

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY  
THE COLLEGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elwood Williams at 7:30 p.m. Other Board members present were John Ziegler and Clarence Trotter.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 12, 1975 were read. It was moved by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mr. Williams, and supported by Mr. Ziegler that the minutes be approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was given as follows for the General Fund:

Balance as of August 1, 1975 -----	\$16,711.03
Amount Deposited during Month -----	\$13,929.58
Balance -----	\$30,640.61
Expenditures for Month -----	\$ 9,599.72
Balance as of September 1, 1975 -----	\$21,040.89

It was moved by Mr. Trotter and seconded by Mr. Williams that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Henry M. Burman to the Supervisors inquiring as to what steps can be taken to improve the traffic safety at the corner on Trout Road directly in front of the Cramer property. He indicated this has become a very dangerous corner that affords the driver zero visibility.

Mr. Williams agreed this corner on the road is bad, that he had talked to the Cramers' son, and it was his feeling that they will try to block anything that is done to improve this condition. He said he was having Stan Hoy, the Township Engineer, survey to establish the Township right-of-way lines and if the trees are on the right-of-way, they will be removed. This situation

was listed in the semi-annual road inspection report this spring.

A letter from Thomas L. Baker, 600 Struble Road, requesting that the Township not erect snow fence at his property as this area is used and maintained as a lawn. The Board was in unanimous agreement that the snow fence should be erected there to keep the road clear of drifting snow. There are other families further up the road that would be effected if the fence <sup>is not</sup> was not put up there.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Land Acquisition for Bypass. The Secretary read the letter sent to Mr. Earl E. Neamy, Department of Transportation, Clearfield, Pa. in which the Supervisors counteroffered the parcel described for the total sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). PennDOT had originally offered the Township \$1,470.00 for 1632.5 square feet of land. The Supervisors felt this was far in excess of the value of the land to be taken.

A letter from Mr. Bruce Speegle, of PennDOT, was received in response to the above letter advising the Board there will be a delay in accepting the Supervisors' counterproposal of a settlement of \$500.00 until they have had the opportunity to obtain an independent opinion on the land value. They will advise the Supervisors of the results as soon as the report is received and if it is still felt that \$500.00 is sufficient compensation, they will be happy to complete the settlement at that figure.

Mr. Williams reported that Henry Burman was the Broker PennDOT contacted and that he had already looked at the land. No further action will be taken until the Supervisors hear from PennDOT.

Sewer Extension along Oak Ridge Avenue. Mr. Williams reported that a work session had been held with the Sewer Authorities. A letter from David A. Allison, Executive Secretary to the College-Harris Joint Authority, was read and that the Supervisors' request to determine costs for sewerage those properties on Oak Ridge Avenue west of Squirrel Drive was approved by the Authority. It was expected the engineering work for this job would be completed in the latter part of September. They will inform the Board of the anticipated costs at that time. No further action will be taken by the Supervisors until word is received from the Authority.

Awarding of Bid to D. E. Smith for Road Work in Lemont Area. After consulting with the Solicitor and talking with PennDOT, it was suggested the Board have <sup>very</sup> good reasons for turning down the D. E. Smith Company bid, the lowest one submitted at the August 12 meeting. It was decided the contract should be awarded to him. He is a bona fide bidder in the area and has done accepted work for the State recently on University Drive.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Functional Classification of Township Roads. The Federal Government is requiring States to classify roads by function as a basis for future Federal aid. Classification proposed by Federal criteria is similar to the major street plan which is included in Report #4 of the College Township Planning Document. The two classification systems are; one for the rural areas and the other for urban areas. The Centre Regional Staff suggested 9 changes to be made. College Township Planning Commission pretty much agreed with the suggestions of the Centre Regional Staff with two exceptions: (1) extend the urban area boundary to the Penitentiary Line, and (2) under the RURAL heading, change Old Boalsburg Road to Old Boalsburg Pike. Branch Road should be indicated as Branch Road (West).

A discussion was held on Items 7 and 8 of the list of suggested changes by the Regional Planning Staff. No. 7 states "Change Puddintown Road between Orchard Road and College Avenue from an Urban Collector to local road." No. 8 states "Add Orchard Road as an Urban Collector." It was felt if the Staff was referring to the Old Puddintown Road which will be closed onto College Avenue, then they would agree to have it changed to local road. But if they are referring to the new extension, then it should be an Urban Collector Road the same as Orchard Road since this will be an extension of that road. Mr. Williams will check with Ron Short, of the Centre Regional Planning Staff, on clarification of these items and the Board will make a final decision at their next meeting. It was understood that the date for the decision has been changed from October 1 to November 1, 1975. Mr. Trotter stated he was thoroughly confused but what he understood was that the higher the classification of the road the higher it will be on the list of roads for work to be done on.

Centre County Library Budget for 1976. A letter from Mrs. Barbara S. Geeting, President of the Centre County Board of Trustees, was read. They are requesting \$800 from College Township in 1976. A copy of the Library's proposed budget was also enclosed. The \$800 will cover the 4 bookmobile stops at \$200 per stop, the same as requested in prior years. This item is to be considered when setting up the Township budget for 1976.

Resolution for Special School Police. An adoption of a resolution is required to appoint the Special School Police for College Township for the school term September 3, 1975 to June 11, 1976. One correction is to be made on the Resolution: change the date from June 11, 1975 to June 11, 1976, and to add Susan Smith as a second substitute for the Lemont area.

It was moved by Mr. Trotter that the Resolution No. 18 be adopted and amended to add Susan Smith's name as a second substitute for the Lemont Area.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Ziegler and supported by Mr. Williams. Motion passed.

Report on Final Flood Plain Map. The Township has received 20 copies of the Final Flood Plain Map effective September 12, 1975. The Flood Plain Ordinance will need to be revised to comply with the new map.

Resignation of William Leonard from the Zoning Hearing Board. Appointment of Gale Dargitz. A letter of resignation was read from Mr. Leonard. The reason Mr. Leonard gave for his resignation was pressing business matters and other community commitments that make it imperative he enlighten his responsibilities. The effective date is to be October 1, 1975. It was moved by Mr. Trotter that a letter be sent to Mr. Leonard accepting his resignation with thanks and regrets. Mr. Williams seconded this motion and Mr. Ziegler supported it. The motion passed.

Mr. Williams submitted Mr. Gale Dargitz's name as a replacement for Mr. Leonard on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Ziegler moved that Gale Dargitz be appointed to fill the position of Mr. Leonard on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and Mr. Williams supported it. The motion passed.

Report of Finance Committee by John Ziegler. Mr. Ziegler reported that COG's Finance Committee was given the task of coming up with an organization and policy guideline for agencies responsible to the Council of Governments. They worked at this for about a year and thought they had arrived at a rather simple policy guideline indicating how each Board should operate, who should be contacted to make decisions, etc. Immediately they ran into problems with the Library, which works under a Library Code. Mr. Ziegler expressed the opinion their code is really ancient. At the present time, there are policy guidelines for the Parks and Recreation Board and Planning and other policy guidelines for

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the Library who feel they shouldn't have to answer to anybody, which puts the Finance Committee back where they were originally. The Board supports the feeling there should be reasonable uniform policy guidelines for all agencies or not have them for anybody. The latest action is that the Finance Committee of COG recommended these special guidelines for the Library. The College Township representative voted against it at the Finance Meeting. He said he wasn't saying that they shouldn't support the library; that they aren't against the library; but they are merely asking for the opportunity to review appointments and a few other things - not anything with any real power - with the library making any final decision. Mr. Ziegler said he felt it was time the Library Code was reviewed and updated. He also stated that the Finance Committee is really attempting to make some operation uniform policy guidelines that will apply to all COG agencies. Mr. Trotter indicated that the major portion of the Library's budget comes from COG, approximately three-fourths, and the remainder from the State.

Police Report. This report was received from the State College Borough Police Department to cover the month of August, including the incidents occurring the first half of the month which the Township Police Department covered. This report will be received by the Township each month. The total complaints for the month was 87, a total of 373 hours worked by individual members of the State College Police Department, total vehicle code arrests were 16, total crimes code arrests were 5, and the total fines from the District Magistrate, Clifford Yorks, was \$1,023.77.

It was asked if the Township had a Dog Enforcement Officer. At the present time there is not, but there is a Constable, Mr. Hartswick, who is obligated to take care of the dogs. A discussion was held about this and it was felt this problem is very bad and that something should be done to correct this situation

as soon as possible. It was suggested the State College Dog Officer, Mr. Fry, be contacted to inquire if he would want to work in College Township, if he felt he could handle the additional work, what the cost would be to the Township, etc. Mr. Fry has all the equipment needed to do the job. Mr. Williams will check into this for the Board.

Conflict of Interest (Penn State Engineering). Comments have been received by the members of the Board regarding conflict of interest on the part of the Authority's engineering operations. A letter was sent to the Chairman of the College-Harris Joint Authority, Mrs. R. J. Flipse, on August 13, 1975, indicating that on numerous occasions Mr. Norman A. Katz, and the firm with which he is associated, Penn State Engineering, Inc. have represented both land developers and the Authority. If this is true, the Board felt it should cease immediately and at no future time should it be permitted to recur. If Penn State Engineering is retained as the engineering consultant for the Authority, then any and all plans submitted for approval by the Authority must either be the work of another engineering firm unrelated to Penn State Engineering or reviewed by another engineering firm prior to Authority approval.

A reply to this letter was received from David Allison, Executive Secretary of the College-Harris Joint Authority, dated August 20, 1975. Mr. Ziegler said, in his opinion, this letter stated the situation as it is and nothing as to deliberations and actions taken to clarify or correct the "conflict of interest" situation. He also stated the letter had been sent to the Chairman, with a copy to Mr. Allison to keep him informed, and would appreciate a reply from the Chairman. It was mentioned the reply was written before it was discussed at the Authority's meeting. Mr. Granlund stated it was discussed with the members before the letter was written.

A heated discussion between Mr. Ziegler and Mr. Granlund occurred.

Mr. Granlund indicated he was not trying to defend Mr. Allison but only trying to explain the Authority's position. Mr. Ziegler felt they did not understand what "conflict of interest" meant. It was asked how much work has been done other than by Penn State Engineering and the reply was approximately 50-50. Also who reviews Penn State Engineering's work and the reply was Penn State Engineering themselves. It was felt this was virtually handing someone a monopoly. Mr. Granlund stated they don't have much choice of capable sewer engineers in the area and to bring them in from outside would be quite expensive.

Mr. Trotter said the thing that perturbed him was how many capable engineering firms do we have in the community and then what is the proportion of sewer designs done by each. He felt it was disproportioned.

Another point discussed was that the Board would have preferred a reply to their letter come from someone other than the Executive Secretary. Mr. Granlund agreed on this, but he felt that the Supervisors' letter was rather strong for not knowing what the picture was and that the members of the Board should have discussed this with the Authority before writing the letter. Mr. Ziegler's answer to this suggestion was that they would have gotten the same answer as they did in the letter, that this had all been decided before and that is the way it is. Mr. Granlund felt a meeting should have been held between the Supervisors and the Sewer Authorities prior to disclosing it for a public uproar. Mr. Ziegler stated he is still going to request an answer from the Authority indicating that they have completely investigated the situation and can see absolutely no "conflict of interest". The letter received did not say anything other than this is the procedure they are following.

Discussion of Plans for Winston Development by David L. Sweetland.

Mr. David Sweetland, Engineer for Winston Corporation, discussed the three concerns set forth in the Supervisors' July 8, 1975 meeting minutes, page 6. Also present was Mr. Alton Gaumer, of J. Alvin Hawbaker, representing the Winston Corporation. The concern they wanted to discuss with the Supervisors at this meeting was the width of right-of-way, not within the subdivision, but discuss again Campbell Road. Mr. Sweetland read the notes from the Supervisors Minutes. It was understood by the Winston Corporation that the required amount of land would be obtained from the adjoining land owners to bring it to the required 50 foot right-of-way, the present width is 33 feet. This plan was approved by both the Borough and College Township in 1962 but was never recorded. However, it does appear on the Tax Assessment Maps. Since this 33 foot right-of-way was approved this time, they felt the adjacent land should come from the Witmers. It was asked how this got on the Tax Map if it wasn't recorded. Mr. Gomer was unable to answer that question. Stan Hoy explained that when they originally went through the County and reassessed to make their assessment map, they came to the individual engineers and requested all their plans. He gave them over 300 which they copied and put on their tax maps. A good many of those were not recorded because at that time the Township did not require this. Officially, the tax map is not a legal document as far as determining whether it is a legal subdivision or not.

The Winston Corporation is seeking information on how to proceed from here. It was again suggested that they approach the Witmers to obtain the additional land for the required right-of-way. Mr. Gomer said they are now attempting to meet with Mr. Witmer to obtain a dedication of the necessary land.

Mr. Trotter felt any action by the Board should be delayed until a statement is received from Mr. Witmer dedicating the necessary land for the 50 foot

right-of-way. Mr. Williams and Mr. Ziegler concurred with this.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL.

Preliminary Plan of Lewis Baylets Subdivision for Lloyd Shawley, located in Houserville. The plan was reviewed and the 6 conditions set forth by the Township Planning Commission were discussed. All conditions were met. The procedure to follow for submitting the Final Plan was explained to Mr. Gay.

Mr. Trotter moved that the Preliminary Plan be approved with the stipulation that the "proposed 50' R/W" be removed from the plan at the top of the Lloyd Shawley lot as shown on the plan and that the property owner of the land northwest of the Lewis Baylets property be identified. Mr. Ziegler seconded this motion, Mr. Williams supported it and the motion passed.

Sketch-Preliminary Plan for J. Robert Everhart Subdivision. A discussion and review was held on the three conditions the Planning Commission had made. All conditions were met except changing the name of the relocated Whitehall Road to University Drive. This will be done before the Final Plan is presented. A copy of the Centre Regional Planning Staff's recommendations was given to the Board by Mr. Hoy.

Mr. Trotter moved the Sketch-Preliminary Plan for a one-lot subdivision of J. Robert Everhart for John Everhart be approved. Mr. Ziegler seconded and Mr. Williams supported this motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Hoy then asked for a conditional approval of the Final Plan pending approval of the Planning Commission. Mr. Trotter moved that conditional approval be given pending approval of the Planning Commission. Mr. Ziegler seconded and Mr. Williams supported this motion. Motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. J. Marvin Lee, Chairman of College Township Bi-Centennial Committee, has asked the Board's permission for the Township Bi-Centennial Committee to sell souvenirs that the County Bi-Centennial Committee is coming up with, something in the order of a plate. It was the feelings of the Board that this celebration should not become commercialized. A member of the Board will contact Mr. Lee inquiring as to what items will be sold, where they would be made, etc.

A memorandum from the Zoning Officer stating that RNR Construction Company has requested the Zoning/Building Fees be waived for the \$170,000 addition proposed for the Mountainview Unit of the Centre Community Hospital. The addition is a heating and cooling building which will be built onto the existing boiler plant. The waiving of the fees were permitted on previous construction work done for the hospital. Statements indicating these fees will be deducted from the contractors costs of construction will be requested by the Zoning Officer if the Supervisors should agree to this waiver.

John Ziegler moved that the Board waive the Zoning/Building Fees for the proposed \$170,000 addition to the Centre Community Hospital provided the architect does not receive these fees as part of the contract costs. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and Mr. Williams supported it. Motion was passed.

It was suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to "The Lemont House" for their work to the building in Lemont which is owned by the Charles Hermans. This is something the Centre Regional Consciousness Committee should be advised of and will probably be brought to their attention. Also, the Vernon place at the corner of Elwood Street and Elm Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Mr. Williams announced the dates set for the fall Riff-Raff collection will be October 6, 7, & 8.

Mr. Roger Granlund inquired about his property being included in the Flood Plain. He said he had talked to the Zoning Officer about this and it was included with the suggested changes that were made over the aerial topography map and sent in but the change apparently was not made. He was inquiring because of the high rate for insurance if his property is included in the flood plain. He feels that it should not be listed as such. This will be checked further with the Zoning Officer. ✓

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Ziegler, Secretary