

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 28, 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 prior to the meeting to discuss Garlan, Acion, and personnel issues.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the April 22, & May 13, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meetings
- b) Bills List: May 14, 2024
- c) Bills List: May 29, 2024

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

3. Treasurer's Report: Supervisor Metzinger presented the April 30, 2024, Financial Report.

4. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT: None.

5. LEGAL:

a) Ordinance 2024-001 – Creating an Advisory Parks and Recreation Board; Establishing the Number and Term of the Board Members; and Designating the Responsibilities of the Board: Solicitor Wuerstle presented Ordinance 2024-001 for the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2024-001. There was no public comment.

b) Ordinance 2024-002 – Establish a Maximum Speed Limit of 35 M.P.H. on Moyer Road (T-348) from SR 113 to South Perkasio Road (T-445): Solicitor Wuerstle presented Ordinance 2024-002 for the 35 M.P. H. speed limit on Moyer Road. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2024-002. There was no public comment.

c) Draft Resolution 2024-013 – Adoption of Articles of Amendment to Increase the Term of Existence of the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority for Fifty (50) Years: Solicitor Wuerstle discussed draft resolution 2024-013. Motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2024-013. There was no public comment.

6. PLANNING:

a) Lion Real Estate Holdings (Tigon Golf Carts) Land Development Waiver: Solicitor Edward Wild presented the proposed Tigon Golf Carts land development for the construction of a 26' x 80'

repair shop stating all items in Wynn Associates May 3, 2024, review letter are all 'will complies' and the applicant would like to enter into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors to hold sixteen parking spaces in reserve for use at a later time if needed. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to grant a Land Development Waiver for Tigon Golf Carts contingent upon the items contained in Wynn Associates review letter dated May 3, 2024. There was no public comment.

b) Schreiner Tract Subdivision Sketch Plan: Erica Miller, Heritage Homes, was in attendance to discuss a bi-right sketch plan for 24 detached dwelling units on a 10-acre tract extending from the Country Roads development and the Orchard Hill Subdivision. Ms. Miller stated most of the items in Wynn Associates review letter dated April 5, 2024, are 'will complies' but the applicant will look for a waiver for the depth to width ratio and street improvements along with deed restrictions for the use of the garages. No action was taken.

7. ENGINEERING:

a) Mill Ridge Subdivision Maintenance Period Completion: Mr. Fulmer stated the Mill Ridge Subdivision was inspected and all improvements were found to be in satisfactory condition such that he recommends the Township accept completion of the 18-month maintenance period. Motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to except completion of the 18-month maintenance period for the Mill Ridge Subdivision and authorize the release of all financial security less payment of all engineering, legal, and Township administrative costs. There was no public comment.

b) 31 Church Road Land Development Completion: Mr. Fulmer stated the stormwater management facility for the 31 Church Road Land Development project has been completed and recommends the Township accept completion of the project. Motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to accept completion of the 31 Church Road Land Development and authorize the release of all financial security less payment of all engineering, legal, and Township administrative costs. There was no public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) 309 Connector Update: Supervisor Metzinger gave an update presentation of the 309 Connector. Public Comment: Joe Roberto commented on the number of homes PennDOT was going to have to acquire.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Chal-Brit EMS: Deputy Chief Ryan Brunk gave a detailed presentation on the possible Chal-Brit EMS service for Hilltown Township residents.

b) VMSC: Chief Shane Wheeler gave a detailed presentation on the possible VMSC EMS service for Hilltown Township residents.

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c) H&K Extension of Hours – June 1 – 30, 2024: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to grant the extension of hours between June 1, 2024, and June 30, 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 May 22, 2024, with the exception of striking the part in the letter in regard to "and/or private customers". There was no public comment.

10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Vice Chairman Groff thanked the Police Department for their help with the water main break on Lawndale Avenue. Supervisor Metzinger commented that the Public Works Department has partnered with the Travis Manion Foundation for an event on Sunday to plant trees at the Civic Park and there will be Veterans there as well. Supervisor Metzinger stated he will be looking to wrap up an evaluation in the coming months to implement a tax credit within Hilltown Township for real estate taxes to active Fire and EMS volunteers that are within the community.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Engelhart read a statement regarding the Garlan Zoning Hearing Board Decision. Brian Richardson thanked the Board of Supervisors for the 309 Connector updates.

12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff and carried unanimously, the May 28, 2024, Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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).