

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 27, 1978

The Special Meeting of the Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Township Building by the Chairman John H. Ziegler.

Members present: John H. Ziegler, Donald E. Bailey, J. Carroll Dean, and Dolores A. Taricani

Members absent: Clarence E. Trotter - ~~left for Florida for several months~~
~~via the Sugar Bowl~~

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

(1) Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing Funds. The hearing was opened by the Chairman. The budget was reviewed and a few changes were indicated from the original proposal in General Fund due to increase in receipts from tax monies received from supplements from the Tax Office. Street Light fund was less than previously proposed. A few changes were also made in Planning, Zoning & Regulations. Total Budget is \$571,660.33 instead of the \$560,173.60 as previously proposed.

The second payment for the ^{1 WINTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT} ~~ice control~~ contract from the State is expected by the 15th of January. The first payment was received in December 1978, in the amount of \$2080.00. The Manager estimated the additional time to salt and remove snow from portions of the State Road in the Township was approximately an additional 1/2 hour for salting and 1 to 1-1/2 hours for plowing.

It was indicated the employees of the Township would receive a 7% pay increase with the exception of the Zoning Officer who would receive 5% until his probation period is over which has been extended 2 months.

The Police Contract for 1979 has been increased \$3,200.00.

No tax rate increase for 1979.

Dean moved that Resolution #54 setting the Tax Rate for 1979 be adopted. Taricani seconded the motion and it was carried by the 4 members present.

Taricani moved that Council adopt the Proposed Budget for 1979 as submitted by the Township Manager. Bailey seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. The Chairman declared the hearing on the Proposed Budget closed.

(2) Appointments for 1979. It was brought to Council's attention that appointments to authorities should be made at the Organizational Meeting in January. A new appointment is to be made to the Rental Housing Study Committee (a new committee). It was asked if Council had any other names to be submitted to this committee. Council felt this "Lame Duck" law did not apply to the Council. ^{SINCE THERE WERE TO BE NO NEW MEMBERS.} But it was suggested that the members review the list of appointments until the Organizational Meeting in January at which time the appointments will be made official.

A question came up about the number of members on the Park and Recreation Committee. It was indicated no limit had been set as to the number of members that could serve at one time.

Ziegler announced he had received a call from Donald E. McCormick, a resident of Everhart Village, regarding the Rezoning of property in the State College Boro adjacent to Campbell Road and Whitehall Road. Mr. McCormick wishes to bring to Council's attention that Mr. Britton's letter, of Mt. Nittany Park, Inc., has inaccuracies in it also.

The light in Spring Creek Park, which had been damaged, has been repaired and is back in operation again.

(3) Lemont Post Office. It was announced that as of December 14, Attorney John Miller is representing Witmer Construction Company, contractors for the proposed new Post Office Building on Elmwood Street. Ziegler had received a call from Jeff Bower, representing the Concerned Citizens of Lemont. He has reviewed copies of ConRail's lease and has some serious reservations about the lease conditions and will be glad to help in any way he can. Reed McCormick's correspondence of December 20 to ConRail has not been replied to.

The property could be used for a parking lot if the post office is not built there. McCormick commented on the lease; he felt this was just a form lease off the shelf used for every situation.

Dean moved that Council instruct the Solicitor to draw up a resolution permitting the Township to enter into an agreement with ConRail for Council to sign and be ready by the 2nd of January 1979. Bailey seconded this motion. Motion was carried by the 4 members present.

Dean mentioned that Evidence of Insurance was requested in the cover letter with the lease. It was mentioned that a copy of lease should be sent to the Postal Service and P.U.C. and that ConRail will also forward an executed copy to Postal Service and P.U.C.

The next step is to send copy of letter and lease to Kenyon for their action.

Jeff Bower commented on lease and stated that a hearing is scheduled for Concerned Citizens of Lemont before the Zoning Hearing Board on Friday, January 5, 1979.

After further discussion on the lease and what it should contain, Taricani moved that the meeting adjourn. Bailey seconded this motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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