

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 Manager Deanna Ferry, Township Solicitor Jack Wuerstle, Township Engineer Timothy Fulmer, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Torrice announced there was an Executive Session on August 19, 2024, to discuss historical financial practices that could potentially lead to some potential litigation. Chairman Torrice also announced there was an executive session held prior to the meeting to discuss Linke litigation, zoning issues on Fairhill Road, and a real estate matter on Rickert Road.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the July 22, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting
- b) Bills List: August 13, 2024
- c) Bills List: August 27, 2024
- d) Financial Report: July 31, 2024
- e) 2025 MMO for the Hilltown Township Uniform Employee Police Pension Plan
- f) 2025 MMO for the Hilltown Township Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan

A motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to approve items 3(a) through 3(f) on the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment.

3. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT:

a.) 309 Connector Update – Representative Shelby Labs: Supervisor Metzinger gave a recap on the progress update and then introduced Representative Shelby Labs who gave a further update of the 309 Connector project and acknowledged the concerns of the residents to PennDOT and the results of PennDOT's response. Chairman Torrice opened the floor to public comment, at which time five residents commented separately.

4. LEGAL:

a.) Ordinance 2024-003 – relating to Revise Chapter 124 (Sewers) Article II, Section 8 the General Regulations on PH Standard Limits for Wastewater & to Revise the Industrial Pretreatment Limitations in Wastewater: Solicitor Wuerstle requested a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-003. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to pass Ordinance 2024-003, to Revise Chapter 124 (Sewers) Article II, Section 8 the General Regulations on PH Standard Limits for Wastewater & to Revise the Industrial Pretreatment Limitations in Wastewater. There was no public comment.

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5. PLANNING:

a) Inline 309 Land Development: Township Engineer Tim Fulmer stated that Mr. Reago is interested in obtaining approval for a 50ft x 50ft addition through a waiver of land development. Mr. Fulmer advised that the Planning Commission voted to have the Board of Supervisors consider granting the waiver of land development to the applicant at their meeting last week. Mr. Reago made additional comments on the project. A motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to grant a land development waiver to Inline 309 contingent upon the items contained in Wynn Associates review letter dated August 20, 2024. There was no public comment.

6. ENGINEERING: None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) ARPA Discussion: Comments from Supervisor Metzinger and Chairman Torrice focused on discussing the funds at the upcoming September 9, 2024 Executive Session. Township Manager Deanna Ferry commented on the same. There was no public comment.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) H&K Extension of Hours – September 1 – 30, 2024: Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to grant the extension of hours between September 1, 2024, and September 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 August 19, 2024, with the exception of striking the part in the letter in regard to "and/or private customers". There was no public comment.

b) Salt Bids for 2024/2025 Season: Dr. Ferry stated that Morton Salt, Inc. was awarded the consortium's bid in the amount of \$60.95 per ton delivered and \$60.00 per ton undelivered. Motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger and seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to accept the bid of Morton Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$60.95 per ton delivered and \$60.00 per ton undelivered for the 2024-2025 period. There was no public comment.

c) Dr. Ferry advised the Board that a motion was needed to reinstate the Township leaf collection program this fall. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff and seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to reinstate the Township leaf collection program this fall. There was no public comment.

9. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Metzinger acknowledged the coordinated response that our community receives from all of the First Responders, in particular the Fire Companies, with regard to the recent fire at Grandview Hospital. Chairman Torrice encourage the public to attend the next meeting to discuss expanding our Parks and Recreation programs. There was no public comment.

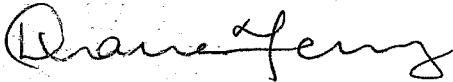
10. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

11. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

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12. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Groff and seconded by Supervisor Metzinger and carried unanimously, the August 26, 2024, Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deanna Ferry".

Deanna Ferry, DPA
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).