

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Groff at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman Caleb Torrice, Supervisor John McIlhinney, Township Manager Lorraine Leslie, Township Solicitor Jack Wuerstle, Township Engineer, Timothy Fulmer, and Theresa Spehar.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Groff announced there was an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the August 28, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting
- b) Bills List: September 12, 2023
- c) Financial Report: August 31, 2023
- d) 2024 MMO for the Hilltown Township Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan
- e) 2024 MMO for the Hilltown Township Uniform Employee Police Pension Plan

Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Vice Chairman Torrice, and carried unanimously to approve items 2(a) through 2(e) on the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment.

At this time, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart asked for approval to hire Peter Nicholas Labosh as a new Police Officer for Hilltown Township.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Torrice, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney and carried unanimously to hire Peter Nicholas Labosh as a Police Officer of the Hilltown Township Police Department. There was no public comment. Magisterial District Judge, Regina Armitage, proceeded with the swearing in ceremony and gave the Oath of Office to Officer Labosh.

3. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

4. LEGAL:

a) Zoning Hearing Board Appeal 2023-015: Hilltown Baptist Church, 930 Church Road, Perkasio, PA 18944 – Seeking Variance: Jason Smeland, Lenape Valley Engineering, was in attendance, along with applicant Bob Harden, and are seeking a variance to allow a nonresidential 40 x 60-foot pavilion to be placed on the Hilltown Baptist Church property. If the variance is granted the applicant will be back for a waiver of land development. Solicitor Wuerstle will send a letter in support to the Zoning Hearing Board for the Hilltown Baptist Church variance.

5. PLANNING:

a) Sapp Accessory Dwelling Sewage Facilities Planning Module: Tim Fulmer stated the Sapp property already has a dwelling and a barn on the property. The applicant would like to convert the barn into an accessory family residence to be served by an on-lot sewage facility. Because the property is located within an area of the Township that is planned to be served by public sewer, they have to go through this process with DEP to effectively allow the property to be served by on-lot septic. Mr. Fulmer requested the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 2023-016, Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development, so the planning documents may be submitted to PADEP for review. Mr. Fulmer noted a

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dwelling and an accessory dwelling can be on one property as long as the conditions in the ordinance are met. Motion was made by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Vice Chairman Torrice, and carried unanimously, to adopt Resolution 2023-016, Plan Revision for New Land Development, for the Sapp accessory dwelling, and be sent to PADEP for review. There was no public comment.

6. ENGINEERING: None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Swearing in of New Police Officer – Peter Nicholas Labosh: This was done earlier in the meeting.

b) H&K Extension of Hours – October 1 – 31, 2023: Ms. Leslie stated H&K has requested to operate the concrete batch plant, asphalt batch plant, and the crushing plant between the hours of 6:30 pm to 6:30 am, Monday through Saturday, between October 1, 2023, and October 31, 2023, excluding holidays, for the PennDOT projects per their letter dated September 20, 2023. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Torrice, seconded by Supervisor McIlhinney, and carried unanimously to grant the extension of hours between October 1, 2023, and October 31, 2023, for the Concrete, Asphalt and Crushing Plant at the Skunkhollow Quarry per their letter dated September 20, 2023, with the exception of striking the part in the letter in regard to "and/or private customers". There was no public comment.

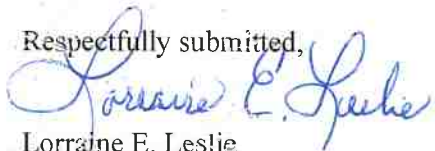
9. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Vice Chairman Torrice noted an email was received from a resident at Minsi Trail and Route 113 saying the new flashing stop signs have prevented all accidents since they were installed. Chief Engelhart stated that is not true. There are less accidents, but it has not completely rectified the problem and will get numbers to the Board.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenn Wimmer, 1618 Seven Corner Road, inquired about the shooting range on Callowhill Road. Solicitor Wuerstle stated they are determining the best way to approach this through zoning enforcement and will get back to Mr. Wimmer shortly. It was noted there is a permit for the 8 ft. fence on the property and any pictures Mr. Wimmer has should be forwarded to the Township Manager.

11. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor McIlhinney, seconded by Vice Chairman Torrice, and carried unanimously, the September 25, 2023, Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine E. Leslie
Township Manager

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).