

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HELD AT THE COLLEGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
ON JUNE 5, 1973

The meeting of the College Township Board of Supervisors was opened by Chairman, Elwood Williams, at 7:30 P.M. Members present were Elwood Williams and Lester Weaver.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held May 1, 1973 were read and approved as read. The Minutes of the Road Inspection Meeting which was held on May 17 at 2:30 P.M. were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved as follows:

Balance for May 1	\$44,026.96
Deposits for May	\$24,320.40
TOTAL	\$68,343.36
Expenditures for May	\$ 6,766.59
Balance for June 1, 1973	\$61,576.77

CORRESPONDENCE

A memorandum from the Regional Planning Staff dated May 31, 1973 was read. The subject of this memorandum was Alleged Flood Plain Violation in the Borough of State College and College Township.

A letter from the College Township Planning Commission was read. This correspondence pertained to the illegal subdivision of land within College Township. It was suggested a date be set to hold a joint meeting with the Supervisors, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Township

Solicitor, Zoning Officer, as well as representatives from the Centre Region Planning Staff, Centre County Bar Association. Mr. Williams said the Supervisors will set a date for a meeting sometime in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A letter from the Borough Manager, Carl Fairbanks, advising that College Township Representative, Howard Levine, has resigned from the Schlow Library Board of Directors and that a replacement should be considered. The names of Arthur O. Brickman and Walter Braun were suggested. Mr. Williams moved that Arthur Brickman be recommended. This was seconded by Mr. Weaver and motion was carried.

A letter from Gale L. Dargitz submitting his resignation from the College Township Planning Commission effective as of May 31, 1973, was read. Action on this was tabled until the next meeting.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

The Final Plan for a One Lot Subdivision for Robert M. Walters was presented by Stan Hoy of Triangle Engineering. This plan had been tentatively approved subject to final review for specific requirements by the Planning Commission. Mr. Williams moved that this plan be approved. This was seconded by Mr. Weaver and motion carried.

The Final Plan for Hanover Brands, Inc. for Subdivision into Two Lots was presented by Stan Hoy. It had been recommended by the Planning Commission that a 50 foot right-of-way be dedicated but evidence has been found that an existing 33 foot right-of-way is located along this property which would free Hanover from having to dedicate this right-of-way. Mr. Williams moved that this plan be approved. This was seconded by Mr. Weaver and motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams announced that the PULSA GROUP PRD Hearing will be held on June 11 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building. This is the Canadian Pacific Housing Company proposed development.

He also announced that the PENN HILLS PRD Hearing is to be held on June 13, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building. This is the Calvin E. Zimmerman proposed development.

OPEN DISCUSSION

This time was set for discussion of the State College By-Pass. Correspondence was read from the College Township Association in which they indicated three principal points which they urged the Supervisors to study and to do everything in their power to protect the interests of the residents of College Township. Briefly, these three points were: 1) environmental damage; 2) By-Pass might be linked to Appalachian Thruway; 3) inaccessibility by Township residents to By-Pass.

A letter from the Chamber of Commerce of State College was read. They indicated that they endorse and support Alternate Number 3.

A letter was read from Mr. Skinner, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting, in which he expressed his feelings about the By-Pass and recommended that we approve PennDOT's Plan Three and get on with the completion of the center section. He further indicated that if we are taken to court then so be it, but at least let's not waste any more time. A copy of his letter is attached.

A Petition was read from the Centre Citizens, on which approximately 335 names of College Township citizens were written, in which they suggest that PennDOT modify the present design of section 2 of the State College By-Pass so that: 1) it passes under Benner Pike and Elmwood Street, 2) the scenic valley is not destroyed, 3) the need for filling the flood plain is reduced, 4) the need for relocating Slab Cabin Creek is minimized, 5) the taking of tax property is minimized, 6) construction costs are reduced, 7) the massive trumpet is replaced with a smaller interchange. The Centre Citizens indicated that they favor Scheme 4 and if any other alternate is adopted they would go to court. Mr. Williams indicated that he felt the citizens had been misled and that one design is going to do as much to the environment as the other. He also indicated that Scheme 4 would wipe out everything from this building to Hickey's, thus taking all that taxable property where Scheme 3 would put the main part of the trumpet on tax-free property coming off University Drive.

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After some discussion, the majority of the residents present seemed to favor Scheme 3 with the condition that the interchange be eliminated onto Benner Pike. It was also suggested that the proposed 60 foot median strip between the two lanes be reduced to 30 foot median. Mr. Williams said he personally favored Scheme # 3 of the 5 alternatives given. Mr. Weaver said he felt the same way and that we've waited long enough for something to be done.

Mr. Williams moved that they support Scheme 3 with the condition that there be no interchange onto Benner Pike and if not possible to eliminate interchange then put the trumpet interchange ^{on} at University ^{Drive} ~~Drive~~. This was seconded by Mr. Weaver and carried. This decision will be taken to the Transportation Meeting tomorrow at noon and to the COG Meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Williams said he felt that in making this decision he had taken into consideration the feelings of most of the College Township citizens. He also informed the residents present that this COG Meeting would not be an open meeting as some citizens had been told.

A question of the Revenue Sharing Money was brought up. It was asked what had been done with the money already received. Mr. Williams said a budget would be set up within the next month; that the money received had been put into a bank account drawing interest until it was decided what would be done with it.

It was also asked what the status of the light for the Lemont Intersection was. Mr. Williams said it usually takes approximately 6 months from the time the bid goes out until they start work, but that he would check with Kelleytron on this.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester M. Weaver
Secretary

Concerning the Center section of the Bypass:

I am very sorry that I am unable to attend this meeting and express my sentiments in person. The mind is willing but the body is too weak.

First of all, I believe that I am qualified to speak my mind on the subject of the bypass because over ten years ago I was fighting the whole idea of the bypass in its present location. At that time in letters to the editor I called it a "Chinese Wall" right across some of the last best real estate in this area and especially in College Township. I asked that the far out bypass recommended in the Kendree Shepherd report be built, if we had to have a bypass at all.

At that time, only a few lone voices crying in the wilderness gave me any support. From State College all the pressure was on getting the bypass built regardless of where it went or whose land it went through, just so it got the cars out of State College. Even College Township is not blameless in this. Instead of closing ranks and fighting for the far out bypass, most of the effort was spent in trying to see that the bypass went through the other fellow's land.

As a result, we are now faced with two completed ends of the bypass going to nowhere at present. The fighting that is taking place is ten years too late and too little. The project which was originally estimated at a million dollars a mile or ten million dollars total has now skyrocketed to between forty and fifty million dollars, and every day that we delay will increase the cost.

Since this whole center section lies within College Township, I feel that the decision is mainly College Township's as to what should be done. I recommend that we approve PennDot's Plan Three and get on with the completion of the center section. If we are taken to court then so be it, but at least let's not waste any more time.

Leon D. Skinner