

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE SHARING
HELD MARCH 2, 1981

Chairman Taricani called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

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. Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing Funds Budget. Chairman Taricani indicated this was a public hearing to consider the proposed revised budget for Revenue Sharing Funds. All proper legal notices and announcements had been made. All testimony would be sworn testimony except for questions of clarification. There was no objection to the proceedings being recorded.

Mr. Williams handed out his proposed budget for Revenue Sharing Funds and amended budget sheets for the General and Parks & Recreation Funds. Mr. Williams said the balance as of December 31, 1980, of Revenue Sharing Funds, was \$12,615.80; anticipated receipts of Revenue Sharing Funds for 1981 was \$52,653.00 for a total of \$65,268.80. Mr. Williams proceeded to review his proposed expenditures of these funds and the changes that would result in the General and Parks & Recreation Funds.

Council questioned the total amount indicated for police protection. Mr. Williams explained that the amount for the police contract had increased \$537 over the amount noted in the last budget consideration. The total amount indicated in the police category in the General Fund included police contract, dog law enforcement, and school crossing guards.

Mr. Williams indicated no action was required by Council on the proposed Revenue Sharing budget at this meeting. The tentative adoption of the Revenue Sharing budget will be on the Agenda for Council's March 12 meeting.

Mr. Dean moved the Public Hearing to consider the proposed budget for Revenue Sharing Funds be closed; Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

no further public testimony was given.
The public hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

2. Mr. Dargitz asked Mr. Dean to have the Committee on Reorganization of COG take a look at the pools participation and the park maintenance programs. Council briefly discussed these two programs. Mr. Dean indicated he would bring these comments to the attention of the Committee.

3. Progress Report of Post Office Construction Committee. Chris Exarchos indicated the Committee had reviewed the most recent plans received from the Postal Service. The Committee had considered the financial aspects of the project and provided Council rough estimates for the construction of the building and the rent that would have to be charged in order to cover the costs.

Mr. Exarchos indicated there are three small lots adjoining the ConRail land. If these lots could be obtained, it would give more space for the Post Office building and allow for more green area and parking. The question was raised as to their value. Chairman Taricani suggested Council have the lots appraised. Council had no objection to the appraising of these lots and requested that Mr. Williams contact Bill Leonard asking him to do the appraisal and providing him with the description of the land and any other information he might need.

Mr. Williams reported on his contacts with several of the local lending institutions relative to borrowing monies for the Post Office project: Central Counties Bank and People's National Bank, varying interest rates 12.03 - 12.58%, fluctuating with the prime interest rate; Farmers Community Bank, fixed rate interest 10 - 10-3/4%.

Council discussed what the next steps should be. It was felt that Mr. Kenyon should be contacted to determine if the Postal Service

was willing to pay the amount necessary to cover the costs of the project. Council asked Mr. Williams to call Mr. Kenyon indicating that the project has not been bid as yet, but construction costs have been studied; and it appears that the rent for the building will be between \$10-12 per square foot. Mr. Williams should ask Mr. Kenyon if this will fall within the range they are willing to pay. If Mr. Williams does not receive a satisfactory response, Mrs. Taricani indicated she would be going to Philadelphia the week of March 9 and would discuss this matter with Mr. Kenyon personally.

Ron Weis reviewed the plans that had been received from the Postal Service with Council and also drawings of changes that he and George Hornbein had developed. The Committee offered their comments on changes they felt could be made in the plans. Council discussed these changes and offered comments on changes they felt could be made.

The Committee asked Council for a consensus on the drawings in hand and changes discussed.

Mr. Dean proposed that Council give the Committee some informal guidelines:

- a. That the floor plan as submitted by the Postal Service remain fixed;
- b. That the Committee not dwell on incorporating additional adjoining properties;
- c. Re-orient building;
- d. May position building differently on the site without regard to orientation;
- e. That the building be wood siding.

Council was in agreement on guidelines a, b, d, and e. Inasmuch as no consensus could be reached on guideline c, no position was taken on re-orienting the building.

The Committee indicated they would continue their work and be back to Council with the results of these deliberations.

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Mr. Williams indicated he had talked with the Pittsburgh Office of ConRail and they had indicated the deed for the property could be expected the week of March 9.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dargitz moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Dean seconded the motion; and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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