

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, April 22, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Caleb Torrice at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman James Groff, Supervisor Joseph Metzinger, Township Solicitor Jack Wuerstle, Township Engineer, Timothy Fulmer, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart and Finance Director Marianne Egan.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Torrice announced there was an Executive Session on April 9, 2024, to discuss personnel and, prior to the meeting, to discuss Garlan, Linke Appeal, Acion Lawsuit, PWTA, as well as additional personnel issues and potential litigation issues.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the March 25, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting
- b) Bills List: April 10, 2024
- c) Bills List: April 23, 2024
- d) Financial Report: March 31, 2024

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

3. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

4. LEGAL:

a) Zoning Hearing Board Appeal 2024-004: Carissa Manero, 820 Route 113, Requesting Special Exception: Solicitor Wuerstle discussed the special exception request for a day care in Calvary Church. After discussion, Solicitor Wuerstle will not attend the hearing.

b) Grant of Right of Way Agreement with PPL for Public Utilities on 15-028-136 (1107 Route 152): Vice Chairman Groff stated the PPL lines will be removed over the tennis courts. **Motion was made** by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to execute the Right of Way Agreement with PPL. There was no public comment.

c) Authorization to Advertise Ordinance 2024-001 – Create an Advisory Parks & Recreation Board: Establishing the Number and Term of the Board Members: and Designate the Responsibilities of the Board: Discussion ensued regarding additions suggestions to the ordinance presented. **Motion was made** by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2024-001 with the additional changes. There was no public comment.

5. PLANNING:

a) ATS Springs Land Development Waiver: Mr. Fulmer stated the Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation for the waiver of land development for a 53' x 35' storage building addition associated within an existing commercial use located at 1069 County Line Road. **Motion was made** by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to grant the

ATS Springs Land Development Waiver contingent upon the Wynn Associates review letter dated April 5, 2024. There was no public comment.

b) Max Performance, Inc. Land Development Sketch Plan: Mr. Fulmer stated the applicant is seeking feedback regarding an 18,000 SF building located at the corner of Bethlehem Pike and Keystone Drive for commercial or industrial crafts use. Engineer, Anthony Hibbeln and applicant, Eric Casperson, discussed the proposed project including the Wynn Associates review letter dated April 4, 2024. The Board of Supervisors did not have any objections and public comment was heard at the end of the meeting.

6. ENGINEERING:

a) Hatfield Township Municipal Authority – Resolution 2024-012 Adopting local Limits to Regulate Discharges of Process Wastewater Pollutants: **Motion was made** by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2024-012 for the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority. There was no public comment.

b) East Creamery Road Culvert Replacement: **Motion was made** by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Fulmer to put the East Creamery Road Culvert replacement out to bid. There was no public comment.

c) Route 113/Minsi Trail Intersection Traffic Signal: Mr. Fulmer gave a brief background of the requirement of developers of the Regency Development to analyze the intersection of Route 113 and Minsi Trail for a possible traffic signal where PennDot has a proposed roundabout at that location. **Motion was made** by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to authorize the developer of the Regency Development to move forward with the signal project for Minsi Trail and Route 113. There was no public comment.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Moyer Road Speed Study: Chief Chris Engelhart stated a traffic study was completed and is recommending posting 35 MPH speed limit on Moyer Road. **Motion was made** by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously for an ordinance be drafted for the 35 MPH speed limit on Moyer Road. There was no public comment.

b) Brief 309 Connector Update: Vice Chairman Groff stated they authorized the Traffic Engineer to look at the proposed connector and will give suggestions to minimize the impact of the proposed roundabout. Supervisor Metzinger stated they will be working with Representative Shelby Labs and Senator Coleman to raise all of the issues that have been communicated to the Township and then have a future public meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) COVID Money Use Requests: Supervisor Metzinger stated the Township has approximately \$875,000.00 in COVID funds. \$4,800.00 has recently been spent on meeting room technology and is requesting tablets for the Board of Supervisors. **Motion was made** by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to approve tablets for the Board of

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Supervisors in the maximum amount of \$5,000.00. There was no public comment.

b) Pennridge Community Day – Paul Lorenz Perkasio Rotary President: **Motion was made** by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to approve \$300.00 to Pennridge Community Day. There was no public comment.

c) H&K Extension of Hours – May 1 – 31, 2024: **Motion was made** by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to grant the extension of hours between May 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024, for the Concrete Batch Plant at Rahns Construction Materials Co., and the Asphalt Batch Plant and Crushing Plant at the Chalfont Quarry per the letter dated April 15, 2024, 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 Groff announced Lisa Faust and Gyer Davis are retiring and thanked them both, and the bridge on Callowhill Road is being fixed. Mr. Fulmer discussed the sketch plan/land development process.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following residents commented separately on the Max Performance project: Azlyn Beck, Kathy Lawler, Joe Dariano, Brenda Wire, Ed Gully, Marilyn Adamson, Margaret Lakey, and Justin Lockman.

The following residents commented separately on the 309 Connector: Brian Richardson, Shelly Shollenberger, Dan Kell, and Joe Roberto.

Dale Ott commented to the audience to join Hilltown Friends Facebook page.

11. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously, the April 22, 2024, Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Metzinger
Township Secretary/Treasurer

(*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).