. The applicant then requested another extension and obtained another Letter of Credit until October 4, 1996. On June 20, 1996, Mr. Wynn's office sent the applicant correspondence advising of the outstanding items, which actually grew due to poor maintenance of the site. No action has been taken by the applicant since June 20, 1996. Mr. Wynn recommended a declaration of default by the Board of Supervisors for the Gro-N-Sell Land Development.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to declare default of Letter of Credit for the Gro-N-Sell Land Development in the amount of \$24,121.84.

2. Hilltown Crossings Land Development - The Hilltown Crossings Land Development project is represented by Lesser and Kaplan who notified the Township by certified mail, dated September 18, 1996, that they request dedication of public improvements, in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code. The Planning Code provides that within ten days of receipt of this letter, the Township must direct the municipal engineer to prepare a punchlist of those items remaining to be completed and notify the developer within 30 days. There are at least 21 incomplete items remaining on the site, including the donation to the Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to direct the Township Engineer to prepare a punchlist and to notify the developer of the Hilltown Crossings Land Development of any outstanding items remaining.

3. At the July Supervisor's meeting, the Act 537 Update was discussed, however a motion was not made to direct the preparation of the update to the Act 537 Plan, which is a D.E.P. requirement.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the preparation of an update to the Township Sewage Facilities Plan, which is a joint project between the Township and the Authority.

4. Mr. Wynn advised the paving project is underway in the Telford area. Reliance Road and Conestoga Way are complete; Cherry Road, between County Line Road and Bethlehem Pike, is 60% complete;

and four sub-grade areas have been excavated on Cherry Lane, between Bethlehem Pike and Cherry Road, though it still requires binder course and final paving. Mr. Wynn estimates the project will be complete within the next few days.

5. Supervisor Bennington asked the status of the Spray Irrigation Ordinance. Mr. Wynn stated Mr. Grasse and his representative also made a presentation to the Planning Commission last month. The matter will be discussed by the Planning Commission at their next worksession meeting, however Mr. Wynn believes it was their general consensus that the Spray Irrigation Ordinance should be revised to some extent. From what Supervisor Bennington understands, most municipalities adopted the 25 ft. minimum guidelines recommended by new regulations, however Hilltown Township and Nockamixan Township are the only municipalities still using the 125 ft. minimum guidelines.

Supervisor Bennington would like to direct the Township Engineer to draft a basic guideline Ordinance for the Planning Commission to review at their next meeting.

Mr. Wynn is hopeful that the new Ordinance will not regurgitate all requirements of D.E.P. regulations because there is no reason to repeat what is currently a regulation, other than to incorporate it by reference. The only technical specification to be included in the Ordinance would be anything that is different or in addition to D.E.P. requirements. Supervisor Fox reminded the Board that the D.E.P. regulations are minimums or maximums which are merely guidelines, depending on the prevailing wind velocity in the area. Supervisor Fox does not believe it is the 25 ft. or the 125 ft. requirement that is so crucial, as much the type of unit to be installed. Supervisor Fox had asked Mr. Dietz, the engineer for Mr. Grasse, to supply the Board with a copy of the new technical specifications, however those specifications have not yet been received. Mr. Wynn advised the new regulations are no longer considered "guidelines," they are now "standards," and therefore the minimum is no longer merely a recommendation. Discussion took place.

Solicitor Grabowski noted an applicant, if he disagrees with the Township requirements for a spray irrigation system, can file a private request with D.E.P. asking them to order Hilltown Township to comply with D.E.P. regulations. Supervisor Fox feels the Board is not looking at the whole picture, because D.E.P. standards state "...a minimum of 25 ft. depending on prevailing wind conditions," which, in Supervisor Fox's opinion, changes the entire situation. Supervisor Fox believes the Township's Ordinance should require a minimum of 25 feet, to be decided on a case-by-case basis. Chairman Bennett disagreed, stating it would become an administrative nightmare. Mr. Wynn commented D.E.P. standards have

minimum horizontal isolation distances and the standards also provide that a system designer or the local agency (the Bucks County Health Department), may increase the isolation distances based upon prevailing winds. Chairman Bennett noted the Bucks County Health Department is in favor of spray irrigation systems and he feels D.E.P. regulations should be adopted, since they have been thoroughly studied by State agencies and the Board of Health. Supervisor Fox believes it would depend on wind conditions on a case-by-case basis. Supervisor Bennington disagreed, stating it would be extremely difficult to review these types of proposals on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Gene Cliver, a neighbor of Mr. Grasse, is opposed to the installation of a spray irrigation system on the site. Supervisor Fox explained that spray irrigation systems have not been used frequently in Hilltown Township because in the past, people have installed sand mound systems or direct stream discharge systems. The Department of Environmental Protection has said that all municipalities in Pennsylvania must allow this type of system. Mr. Cliver wondered why Mr. Grasse's property would not perk when adjacent the Seylar School property, as well as his own property, has a septic system. Supervisor Fox explained there is not enough topsoil on Mr. Grasse's site. Chairman Bennett commented it depends on the soil as to whether or not a site will perk. Chairman Bennett noted that if a property can not pass a conventional system, the next alternative is a sand mound, however the soil must perk for that type of installation. If the soil will not perk, the next alternative is the spray irrigation system. Further, Mr. Wynn stated if a property does not pass a deep hole test which is required prior to a perk test, a perk test can not be done. A perk test will no longer be required for a spray irrigation system because the Board of Health will look for mottling of the soil or the limiting zone, which is rock or water. Supervisor Fox assured Mr. Cliver that Mr. Grasse would like to install a conventional system, however that is not an option since the site will not perk. Chairman Bennett reminded Mr. Cliver that these requirements are dictated by the Bucks County Board of Health.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington and seconded by Chairman Bennett to direct the Township Engineer to draft a guideline Spray Irrigation Ordinance, based upon D.E.P. standards, for the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisor's review. Supervisor Fox agreed to allow this information to go before the Planning Commission, however he would not agree to approve this Ordinance whether the Planning Commission approves it or not. Supervisor Fox was opposed to the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Doug Zeiters, representing Mr. Charles Grasse, appreciates the Board's comments this evening and the movement toward adoption of

the D.E.P. regulations as the Township standard. With the understanding that the Township is moving towards adoption of these regulations, Mr. Zeiters asked if there is a way for Mr. Grasse to get interim relief to proceed with the sale of his property, which is presently scheduled for settlement on September 30, 1996. Obviously, there is a contingency on the sale of the property that the site be approved for an on-site system, however given the Township's present regulation, that would not be possible. Solicitor Grabowski advised this question was asked at a prior meeting, and he believes the Board's decision was that they would not entertain waiving the Ordinance. Solicitor Grabowski stated there are other alternatives for Mr. Grasse to sell the property with the buyer being aware that there is always an element of risk that the Township may or may not revise it's Ordinance. Mr. Zeiters wondered if the Board would consider the possibility of permitting the potential buyer in this instance to move forward and begin building, at his own risk, with the understanding that a Use and Occupancy Permit would not be issued if the Ordinance was not amended. Solicitor Grabowski agreed that is an option the Building Inspector and the Zoning Officer can certainly review and discuss, however the Board of Supervisors has no control over either the Building Inspector or the Zoning Officer as to how they issue or deny permits.

Supervisor Fox requested that the applicant provide a copy of the plans for the spray irrigation system proposed by Mr. Grasse. Mr. Zeiters agreed to supply that information to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

6. Mr. Horrocks advised of an unofficial report from PennDot which states they will be looking favorably at a strand wire type traffic signal at the intersection of Callowhill Road and Rt. 113. Mr. Horrocks believes that means the Township will get approval.

Further, the Township has made a request to PennDot to move the flashing "Stop Ahead" light on Diamond Street to the northbound lane of Callowhill Road at Hilltown Pike, and unofficially, PennDot is also in favor of this request. Mr. Horrocks asked the Board to consider authorizing the Township Engineer to develop a condition diagram of Hilltown Pike and Callowhill Road so that this change can be formally approved by PennDot.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Engineer to develop a condition diagram of the intersection of Hilltown Pike and Callowhill Road; and to also develop a condition diagram for the intersection of Callowhill Road and Rt. 113, as specified above.

K. LINENS FOR SIGNATURE:

1. Haberle Subdivision
2. Freed Subdivision

L. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

1. Mr. John Snyder, chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board, requested permission for Zoning Hearing Board members to attend a three night seminar at a cost of \$55.00 per person to be held on November 11, November 18, and November 25, 1996. Supervisor Fox feels attendance by the Zoning Hearing Board at this seminar would be extremely beneficial.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to allow interested Zoning Hearing Board members to attend the three night seminar as specified above.

Mr. Snyder advised the next Zoning Hearing will be held on Thursday, October 3, 1996.

2. Mrs. Jean Bolger thanked Township representatives, Park and Recreation Board members, especially Nick Lupinacci, and other volunteers who participated in Hilltown Township's first Community Day celebration. Further, Mrs. Bolger thanked Deep Run Valley Sports Association, as well, for drawing a great deal of participants to the park that day. Even though publicity for the event could have been better, Mrs. Bolger recognized that many people worked very hard to make Community Day a success, including John Snyder, Chief Egly, and other volunteers who directed traffic for the event.

M. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Bennington encouraged all Hilltown Township residents to vote for the Land Use Referendum which will be placed on the ballot in November. Supervisor Bennington would like to direct the Township Manager to schedule an informational referendum meeting for Township residents to be held here at the Municipal Building on October 15, 1996 at 8:00PM. Supervisor Bennington suggested the same officials from Bucks County who gave the presentation to the Land Use Referendum Committee be invited, as well as the Land Use Referendum Committee itself, and officials from neighboring municipalities.

Supervisor Bennington wished to authorize the Township Manager to purchase inexpensive signs to be posted at various public places to notify Township residents of this meeting, and to advertise it in a local newspaper to insure as much publicity as possible. Supervisor Bennington stressed that this is not a political meeting, it is simply an informational meeting to be directed by

one individual from the Land Use Referendum Committee. Further, Supervisor Bennington asked Mr. Horrocks to publish and mail a newsletter prior to October 24, 1996 to inform residents of the referendum question to be placed on the ballot.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to direct the Township Manager to schedule a referendum informational meeting for Township residents to be held on October 15, 1996 at 8:00PM at the Municipal Building.

Chairman Bennett noted the Land Use Referendum question is on the agenda of the Civic Association meeting to be held tomorrow evening here at the Township building. Chairman Bennett stated he is as interested in preserving open space as his fellow Supervisors are, however he questions how it will be paid for and is very concerned about taxes.

Supervisor Fox commented Hilltown Township either pays for open space now, or will pay for it many times over later.

2. Supervisor Bennington thanked the Park and Recreation Board, Mr. Horrocks, all volunteers, and especially Mr. Nick Lupinacci for their efforts towards Community Day. If a second Community Day is held next year, Supervisor Bennington suggested that it be publicized more. Chairman Bennett agreed, and stated that for a first time effort, Community Day was a great success. It is Chairman Bennett's understanding that Community Day will become an annual affair.

3. At the last meeting, Supervisor Bennington had mentioned that he felt Green Street was the biggest traffic problem in the Township, however he received a letter from a Blooming Glen resident who disagreed. Supervisor Bennington noted that every Township road could be considered the biggest traffic problem if you live on that road or frequently drive on that road. Supervisor Bennington suggested the Board give consideration to other roads, as they have previously directed Chief Egly to do.

Chief Egly noted a speed check was conducted on Green Street on Friday, September 20th, with 17 speeders cited traveling at 56 m.p.h. up to 75 m.p.h.. Over 80% of those cited were not Hilltown Township residents.

4. With regard to Community Day, Mr. John Snyder suggested there be better lighting at the park and also suggested that a letter be sent to the property owner just south of the park requesting their shrubs be trimmed back to make for easier egress from the park.

N. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

O. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the September 23, 1996 Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes
Township Secretary