

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**Special Meeting****November 20, 1984****7:30 pm**

A special meeting of the College Township Council was held on November 20, 1984 at 7:30 pm in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Max E Hartswick, Fred E Smith, Herbert W Stewart,
Dolores A Taricani - Chairman

Member absent: Gale L Dargitz

Others present: C Thomas Lechner - Manager
Beulah L Houser - Administrative Assistant
Robert L Hayden - Treasurer

The purpose of the special meeting was to hold a Public Hearing for the 1985 Proposed Budget. Taricani called to order the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm.

Lee Shields, Financial Advisory Committee, and Nancy Noll, Centre County Home Health Service, were sworn in to testify.

Taricani opened the discussion by stating that she feels a tax increase is unnecessary. Smith stated that he is satisfied with the budget and said he would not have a problem with a tax increase. Hartswick and Stewart both agreed that a tax increase could be avoided.

Shields indicated that it was not the intent of the Financial Advisory Committee that Council develop a Contingency Fund immediately and that he feels it is unnecessary to raise taxes to begin a Contingency Fund.

Lechner informed Council that the projected cash on the revised budget of November 15, 1984, is \$93,095 which is down \$10,000 from the estimated amount in the November 1, 1984 budget. The adjustment is due to an error in addition.

Lechner stated that the IDA agreed to fund up to \$7000 for the landscaping surrounding the Township Building.

Nancy Noll, Centre County Home Health Service, informed Council of the services of the agency. She stressed that the agency needs support to help offset their deficit. She stated that the Centre County Home Health Service visited 66 patients in College Township last year. She also stated that five to six percent of the service the Agency provides is to College Township.

Taricani expressed her support of the Centre County Home Health Service. She indicated, however, that she does not see the Township as a social service agency and that there are Federal funds coming into the County for this purpose. She stated that most of the municipalities in the Centre Region do not contribute to the agency.

The Chairman said that she feels there is a need for the municipalities to approach the Centre County Commissioners to find out exactly where monies from the Township to the County are being spent. She expressed her concern that there seems to be many unresolved problems on this matter and that Council should actively pursue taking the matter to COG. Council members agreed that it would be reasonable to inquire.

Shields expressed his concern regarding the Township's rate of spending for the last two months of the year. He stated that for the first ten months of the year spending is approximately \$60,000 per month. For November and December, however, spending is increased to \$80,000 per month.

Lechner replied that this is due to the fact that many items are intentionally held off until the end of the year to generate interest which helps to provide a surplus.

Lechner informed Council that he has received word that Liquid Fuels Funding for 1985 will be \$76,000 and not \$79,000 as previously budgeted.

Lechner recommended that another workshop be held to go over the testimony from the Public Hearing. Council agreed to meet on December 3, 1984 at 4:00 pm. The final adoption of the budget is scheduled for December 20, 1984 at 4:00 pm.

It was moved by Hartswick and seconded by Smith to adjourn the Public Hearing. Council voted in favor of the motion.

Taricani adjourned the public Hearing at 9:18 pm and opened the regular meeting to discuss the remaining agenda items.

1. Discussion on Police Services

Lechner informed Council that a decision on police services for 1986 must be made by December 31, 1985.

Taricani stated that the Township has been in a contractual agreement for police services with the State College Borough since 1976. Some of the options considered by Council included contracting from other municipalities or contracting from the State Police.

She informed those present that one of the problems involved in considering the State Police was that Council could not get specific answers from them. She also stated that the State Police could not provide certain services that the State College Borough has been providing.

Hartswick and Smith both agreed that the service received from the State College Borough is of the type and quantity the Township could not get from the State Police.

Smith moved that the Township contract with the State College Borough for Police Services for 1986. Hartswick seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Stewart expressed his opinion that he has no problem with contracting with the State College Borough but feels that the Township should take advantage of State Police services since they are now located in the Township. He suggested contracting with the Borough for 12 hours and with the State Police for 12 hours.

Taricani replied that serious logistical problems occur when using two agencies. When reporting an incident, a person must call a central communications office then be transferred to the force that is on duty. It was also indicated that the State Police will not enforce Township ordinances.

Smith commented that the State Police would not perform any first aid services as the Borough Police have.

Lechner suggested that if Council elects to go with the State College Borough Police for 1986 that they look into a more favorable rate and also establish service on a one-year contract as opposed to two years.

The motion passed with three in favor and one opposed - Stewart.

2. Set Public Hearing Date for BOCA Code Ordinance Amendments

The Public Hearing date for the BOCA Code Ordinance Amendments was set for December 20, 1984 at 4:00 pm.

3. Discussion on Occupation Privilege Tax Proposal

The next item on the agenda was the Occupation Privilege Tax Proposal. Taricani stated that she had no problem with collecting the tax at the beginning of the year. However, she expressed her feeling that it is unnecessary for an employer to file additional forms throughout the year for a small number of employees. It was moved by Hartswick and seconded by Stewart that the Occupational Privilege Tax for College Township be collected in the same manner as has been previously done. Council voted in favor of the motion.

4. Site Plan for U-Haul

The site plan for the U-Haul facility to be located between the South Ridge Motor Inn and Meyer Dairy on South Atherton Street was presented by Sweetland Engineering.

Council decided not to make a decision on the site plan for U-Haul because of several reasons. 1) The use for storage is only permitted in Light Industrial Zone, 2) Questions concerning access were not resolved, and 3) It was felt that the matter should be discussed with the Township Solicitor.

Taricani informed the representatives from U-Haul that Council must get their questions answered before making any decisions. She stated that the matter will be considered at one of the forthcoming meetings and action will be communicated.

It was moved by Hartswick and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. Taricani adjourned the meeting at 10:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C Thomas Lechner
Secretary