

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MAY 11, 1976

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman John Ziegler.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Ziegler, Donald Bailey, Dolores Taricani, and Clarence Trotter.

Mr. Dean was late to the meeting.

Manager Elwood Williams and Treasurer Robert Frederick were present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Special Meeting held March 1 had not previously been approved. Mr. Bailey made the motion that these minutes be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter. The motion was carried with a 4 of 5 vote since Mr. Dean was absent.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 13 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 9, Line 13, the word "that" was repeated. (?)

Page 21, Line 8, change International Guard to Air National Guard.

Page 24, Line 12, change the name Mr. Bittinger to Mr. Bitting.

Mrs. Taricani moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Bailey seconded this motion and it was carried by a 3 to 5 vote. Mr. Trotter refrained from voting because he had not had a chance to read the minutes. Mr. Dean was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report from the Treasurer was made and a copy is attached.

Mr. Trotter moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Mrs. Taricani

seconded this motion. It was carried by a vote of 4 of 5. Mr. Dean was absent. Mr. Ziegler suggested that copies of this report be made available at the meeting for residents who may wish to look at it.

At this time, Mr. Bailey gave a report on the status of the State College School Taxes. He said the School Board had received Council's letter of March 25 but due to budget work, they had not had time to discuss it yet at a meeting. Council had not received an acknowledgement. The appointment of a wage tax collector must be made some time before the term ends June 30, and must be decided together.

Mr. Bailey suggested a letter be sent to them if he has not heard from them by the end of the week.

Mr. Trotter made a motion that a Certified Letter be sent to them immediately pointing out the urgency of this matter. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion.

The letter would be from Council to the School Board President, Mr. Duane Doty, with copies sent to W. E. Babcock, R. W. Moyer, J. R. Miller, and R. McCormick.

At this time, Councilman Dean arrived at the meeting and Mr. Ziegler brought him up to date on what had been discussed previously.

Mr. Trotter's motion was amended by Mr. Dean as follows: That Council inform them they would not accept unilateral action on the School Board's part, that it must be an agreement of the two parties according to the appropriate law. Mr. Trotter seconded this amendment and it was unanimously carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Department of Environmental Resources advising Council all reviews associated with the Planning Module for Land Development which was submitted for Block #2 - Centre Hills Development had been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

The requirements had been met and the application had been approved by the Department.

A combination of 3 letters relating to Centre Area Transportation Authority was received. One letter to Carl Fairbanks from the Nittany Mall Merchants Association, dated April 23, 1976, indicating the Association's decision not to renew their contract to further subsidize the Centre Area Transit Authority. He stated several reasons why. The second letter was to the Nittany Mall Merchants Association from Thomas J. Collins, Chairman of Centre Regional Finance Committee, dated April 29, 1976, recommending that if the Association is no longer going to support the X-Route bus service to the Mall, the Committee would have to recommend to the Authority that service to the Mall be terminated effective July 1, 1976. The third letter was addressed to Elwood Williams, Sr., College Township Manager, from Tom Kurtz, Secretary, dated April 30, 1976 recommending to the Authority there be no substantial reduction in service to the residential areas of College Township and that the Authority's Operating Committee examine possible alternatives for providing this service. A discussion was held on the taxes paid by the employers and employees working in the Malls in the Township; whether Hills is supporting the route and the bus stops made there. It was suggested that Mr. Trotter, Representative to the Transportation Committee, find out what the bus service is and that Council take a good look at it because if the Township is not going to receive the service, there is no reason why they should support the Transportation Authority.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Covered Bridge Dedication. Most of the bridge is moved to the park. May 29, 1976 has been set for the dedication. The time has been changed from 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to cover a change in time for graduation because of rain. The Township is to provide chairs, truck, etc. The Lt. Governor will accept the bridge on behalf of the State. Miss Grace Hackman, President of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania will present the metal plaque that goes on all covered bridges recorded as registered landmarks in the Commonwealth. Mr. Gene Goodwin will put together some advertising. A list of invited guests, other than Council, is to be compiled yet. Music is also needed. Sue Smith checked on a source with no results. Mr. Bailey called Dick Greene, of the Little German Band, to see if they might be available. He was sleeping but his wife said she thought they were tentatively scheduled for a concert at 6:00 p.m. that day. Mr. Greene is to call Mr. Bailey back. Suggestions were made and will be checked out. Mr. Ziegler mentioned the Penn State Brass Chorale will be in town to play for commencement services for which they will be paid. He had Mr. Benshoof check with these people and they would stay in town and play for the Dedication for \$15 per head. There are 20 students in the Chorale.

Report on Progress of Annual Report. Mr. Roush presented Council with copies of the First Annual Report for their comments and scrutiny. He indicated the remaining thing is the distribution. Complimentary comments were received from the members. Mr. Roush mentioned coordination with the Boy Scouts would be a huge job. He suggested mailing it at bulk rate stamp of \$40. Mailing labels can be obtained from the County, one for each household, weighed and tied according to Post Office. <sup>requirements</sup> An estimate in cost was given of approximately \$80 for mailing. These expenses are to be paid by the Industrial

Development Authority of College Township.

Mr. Trotter moved that authorization be given to Jeff Roush to go ahead and mail the report to each household in the Township. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion. It was unanimously carried.

Use of Building. Mr. Trotter gave the report on what he and Mrs. Taricani had decided. It was agreed that the building should be made available to social and civic groups of College Township free of charge but with the rider that it would be understood if after the use of the building they had not taken care of it properly and it necessitated additional janitorial services, the user would be assessed for this expense.

Mr. Trotter added that the policy used by a couple of the churches was they do rent facilities, when they have problems they write this up as conditions agreed to when they rent. He did not know what the conditions were. It was suggested this be tried on a six-month basis. It was felt a rental situation should be avoided at first. Mr. Dean was <sup>also</sup> appointed to ~~also serve on the Committee, and present a written report or proposal to Council at their next regular meeting.~~ <sup>The Committee is to present a written report.</sup> In reference to arrangements with the University Area Joint Authority, the agreement covers the use of the meeting room and keys to the outside door. Also, COG has a mutual agreement with the Township.

Mr. Doerr's Request for Screening of Tennis Courts. Mr. Bailey reported he had talked to Mr. Doerr and was informed Bob Ayer had been called to see if the screening couldn't be moved from where it presently is, next to the stream, over to the side next to his property off Bottorf Drive. As a result of that conversation, Mr. Ayer wrote the letter to Mr. Williams and quoted prices for additional screening. Mr. Doerr had no intention of additional screening being bought. He just wanted what was there moved. He went

on to tell Mr. Bailey this was not the only problem he is having with the people in the park. He mentioned dogs, children coming onto his property to use their sandbox, swings, etc., the profanity used in the park, being in the park around 11:00 at night, etc.

Mrs. Taricani suggested this might possibly be something that Parks and Recreation Committee should look into. Sue Smith consented to take this matter before the Committee for their consideration. It was also mentioned that fencing might be put up. The question was raised as to which was there first, Mr. Doerr's home or the park. The Manager was asked to establish when the park was designated as such.

An item not on the agenda was a report by Jeff Roush on the Dan Stearns lot at Houserville adjoining the parkland. Mr. Stearns, at the previous meeting, had inquired as to whether Council might be interested in purchasing this lot to add to the park. Mr. Roush had checked this out and said the soils on that lot were such that Mr. Stearns could obtain exemption from the flood plain ordinance regulations by the Planning Commission and get approval for building a house. Mr. Stearns was advised of these results by Mr. Roush.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Report on Road Inspection by Mr. Ziegler. Councilmen Bailey, Dean, Trotter, and Ziegler were conducted through the road inspection by Manager Williams, on April 26, between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Generally, the roads are in excellent condition. A few exceptions were noted as indicated on the attached report. It was moved by Mrs. Taricani this report be included in the official records of the township. This was seconded by Mr. Bailey and the motion was unanimously carried.

A discussion about the Tot Lot Park in Harris Acres was held on whether to sell it to the adjoining property owners since they are using it as a place to throw riff-raff and stones, put fencing around it and let the children play ball there as it was previously used, or to sell it to an individual.

Mrs. Taricani was instrumental in obtaining this lot for the Township which was donated by the Central Pennsylvania Enterprises. She felt it should be replaced by other parkland somewhere in the Township.

The Township has no investment in this lot except for the mowing of grass. No decision was reached and no action was taken.

Report by Mr. Dean on the Local Government Seminar. This seminar was for a 6 week period - 1 night a week on Thursday, held at the Vo-Tech School, Pleasant Gap. Mr. Dean attended all sessions. He had comments and criticisms on the way it was presented. He described the various topics covered and listed questions that came up as the courses were held. The material discussed has been placed in the Township Office for anyone to look at.

Report from Greg Niemann. Greg reported he has had success in collecting materials to build his bridge. He does have a problem obtaining creosote and asked Council for \$15 or \$20 to purchase this. It was decided the Township would provide 4 or 5 gallons of creosote for him. He also inquired if he might have the use of the backhoe to lift the logs across the stream. They are approximately 40' or 42' long. It was felt they were too heavy for the backhoe but would try moving them one end at a time.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Council authorize the Manager to supply whatever materials Greg needed to finish this project. Mr. Bailey seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

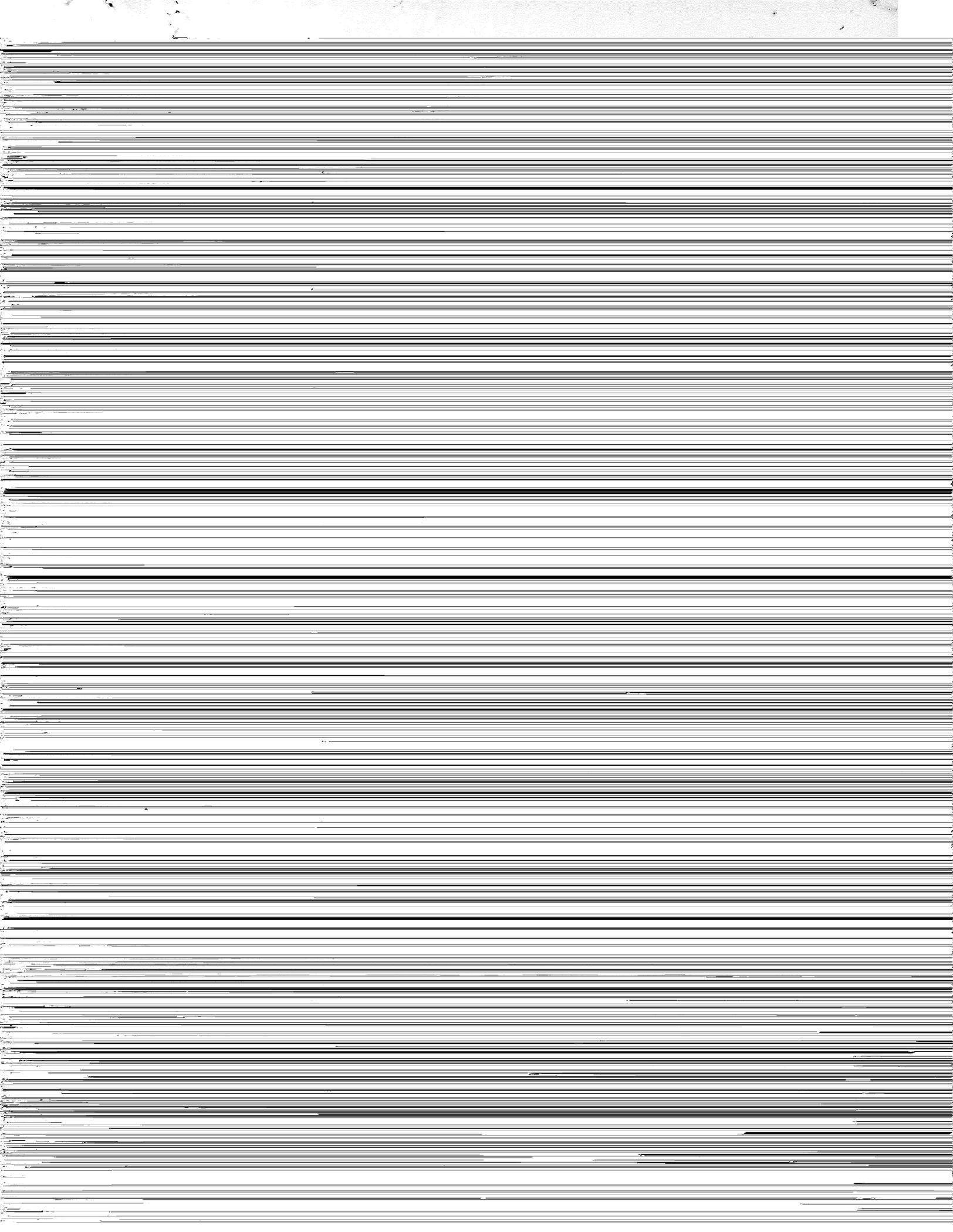
Letter Requesting Stream Bank Improvement. Problems with the stream bank washing out have been occurring in College Township. Mr. Partenheimer's office is putting together a list of projects such as this that need to be done. The Township should write a letter, similar to the sample letter forwarded by him, indicating their wish to be considered in the Stream Bank Improvement and Repair Project in College Township. All streams should be indicated and specify where it goes, such as under Elmwood Street, etc. This action originated from an individual in College Township who has a problem and made a request to the Soil Conservation people. They have agreed to do this but need a letter from Council pinpointing the sites. Mr. Ziegler suggested that Mr. Roush and Mr. Williams list the areas, and get a letter out as soon as possible.

Report on Dog Control Officer. Mr. Williams reported there are not many complaints but one especially. A number of complaints have been filed against Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gosa at the Magistrate's office. Mr. Williams has requested the SPCA be brought into this because of the treatment the dogs are receiving. The manager was instructed to follow through on this matter.

Report on Sanitary Sewer Connections. All residents are now connected onto the sewer in the first two phases developed in the Township.

Appointment to College-Harris Sewer Authority. Two names were submitted to Council for consideration to fill the vacancy created by George C. Hornbein on the Authority. Mr. Hornbein was appointed to the College Township Planning Commission but has temporarily remained on the Authority until someone could be selected to fill his position.

Mr. James DeLong has just moved into the Township but is very interested in getting involved. Mrs. Elvira Meyer has been a long time resident.



the Council members' comments are given to Mr. Bailey, Representative to the Code Enforcement Committee, before their next meeting so he may present them to the Committee. All members are asked to respond. One comment made was that no manager should be involved in the Code Administration.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ziegler commented on a motion made at the Planning Commission meeting by Mr. Weis, Chairman, "that all future subdivisions have at least two ingresses and two egresses wherever possible" Mr. Ziegler felt this was not what Council had in mind. In case of an emergency, there should be one way in and one way out - two accesses.

The Zoning Officer, Jeff Roush, is leaving the Township employment. He has accepted a position in the city of Lock Haven. The Manager was asked to advertise specifically for a Zoning Officer to be paid on an hourly basis.

Mr. Trotter moved that Council go essentially the same route as they did when they hired Jeff, advertise specifically for a Zoning Officer to be paid on an hourly basis, with the flexibility to do other jobs as they come along if he has the ability. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dean and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Williams will act as temporary Zoning Officer and Stan Hoy, of Triangle Engineering, as the Sewage Inspector (on-lot).

Mr. Roush addressed Council, thanking them for the opportunity of working in the areas he has at the reality level he never would have gotten in school.

Mr. Dean said Council could afford a Resolution to the effect they are delighted with his performance, give him Council's thanks for good and loyal service, wish him best of luck in his new career and any other good wording. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

A change in the Council Meeting date was made, from June 8 to June 15 because of State College High School Graduation scheduled for June 8.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Bailey reported a complaint was received about a fire hydrant on Merry Hill Road leaking and running over his lot. It had been reported to the Lemont Water Company. No action was taken by Council.

Mr. Dean said he received a call from a Township resident on the quality of hiring being discussed by the Borough. She felt the Township should take a position on this - strongly against it, since tax money is being spent for this. The Chairman's comment, in his own opinion, was that the Township would not enter into any internal affairs of either the Police Department or the Borough. The Township contracted for services and if the services do not meet expectations then it would proceed to look into the matter. Mr. Dean told her he would report it to Council which he has done.

Mrs. Taricani said Mrs. Leos called her about a letter she had sent to the Township asking to review the pension plan at the beginning of the year, but has not been able to do this. Mrs. Taricani explained that Council felt they did not want to lose what they had invested to date by changing insurance companies at this time. This did not satisfy her. She said Beulah Houser and Robert Frederick were not covered at that time. Mrs. Taricani said there

was no objection to anyone reviewing these records since they are public information.

Mr. Dean said this was one of the things that was brought out in the session he attended, that these records are to be open to anyone to inspect not just College Township residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dean moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams  
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH  
OF APRIL 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Check Book Balance as of April 1, 1976 .....	\$23,390.98
Total Receipts Deposited during month .....	<u>\$31,956.58</u>
	\$55,347.56
Total Expenditures for month of April .....	\$23,273.02
Transfers to Savings Account and Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Check Book Balance as of May 1, 1976 .....	<u>\$ 2,074.54</u>

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP  
 TAX COLLECTION REPORT  
 AT APRIL 30, 1976

1976 COUNTY/TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAXES

	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Duplicate 3/1/76	\$156,378	\$71,892	\$228,270
Less:			
Collections <sup>b</sup>	133,777	61,470	195,247
Discounts	2,732	1,252	3,984
Exonerations	429	202	631
Net Outstanding	<u>\$ 19,440</u>	<u>\$ 8,968</u>	<u>\$23,408</u>

	<u>PARCELS</u>	<u>COMMISSIONS</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Duplicate 3/1/76	1,943	\$1,457	
Add:			
Splits	1	1	
Less:			
Collections <sup>a</sup>	1,597	1,198	\$1,198
Exonerations	3	2	
Net Outstanding	<u>344</u>	<u>\$ 258</u>	
		Commission Income	\$1,198
		Other Income	320
		Tax Collection Income	<u>\$1,518</u>

Notes: <sup>a</sup> Properties were totally exonerated because of highway condemnation.

<sup>b</sup> All collections have been remitted to taxing authorities.

COLLIER TOWNSHIP  
CASH & INVESTMENTS  
AT APRIL 30, 1976

Note: Tax amount not included.

DEPOSITORY	GENERAL FUND	EQUIPMENT FUND	PARKS & REC. FUND	STREET LIGHT FUND	FIRE PROTECT. FUND	STATE FUND	REVENUE SHARING FUND	TOTAL
CCB:								
Checking	\$ 2,074.54	\$ 3,615.35	\$ 1,809.98	\$ 2,514.31	\$ 2,009.45			
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Daily	30,000.00							
90 Day-5.5%		10,000.00						
FNB:								
Checking						\$ 5,182.93		
90 Day-5.5%						20,000.00		
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Daily						10,000.00		
PFB:								
Checking							\$ 2,489.86	
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Daily							6,000.00	
90 Day-5.5%							10,000.00	
TOTAL	\$32,074.54	\$13,615.35	\$1,809.98	\$2,514.31	\$2,009.45	\$35,182.93	\$18,489.86	\$105,696.42

DEFINITIONS

FNB - Farmers National Bank FNB - Peoples National Bank CCB - Central Counties Bank

Checking - Amounts held in bank checking accounts.

90 Day - Funds invested in Certificates of Deposit maturing on July 16 at a 5.5% annual rate of interest.

Daily - Funds invested to earn interest from date of deposit to date of withdrawal, at 5% per year. Savings accounts at FNB & CCB are subject to telephone transfer to checking accounts. The FNB account is a passbook account. Interest is payable quarterly.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP  
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 27

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that from this date until changed by subsequent Resolution the following fee shall be charged upon submission of application for permit to install, repair, replace, or enlarge any treatment tank or subsurface absorption area in conjunction with an on-site sewage disposal system relative to Township Ordinance No. 25-A and the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act as amended.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

New System (Treatment Tank and Absorption Area)	
Repair/Replacement System (Treatment Tank and Absorption Area)	\$100.00
Repair/Replacement System (Subsurface Absorption Area Only)	\$ 75.00
Repair/Replacement System (Treatment Tank Only)	\$ 25.00

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 11 day of May, 1976.

COUNCIL OF COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

John H. Ziegler  
Chairman

Clarence E. Trotter  
Vice Chairman

Donald E. Benley

Parrell Dean

Robert C. Jarcin

ATTEST:

Edward S. Williams, Jr.  
Secretary

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