

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING
Monday, August 12, 1996
7:30PM**

The Worksession 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
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

A. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING: Chairman Bennett presented the Bills List dated August 13, 1996, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$97,551.00, Fire Protection Fund payments in the amount of \$45,600.00, and State Highway Aid Fund payments in the amount of \$1,027.01; for a grand total of all funds in the amount of \$144,178.01.

Supervisor Fox questioned the bill to purchase a pressure regulator in the amount of \$1,124.44. Mr. Horrocks replied that part was to connect the public water to this Township building, which required a 3" pressure reducing valve.

Represented in this Bill's List is the final check to McComsey Builders for the construction of the two seasonal storage buildings located behind the Municipal Building. Mr. Horrocks noted a final inspection, to the complete satisfaction of the Township, took place this morning with the Township Engineer and the owner of McComsey Builders in attendance.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated August 13, 1996, subject to audit.

B. HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY REPORT - Mr. Jim Groff, Operations Manager - Mr. Groff read the Authority Report for the month of July, 1996 which is on file at the Township office.

C. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mr. Thomas A. Buzby - Mr. Buzby read the Public Works Report for the period of June 23, 1996 through August 3, 1996, which is on file at the Township office.

Supervisor Bennington wondered when PennDot might repair the very large pothole on Rt. 152, near the Township building. Chairman Bennett phoned PennDot with regard to that pothole two weeks ago, however it has not yet been repaired.

Chairman Bennett thanked Mr. Buzby for promptly removing an abandoned sofa that was left on Fairhill School Road.

D. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief George C. Egly - Chief Egly read the Police Report for the month of July, 1996 which is on file at the Township office.

Since the traffic signal was installed at Rt. 113 and Diamond Street, Supervisor Bennington asked if there have been any accidents at that location. Chief Egly replied there was one minor accident at that location.

Concerning the Hilltown Crossings Shopping Center, the Hilltown Police Department has responded to two miscellaneous calls for a total of 50 minutes, two traffic stops for a total of 40 minutes, one disturbance for a total of 30 minutes, and one theft call for a total of 30 minutes. Six calls were answered at the shopping center for a combined total of approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Chief Egly explained an overhead light for one of the police vehicles has burned out and must be replaced. Unfortunately, the parts for this model are no longer available. Therefore, Chief Egly purchased a comparable overhead light and mounted it on one of the newer vehicles.

With regard to the new radio system proposed by Bucks County, Chief Egly advised the new system will be a digital radio system with a voice back-up. Due to the change, new bid specifications will most likely not be available until spring of 1997. Chief Egly believes the cost to outfit the Township police vehicles will be \$87,000.00.

Chief Egly would like the flashing warning signal on Diamond Street turned off, yet allow it to physically remain at the site for a short time in order to determine whether it will create any problems. At that time, Chief Egly suggested the flashing warning signal be moved to Callowhill Road, south of Hilltown Pike. The Board was in agreement.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington and carried unanimously to **adopt Resolution #96-24, allowing the flashing warning signal presently located on Diamond Street, north of Rt. 113, to be removed from that location and installed on Callowhill Road, just south of Hilltown Pike.**

Chief Egly recommended that a traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Callowhill Road and Rt. 113, which is a very dangerous intersection. Chairman Bennett asked the estimated cost of installation. Mr. Horrocks believes the cost for the cable light traffic signal at the Rt. 113/Diamond Street intersection was approximately \$23,000.00. Before the Board can consider the installation of a traffic light, a formal resolution is required and a document must be signed to pursue a traffic study to

determine whether or not PennDot will warrant a signal at that location. Mr. Horrocks advised the monies available in the "in-lieu of road improvement fund" is well over \$38,000.00. Supervisor Bennington asked if PennDot can be approached to see if they would be agreeable to the cable type of traffic signal and to determine a dollar amount for that type of signal. Mr. Horrocks will contact PennDot immediately, however he noted a quote can not be obtained until a condition diagram of the intersection is provided.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the Township Manager to solicit an opinion from PennDot as to whether or not a cable light traffic signal would be acceptable at the intersection of Rt. 113 and Callowhill Road; and if it is, to authorize the warrant study to be completed for a traffic signal to be installed at that intersection; and to **adopt Resolution #96-25, authorizing installation of a cable light traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 113 and Callowhill Road.**

Chief Egly commented the Pearl Buck Foundation will be sponsoring a 5K Run on Saturday, August 24, 1996. Therefore, Chief Egly will need six volunteer fire police for traffic control for that date. Further, Dublin Road will have to be closed, which requires a permit from PennDot.

E. PARK AND RECREATION REPORT - Mr. Nick Lupinacci, Chairman -
Mr. Lupinacci read the Park and Recreation Report for the month of July, 1996 which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Lupinacci presented a schedule of events for Community Day to be held on Saturday, September 14, 1996, to coincide with the 275th anniversary of Hilltown Township and the 50th anniversary of the Hilltown Civic Association. Mr. Lupinacci delivered the banner to be installed at the Hilltown Civic Park to Mr. Horrocks last Thursday. There was \$650.00 budgeted for a two-sided banner, however a one-sided banner was purchased in the amount of \$480.00.

The schedule for Community Day begins at 7:30AM. Mr. Lupinacci tentatively spoke to Mr. Rich Manfredetti, who advised Haines and Kibblehouse could provide trailers to be used as a stage for the various performances throughout the day. Mr. Manfredetti will meet with Mr. Horrocks and Mr. Lupinacci to coordinate these plans. At 9:30AM, parking supervision will begin, with Civic Association volunteers and other Township volunteers coordinating parking with at the Sacred Heart facility, the park itself, and available parking at the Philadelphia Gliderport. Mr. Lupinacci will formally request volunteer participation from other Township boards and commissions. The Fun Run will take place at 10:00AM, with registration beginning at 9:45AM. Since the last Worksession meeting, Mr. Lupinacci met with Mr. Horrocks and Chief Egly to

discuss the proposed route of the Fun Run, which will immediately be followed by the Family Bike Ride. Streets on the approved course will actually be closed for a three hour period beginning at 10:00AM. Peruzzi Toyota is the sponsor of the Fun Run. Ambulances will be available in case of emergency during these events, and fire police will be used to assist in traffic control. Mr. Scott Kingsbauer of Clemens Market in Souderton will be providing beverages and fruit for Fun Run participants. Ms. Nancy Keenan and members of the Pennridge Senior Center will be selling raffle tickets. The first soccer game of the day will take place at 10:30AM, with players provided by Deep Run Valley Sports Association. A baseball game will be played at 11:00AM, and there will be antique tractors on display, provided by Mr. Roy Landis of the Two Cylinder Club, throughout the day. Registration for the Family Bike Ride will begin at 11:00AM. An age restriction of seven years and older on two wheelers, with parent/guardian supervision will be in place. Pennsylvania Recycling Works will establish a display booth during the course of the day. The fire company will be providing a fire prevention booth, a fire department membership booth, ladies auxiliary booth, and blood pressure screening booth. By 11:30AM, the Family Bike Ride, sponsored by CoreStates Bank, will begin. At 12:00 Noon, the 4-H Dairy Club, Hockman's Dairy, and Hilltown Baptist Choir will be providing displays. At 12:30PM, the Deep Run Valley Sports Association Pee-Wee Soccer Club will give a demonstration. At 1:00PM, Ms. Jen Collins will perform a mime act both within the crowd itself and on stage. At 1:30PM, Mr. Robin Heller, the creator of the cartoon character Mukluk, will interact with children. Mr. Heller is sponsored by Univest Corporation. Mr. Heller has requested paper and pencils for his presentation, which will be provided by the Township. At 2:00PM, another soccer game will be played by under 17 year old girls from the Deep Run Valley Sports Association. At 2:30PM, the Miss Dee show, which consists of singing and entertainment for children, will take place. At 3:00PM, the tentative schedule is for the fire companies to play volleyball. This event may be switched to another time frame since the fire company has a whole schedule of displays and demonstrations planned, such as fire rescue, a medivac helicopter, and a high angle rope demonstration. Mr. Warren Fluck, a puppeteer from the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church, will be performing on stage and intermingling with the crowd. At 4:00PM, the Full Gospel Tabernacle Choir will perform. The Basin Street Boys, a musical group, will be performing at 5:00PM. Also at 5:00PM, Mr. Ian Turner and a group of bagpipers will perform. The 4-H Club will be using Community Day as a means for selling ice cream cookie sandwiches, using Rosenberger Dairy's small freezer truck. Deep Run Valley Sports Association will be running the concession stand throughout the day. Community Day will end with a fireworks display, beginning at approximately 7:00PM.

With all the equipment needed for the various events, Chief Egly is concerned with space availability. Mr. Lupinacci is aware that space will be very tight. Chief Egly explained that in order to land a helicopter for the medivac display, an area of 300 ft. by 300 ft. must be cleared. Mr. Lupinacci noted that may not be possible. Chief Egly asked why the Family Bike Ride and the Fun Run are being separated. Mr. Lupinacci has scheduled 1 1/2 hours for each of those events, but in fact, the time frame may be much less. There is a possibility that the Family Bike Ride could be started much earlier than 11:30AM. Chief Egly is concerned that he may not be able to schedule 14 fire police for Community Day, which is the number needed for this type of event. Supervisor Bennington believes the Township provided police officers for Pennridge Community Day and Dublin's parade. To Chief Egly's knowledge, that did not take place, however he volunteered his own time and Sgt. Watts may have volunteered his own time in the past. Mr. Lupinacci stated the schedule for the bike ride and the run may have to be revised. If enough fire police are not available, Supervisor Bennington commented the alternative may be to shorten the course. Further, Supervisor Bennington reminded Mr. Lupinacci that Deep Run Valley Sports Association is holding soccer games and picture day at their facility on that same date, and wondered how people will access the Deep Run facility. Mr. Lupinacci replied Callowhill Road and Hilltown Pike will remain open. Chief Egly explained the Fun Run and Family Bike Ride course will begin at the park, run to Rickert Road to Telegraph Road, down Telegraph Road to Creamery Road, down Creamery Road to Callowhill Road to East Creamery Road, down East Creamery Road to Rickert Road back to Rt. 152 and the park. Discussion took place concerning the amount of fire police required. Mr. Lupinacci noted the run could be shortened to a 5K run which would be 3.1 miles. Chairman Bennett asked how many participants might be expected. Mr. Lupinacci is hoping there are at least 100 participants. At present, Mr. John Snyder noted there are two fire police available in the Hilltown Fire Company, and five or six fire police in the Silverdale Fire Company. However, a member of the Silverdale Fire Company is getting married on September 14th, so they may not have any fire police available for Community Day. Mr. Snyder noted that to obtain fire police from other fire companies, such as Dublin, Sellersville, and Perkasio, authorization from their officials is required. Mr. Buzby suggested the course consist of one lap around the track at the park, then a shortened road course, ending with a final lap around the track. Mr. Lupinacci also suggested that the run begin with one lap around the track, down Rt. 152 to West Creamery Road to Telegraph Road to Rickert Road, back out to Rt. 152 back to the park. This would cut the number of intersections involved.

Mr. Buzby asked where the stage area will be erected. Mr. Horrocks noted the stage will be erected on the parking area itself.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Bennett congratulated Mr. Lupinacci and the Park and Recreation Board for doing such an outstanding job organizing Community Day.

Mr. Horrocks asked Chief Egly if the police officers on duty will be able to handle the traffic for the fireworks display later that evening. Chief Egly believes there are three officers on duty that day, and he feels he will be able to provide adequate coverage.

F. HILLTOWN FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. Jeff James, Battalion Chief, read the Hilltown Fire Report for the month of July, 1996 which is on file at the Township office.

G. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Mr. William Devlin, Emergency Management Coordinator, was not present at this time.

H. SILVERDALE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Mr. Chuck Stockert - Mr. Stockert read the Silverdale Fire Company report for the month of July, 1996 which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Stockert advised of another gas line incident at Tice Lane recently. At the time, Mr. Stockert had a lengthy conversation with a rather arrogant representative of U.G.I. who stated the gas fumes would dissipate and that no neighboring residents were in any immediate danger. Supervisor Bennington asked who made the initial phone call. Mr. Stockert replied a resident at 14 Tice Lane phoned the report in, stating that the fumes were quite heavy at the intersection of Tice Lane and Walnut Street. Mr. Stockert used a sniffer at the site, which showed a 100% reading out of the sniffer holes provided by U.G.I.. When it was opened the next day, U.G.I. did find two holes in the gas line.

While it did not acknowledge a dangerous condition at the site, Mr. Horrocks noted the last correspondence received from U.G.I. did acknowledge the numerous leaks reported. That correspondence also advised U.G.I. would investigate and return a formal report to the Township. The Township has not, however, received a formal report from U.G.I..

In the event a similar incident occurs in the future, Supervisor Bennington asked if the Township is authorized to close Walnut Street and Tice Lane. Chief Egly directed Supervisor Bennington or Mr. Stockert to phone him immediately and he will close the road. Supervisor Bennington is very concerned that a serious explosion could take place if the matter is not rectified soon.

Mr. Stockert thanked Chief Egly and the Hilltown Police Department for their assistance during a recent emergency situation involving a young girl's head being trapped in a vehicle lift.

I. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS: None.

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

1. Police Vehicle Bid Awards - The Township received four bids for the two advertised vehicles. One is for a used police vehicle and the other is for a used T.E.S.T. Team vehicle. Bids received are as follows:

Bid #96-6 - Used Police Vehicle
Liberty Motors of New Jersey - \$4,073.99
Chambers Auto Sales of New Jersey - \$4,626.00
Jersey One Auto Sales of New Jersey -\$4,500.00

Bid #96-7 - Used T.E.S.T. Team Vehicle
Jersey One Discount Auto Sales of New Jersey - \$500.01

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to award Bid #96-6 for the used police vehicle to Chambers Auto Sales of New Jersey in the amount of \$4,626.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to award Bid #96-7 for the used T.E.S.T. Team vehicle to Jersey One Discount Auto Sales of New Jersey in the amount of \$500.01.

2. Mr. Horrocks presented seven escrow releases for the Board's authorization:

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| Bricks Villa | Voucher #20 | \$ 12,489.75 |
| Bricks Villa | Voucher #21 | \$ 428.56 |
| Country Roads Subdivision | Voucher #01 | \$ 276.30 |
| Hilltown Crossings | Voucher #21 | \$ 1,425.92 |
| Hilltown Hunt Subdivision | Voucher #18 | \$ 141.52 |
| Ralph G. Moyer Subdivision | Voucher #1A | \$ 250.31 |
| Schade Tract Subdivision | Voucher #6A | \$ 204.71 |

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize the release of the seven escrows as noted above.

3. Mr. Wynn, Township Engineer, requested that the Board consider default of the Quiet Acres escrow and development agreements unless an extension is received from Harleysville National Bank by Tuesday, August 13, 1996. Mr. Horrocks advised Harleysville National Bank is meeting this evening to approve or disapprove another extension to this letter of credit. When Mr. Wynn spoke with bank representatives today, he did not get indication that they would be extending the letter of credit, as

they have done in the past.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to default on the Quiet Acres escrow and development agreements unless an extension is received from Harleysville National Bank by Tuesday, August 13, 1996.

4. A request for waiver of Scout Cabin rental fees has been received from Cub Scout Pack #189. They will be using the Scout Cabin facilities on August 16, 1996.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to waive Scout Cabin rental fees for Cub Scout Pack #189 for use on August 16, 1996.

5. Mr. Wynn's office has forwarded a State 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for the Telegraph Road bridge which will be constructed by the developer of Country Roads. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization for permission to sign this permit on behalf of the Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Horrocks, Township Manager, to sign the above stated permit application concerning the Telegraph Road bridge construction.

Mr. Buzby asked when the actual work on the bridge will begin. Mr. Horrocks replied that once D.E.P. returns the permits to Mr. Wynn's office, work could begin shortly. The agreement with Country Roads allows only a certain number of building permits to be issued for Phases III and IV. Mr. Buzby stated Telegraph Road, from South Perkasio Road to Rt. 113, has been closed since 7:00AM this morning. Further, Mr. Buzby and Chief Egly were not advised as to the closing of Telegraph Road. Mr. Horrocks knows that Mr. Wynn is not aware of the road closing, and will apprise him of the situation tomorrow morning. Further, Mr. Buzby suggested the Pennridge School District and Bucks County be advised of the road closing as well.

6. Mr. Horrocks is seeking Board authorization to solicit bids on three items dealing with the seasonal storage buildings recently constructed behind the Municipal Building. Those items include the concrete slab floor of the larger seasonal storage building; paving of the driveway into the buildings and the turnaround area between the two buildings; and landscaping around the buildings.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bennington, seconded by Supervisor Fox, and carried unanimously to authorize advertisement of the three bids as noted above.

7. Mr. Horrocks advised a Public Hearing must be advertised for the 1997-1998-1999 Community Development Block Grant Program. Bucks County is requesting receipt of all applications in their office prior to September 30, 1996. Mr. Horrocks suggested the Public Hearing be held at the next meeting on Monday, August 26, 1996. The Board was agreeable.

8. A Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for 7:00PM on Thursday, September 5, 1996 at the Municipal Building to consider Bell Atlantic's request to construct a communications tower.

9. The Bucks County Planning Commission seven year review of the list of Agricultural Security Area members was received today. Mr. Horrocks and four members of the Agricultural Security Area have found discrepancies on the correspondence from the Bucks County Planning Commission, which Mr. Horrocks intends to review and compare to the list originally sent to their office.

10. At the last Worksession meeting, Mr. Horrocks attempted to have the Board adopt an official Fire District Map for Hilltown Township. At that time, there was a discrepancy in the Rickert Road area, and discussion took place concerning the matter of the Chalfont Fire Company coverage of a very small portion of the Township. Through a verbal agreement between the Hilltown Fire Company and the Chalfont Fire Company, Chalfont has covered a certain section of Upper Stump Road for several years.

Mr. Horrocks noted the map before the Board this evening is the best representation of the old existing fire coverage map that can be shown in a new, clearer fashion. Mr. Horrocks presented two maps for the Board's review, one showing the district presently covered by the Chalfont Fire Company, and one map does not.

Both maps were posted for review and discussion by the Board of Supervisors and those residents in attendance. Mr. Horrocks pointed out the area, consisting of a small section of Upper Stump Road, which is presently covered by the Chalfont Fire Company. Mr. Horrocks explained the old map showed voids of open space in all fire districts, which was very confusing for each fire company. The only difference between the two maps presented this evening is that one map shows the area of Upper Stump Road which is covered by Chalfont Fire Company, and the other map does not. At present, if a fire call is made to the County for any of those parcels in the area of Upper Stump Road, between Rt. 152 and Callowhill Road, the Chalfont Fire Company will be dispatched. This is the only outstanding issue remaining with the map.

Supervisor Fox feels the map showing the area covered by Chalfont Fire Company should be the map that is adopted this evening. Supervisor Bennington agreed, stating the liability forces the

Township to show that area covered by Chalfont Fire Company on the fire coverage map. Chairman Bennett agreed as well. Mr. Horrocks assured the Board that to adopt this map is not changing any coverage area that the County is not aware of.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously to adopt the fire coverage map showing that area of coverage by the Chalfont Fire Company for parcels located on Upper Stump Road, between Rt. 152 and Callowhill Road.

K. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

L. LINENS FOR SIGNATURE: Off-the-Wall
Beer Subdivision

M. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS: None.

N. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Since the Township is acquiring and constructing various building, to avoid confusion, Supervisor Fox suggested that actual names be given to the buildings. The Board will take this suggestion under advisement.

2. Supervisor Bennington has received several complaints concerning noise violations on weekends and after hours in the area of the Quiet Acres development. Mr. Horrocks stated a police officer was present at that site last Saturday, August 10, 1996, between the hours of 6:00AM and 9:30AM, and there was no activity whatsoever. Mr. Horrocks will continue to have an officer periodically check the alleged noise violations at Quiet Acres before a violation notice is issued.

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

P. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Bennington, and carried unanimously, the August 12, 1996 Worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary

(*These minutes were transcribed from notes and tape recordings taken by Mr. Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager).