

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLEGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD
ON JULY 7, 1970

The regular meeting of the College Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Municipal Building on July 7th, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. All supervisors were present.

The minutes of the June 2nd meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report The Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$13,419.67, leaving a balance on July 1st of \$26,787.88.

The Board approved the final plan for a tract of land owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchison Mitchell comprising 4.59 acres on the northwest side of Branch Road, one mile from the village of Lemont, dated May 12, 1970, which plan had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Bypass Interchange at Benner Pike About 15 residents of College Township were present to protest the recent Highway Department plan for an interchange between the State College Bypass and Benner Pike at the area of the Township Building.

A copy of a letter to Mr. Barry of the citizens' group from Bruce Speegle, District Engineer was read to the meeting. A petition containing the names of 309 township residents was also read to the meeting. This petition protested the location of the interchange with Benner Pike and suggested that the connection with Benner Pike be abandoned completely. Mr. Levine said that the interchange as suggested by the Highway Department and as shown on the copy of the plan submitted did not provide for any access road to Clover Highlands subdivision or to Green Acres, Lane. On Clover Road in Klinger Hights, no provision was made for a cul de sac at the intersection of Clover Road and Benner Pike. The College Township Ordinance requires that a cul de sac have a right-of-way radius of 50 feet, and to provide this area, it will be necessary to remove three or four houses in the area.

He said that since 1966 there has been considerable discussion about the Bypass route. A number of plans have been submitted, and it had never

been possible to get agreement on any plan because some municipality felt strongly opposed to the planned route. Finally, last year, the plan submitted with on and off ramps north of the township building ending at the overpass in State College met with the complete agreement of all the municipalities in the Centre Region. He felt it was strange to change a plan which had finally received a consensus of support.

He said the Centre Regional Planning Commission has been asked to study the traffic situation in Millbrook and the proposed interchange and make a recommendation. The township will forward the petition to the head of the Department of Transportation and to Representative Eugene Fulmer requesting that a hearing be held before further construction plans are made. However, with the support of the Centre Regional Planning Commission, which represents a population area of 50,000 persons, the appeal will be much more effective. The decision of the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the Department of Transportation after the Commission's meeting on Thursday of this week.

In answer to a question from one of the residents, Mr. Levine said that the Board did not really know why the Highway Department had changed a plan which had met with general approval and had been surprised by the action. The Board had heard that the Highway Department had ordered the District Office to cut down on construction costs on the middle section of the Bypass by 2.2 million dollars.

Considerable discussion followed between residents of the township and the Board. Mr. Nelson said that two years ago at a public hearing, highway officials stated it was not feasible to have a connection in Millbrook and he wondered why it had now become feasible. Mr. Speegle has promised that when alternate plans were developed for the bypass, they would be discussed in advance with the Centre Regional Planning Commission. Why was this not done in this case?

He said that when the recent proposal was made public and the petition prepared, his group was told to bypass the district office and send it directly to Harrisburg, yet the answer to the petition came from the district office. He felt that the District office was playing games with them. He said that, despite Mr. Speegle's statements that the aims of the Highway Department was to serve the most people in the safest manner, they were now preparing to sacrifice safety to save money.

Mr. Hoffman pointed out that when Benner Pike was widened, the Highway Department said it would benefit the area, but that if you live on the Lemont side of Benner Pike, you now have to cross several lanes of traffic to get to State College and the number of accidents at the Elmwood Street intersection have increased. He pointed out that more property would be removed from the tax roles and that over 70 percent of the land in Centre County is tax free now for one reason or another.

Several residents said that since this is supposed to be a limited access highway, there was no need for another interchange between the one at the hospital and the one in Oak Hall.

Mr. Barry stated that his group of residents had sent the petition to Mr. Fulmer, but that he had seemed reluctant to act until he heard from the Board of Supervisors.

The supervisors explained that they could only act on a matter like this at an official meeting, and assured the group that they would forward the petition with their supporting letter immediately.

The Board re-appointed W. I. Rishel to the College-Harris Joint Authority for a three-year term beginning August 1, 1970.

The Sign Review Board returned to the supervisors a copy of a petition from local businessmen asking that the Sign Ordinance be repealed with a

a recommendation that no action be taken on the petition.

The Board announced that College Township will initiate inspections under the Housing Code adopted last November. Mr. Williams said that the Regional Code Agency had hired a student for the summer to make up lists of rentals in the townships. Forms will be mailed out to owners of rental units and inspections will start in September.

The Board also announced that Weed Inspection will start on July 15th, and all township residents have been notified by means of a newspaper advertisement to cut all weeds and maintain them at a height below six inches.

A resident complained about the condition of Hillview Avenue from Pikeview to the end of the street. He was informed that this was not a township road, and, until such time as it was deeded to the township, the Board could not legally repair or maintain it.

Residents with questions concerning the sewer installation were asked to contact the sewer authority office or to attend the next meeting of the College Harris Joint Authority on July 28th.

Residents on Yardal Road complained about garbage and trash being dumped on the filled land in back of their properties. The supervisors stated that, if garbage or trash was being dumped indiscriminately on the landfilling operation by people, then they could take action to prevent this, but that they had no power to prevent a property owner from putting fill on her own land to improve building lots. Mr. Maize was asked to investigate the situation and make a report to the Board. Mr. Williams said that this morning he had seen about seven pieces of culvert pipe mixed in with the dirt fill, but that usually this material was covered up by dirt and no longer visible when inspected.

The dumping of refuse and garbage is forbidden by the garbage and refuse ordinance.

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution instituting a pension plan for full-time township employees, copy of which resolution is attached.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lester M. Weaver

Lester M. Weaver, Secretary

June 24, 1970

We, the Board of Supervisors of College Township, 1481 E. College Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania, do resolve and hereby establish a retirement program for all full-time employees of the Township.

The retirement plan to commence immediately for all presently-employed by the Township on a full-time basis. All newly-hired employees in the future must acquire a waiting period of five (5) years before they become eligible to participate in the retirement plan.

Further all contributions made to the Robert F. Huebner Agency and the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company on behalf of the employees of the Township for the benefit of employee retirement shall be vested by the owners of the retirement plan, The College Township Board of Supervisors, 1481 E. College Avenue, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, until the employee acquires ten (10) year of employment service with the Township on a full-time basis. Thereafter, the benefits accrued in the individual employee retirement plan shall be vested in the employee.

The benefits of the retirement plan shall be based on 53.8 percent (fifty-three and eight tenths percent) of the employee's salary only and integrated with Primary Social Security Benefits to total the above-mentioned percent of salary.

Further, any death benefit provided by the contract of retirements benefit will be paid to the named beneficiary of the insured employee under the settlement options listed in the insurance contract.

The Normal Retirement Age is set at age 65 unless revised at a later date and provisions made for the additional funding required for and earlier retirement by the employee.

The monies to provide for the benefit of the employee-retirement program will be obtained from the General Fund of the College Township provided under the general section of the Powers of Township Supervisors in the Second Class Township Code Manual which empowers township supervisors to provide pensions for full-time township employees.

Passed this date, July 7, 1970, by the College Township Board of Supervisors named below at a regularly-scheduled meeting.

Howard M. Levine, Chairman

Lester M. Weaver, Secretary

Elwood G. Williams, Vice-Chairman

EXPENDITURES FOR June 1970

Lincoln National Insurance	\$2982.70
First National Bank	704.40
Secretary-Treasurer	208.88
Nationwide Insurance	167.30
Frank Glenn	639.14
Nittany Office Equipment	895.00
Commonwealth of Pa. Soc. Sec.	267.81
Precision Surveying Co.	101.75
Nittany Gas & Oil	100.65
Payroll	481.29
Schlow Library	2000.00
Centre Regional Planning Comm.	3000.00
Herbert R. Imbt Co.	328.72
School Guards	713.60
Miscellaneous	<u>833.43</u>
Total Expenditures	13,419.67
BALANCE - JULY 1	26,787.88