

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 23, 1981

Chairman Taricani called to order at 7:28 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building the special meeting of Council to consider the proposed budget for 1982 for College Township.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, Gale L. Dargitz,
J. Carroll Dean, Herbert W. Stewart,
and Dolores A. Taricani

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

1. Council reviewed the proposed budget the Manager had prepared. Mr. Williams indicated the proposed budget did not require a tax increase.

Mr. Stewart asked about the increase in the police category. Mr. Williams indicated the amount shown for the police covered: \$134,000 for police contract; \$4,000 for dog law enforcement, \$7,300 for school crossing guards. The remainder of the police contract, \$30,000, is in the Revenue Sharing budget. Mr. Williams explained the costs associated with school crossing guards were paid by the School District.

Council reviewed the proposed receipts and Mr. Williams explained the factors considered in determining these amounts.

Mr. Dargitz asked if the \$4,100 outstanding balance in the "Interest and Special Assessments" category would be received this year. Mr. Williams indicated he and the Treasurer felt it would be.

In their review of the proposed expenditures, Council discussed the increase for CATA and the fact that Senior Citizens' Transportation is no longer included in the CATA category.

Mr. Williams explained the items included in the "Municipal Building", "Fire Protection", and "Planning and Zoning" categories. Mr. Williams indicated the Township Solicitor had asked for an increase in his fee which was reflected in the proposed expenditure for "Legal Fees."

Mr. Dargitz expressed his concern that the "Street Light" expenditure wasn't being totally covered by the receipts from street light assessments. Council suggested that if the cash balance in the Street Light Fund was reduced too far that consideration be given to increasing the assessment for street lights.

Mr. Dean asked about the amount set aside for the gypsy moth spraying program. Mr. Williams explained he had contacted Dan

Pennick who indicated \$2,000 would be a sufficient amount to set aside for the gypsy moth spraying program. Mr. Williams reported Mr. Pennick explained the reason the County had used the assessed evaluation as a means of determining the municipalities' costs of the spraying program was because the more densely populated areas require more administrative work.

While outlining the categories covered under "Streets & Bridges, Maintenance & Repairs, Transportation, Construction, and Human Services", Mr. Williams indicated he had \$29,000 budgeted for road resurfacing. The roads included in the proposed plans for utilizing these funds are: the streets in Panorama Village; and finishing the streets in Harris Acres. If there is any money left, it could be used for Grant and Liberty Streets in Oak Hall.

Mr. Williams indicated the proposed expenditure for snow removal may be high depending upon the severity of the winter; but, if there was excess in the fund, it could be transferred to other funds as needed. Mr. Bailey asked if any excess in the snow removal could be used for the traffic signal at East College Avenue, Struble Road and Gerald Streets. Mr. Williams indicated he had planned to use monies from the "Equipment Fund" for this light. Council discussed the businesses that would be benefited by this light contributing to the cost of the light which will not be covered totally by State and Federal monies. Mr. Williams indicated Pat Houser and Cal Zimmerman have indicated their willingness to contribute to the cost of this traffic signal. Mr. Dargitz suggested the other businesses in the area of the traffic signal be contacted and their willingness to contribute known before the budget for the Township for 1982 is adopted. Chairman Taricani asked Mr. Williams to gather the information on the businesses that would be benefited by this traffic signal and the number of persons they employ. Letters explaining that the total cost of the light would not be covered by State and Federal money and indicating the Township would be telephoning them as to their response should be sent promptly to the businesses benefiting from this traffic signal. Chairman Taricani indicated the letters going to the two individuals who had already expressed their willingness to contribute should be worded differently than those sent to the other businesses.

Mr. Stewart asked how many libraries were covered under the "Library" category. Mr. Williams indicated all except \$1,200 went to the Schlow Library. The \$1,200 went to the County for the Bookmobile. Council discussed the usefulness of the Bookmobile and requested Mr. Williams to contact the County and ask for justification for the Bookmobile and then incorporate the appropriate amount in the final budget.

In their discussion of the amount proposed for "Youth Services and Senior Citizens", Council suggested that inasmuch as no funds are given to Youth Services that "Youth Services" be struck from the category.

Mr. Williams indicated the only equipment which would be needed in 1982 is a new spreader. Mr. Dargitz offered suggestions which Council may want to consider in the future for redirecting the revenues for the equipment fund thereby providing greater flexibility for using the money.

Mr. Stewart moved that Council accept the tentative budget for 1982 in the amount of \$689,219.79 as submitted. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Chairman Taricani pointed out that the tentative budget does not necessitate any tax increase for the Township. She also commented that it would be necessary for Council to look at other sources of income in the coming year; that the Township could not keep up with inflation without a tax increase unless other income is generated. Mr. Bailey agreed and commented on the possible effect the proposed legislation on taxes may have.

The motion to accept the tentative budget was carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Taricani reported she had received complaints relative to smoke from wood burners. The Township Solicitor's opinion was that this matter was not under the purview of Council. Discussion followed on the Burning Ordinance, the circumstances that led to the ordinance, what types of burning are covered, and possible changes. It was decided that Council should review the Burning Ordinance in 1982.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Open House for Post Office Building, November 27, 1981, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bailey moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Dargitz seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary