

MINUTES OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
HELD IN  
THE COLLEGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
NOVEMBER 18, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elwood Williams. The other Board Members present were Mr. Trotter and Mr. Ziegler.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 14, 1975 were read. Mr. Trotter moved that the minutes be approved as read. Mr. Williams seconded and Mr. Ziegler supported this motion. Unanimously passed.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held October 31, 1975 were read. Mr. Trotter moved that these minutes be approved as read. Mr. Williams seconded and Mr. Ziegler supported this motion. Unanimously passed.

The Treasurer's Report for the month of October was given as follows:

Balance as of October 1, 1975 -----	\$27,710.15
Total Receipts for month -----	\$24,624.33
TOTAL:	\$52,334.48
Total Expenditures for month -----	\$36,865.57
Balance as of November 1, 1975 -----	\$15,468.91

Mr. Trotter moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Mr. Williams seconded and Mr. Ziegler supported this motion. Unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of appreciation was read from the State College Area School District for the use of the Township BiCentennial flag which they had borrowed for their BiCentennial Parade.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter from Harris Township Manager, William Geelan, dated October 24, 1975, was received in response to our letter regarding the proposed Coulson Subdivision adjacent to Harris Acres and the access route thereto. They expressed appreciation for College Township's concern. A copy of our letter was provided to the Harris Township Planning Commission so the recommendations could be discussed at their next Commission meeting. The Manager expressed assurance that all aspects of the proposed Coulson Subdivision will be carefully weighed and evaluated for both short and long term implications.

A letter from Representative Albert W. Johnson, dated November 10, 1975, was received in response to the Board's letter dated November 3, 1975, indicating support of continuation of the Revenue Sharing Program. Rep. Johnson is in agreement that this program should be continued and has co-sponsored H.R. 8245 which would continue the program. A copy of the Bill was enclosed.

Mr. Williams remarked that reports from the State Association indicate the program is in financial trouble and that, in estimating the budget for 1976, the Townships should include only three payments for the year instead of the usual four.

A letter from the State College Police Department, dated October 16, 1975, was read explaining the "74 Miscellaneous Complaints" in the September Report for the Township. Fifteen items were listed which may be covered in that category.

Mr. Williams stated this police report for College Township could be given to the news media in the same manner the State College Police Department is currently distributing their reports.

An update of the Stewart Salvage Yard issue was discussed by the Board. No effective measures have been worked out between the Township and Mr. Stewart to date. A letter was written to him from the Solicitor with the help of the Township Zoning Officer. Mr. Stewart presented a counter-proposal to the Supervisors which they turned down because they felt it would not accomplish the goals expressed by the Supervisors in their initial meeting with him and as set forth in their original plan submitted to him. A deadline of January 15, 1976 has been set for Mr. Stewart to have the work done on a voluntary basis. After that date, if nothing has been done to correct the situation, firm action on several levels will be taken.

A letter from Township Solicitor Reed McCormick, dated October 15, 1975, was received. A copy of a letter from Attorney Eugene Lederer, in regard to the Appeal by Charles and Kathryn Rallis was enclosed. The Rallis' have withdrawn their Appeal to the Commonwealth Court and the second appeal to the County Court has not been scheduled for hearing as of October 15, 1975.

A copy of a letter dated October 30, 1975 was read which was sent to Mr. Carl Fairbanks, State College Borough Manager, from William H. Leonard, Secretary of the Centre Hills Country Club. The Centre Hills Country Club Board of Directors, in stating their position regarding the improvement of the Cemetery Road, oppose any improvements of the road because (1) they have no need for its use, (2) they cannot afford any assessment for the improvement and, (3) any improvement would create a traffic hazard and nuisance for residents and golfers.

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It was stressed that the Supervisors had not requested this road be paved; just improved enough to be used as an emergency access.

The question was asked by a resident, Mr. Kerner of Oak Ridge Avenue, where the responsibility lies if an out-of-town visitor comes up the road at a normal rate of speed and damages his car. The responsibility lies with the State College Borough since it is a public road and is in the Borough.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Open Bids on Brush Chipper. Bids from three companies were received as follows:

Bradco Supply Company, Towanda, PA	-----\$5,994.95
J & R Gravely Sales, R. D., Port Matilda, PA	-----\$7,079.23
Cambria Tractor & Equipment Co., Ebensburg, PA	-----\$5,390.00

No bid bond was enclosed from J. & R Gravely Sales; consequently, the remaining two bids were considered.

Mr. Trotter made the motion that the Board accept the lowest bid provided it meets all the specifications and is also the cheapest in terms of horsepower with the cutter. Mr. Ziegler seconded and Mr. Williams supported this motion. Unanimously passed.

Several questions were asked by the Cambria Representative in reference to the issuance of a check for the Performance Bond and if they would be notified as to the successful bidder. It was indicated all bidders would be notified by letter and at that time the successful bidder would be asked to forward a Performance Bond in the amount of 50% of the bid cost.

Request for Revenue Sharing Funds for Centre County Home Health Service.

The letter requested an allocation from the Township in the amount equal to thirty-five cents (.35¢) per person residing within College Township. A discussion followed in which it was disclosed that COG is studying these requests in an effort to coordinate them county-wide to avoid duplication or overlapping.

This request was tabled until a decision is made by COG on the coordination of these programs for human services in Centre County.

Senate Bill # 1. This Bill refers to the Pennsylvania Flood Disaster Prevention Act. Three pieces of correspondence were received concerning this Bill. One from Frank J. O'Connell, Jr., Republican Caucus Chairman of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg. Mr. O'Connell very strongly opposes this Bill. The second letter from Milton W. DeLancey, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, Camp Hill, Pa., supports this Bill. He stated they are supporting this Bill in order to continue the efforts to get the best possible legislation on the matter of regulating and controlling new construction in flood plain areas. The third letter was from Senator Franklin L. Kury and Senate President Pro-Tempore Martin L. Murray requesting that the Township not act on the O'Connell Resolution until the whole story is received. They had read the above memos sent to the Townships and state that both reports are seriously inaccurate and misleading. Question and Answer sheets for study were enclosed before making a final decision. In the questions and answers, reference was made to the article written by our Zoning Officer.

A discussion was held on what is to be accomplished by this Bill. The Board was in favor of the Bill because they felt its purpose was to get the Flood Plain Ordinance enacted and enforced state-wide. This Ordinance is enforced in College Township.

New Signing on Benner Pike & Route 322. The State College Borough Police Department has been in contact with PennDOT to have erected on East College Avenue from University Drive to Dale Summit and South Atherton Street from Branch Road South to College-Harris Township line "Keep Right Except to Pass" signs. This has been done in order to enforce the Motor Vehicle Code which requires the vehicle operator to operate on the right hand side of the highway except when passing. These signs will be erected in about 2 or 3 weeks and the Police Department will see that the necessary news releases are made.

Request for Reduced Speed through Houserville by Mrs. Southworth. A petition was read to reduce the speed from 35 MPH to 25 MPH from the intersection of Spring Lea Drive to the intersection of Old Mill Street, signed by approximately 95 residents of Houserville area. (A copy of the petition is attached.) A discussion was held.

It was moved by Mr. Ziegler and seconded by Mr. Trotter that the petition be forwarded to PennDOT to make a study and acquire their recommendations. Unanimously passed. Mr. Trotter questioned the good it will do if not enforced even if the signs are put up.

Request for Fire Hydrant on West Branch Road near Penn Hi-Boy. A request has been received for a fire hydrant in this area. Mr. Williams had talked to Mr. Lucas of the State College Borough Water Authority and he indicated they could put a hydrant there because there is a 12 inch line coming down to the West Branch Road. The State Fire Marshall, Ronald Ross, had contacted Mr. Williams before the meeting endorsing the installation of a hydrant at that location. It was suggested the cost might possibly be split between the Borough and College Township because it would benefit both.

Mr. Trotter moved that the Board pursue the installation of a fire hydrant at West Branch Road and the Penn Hi-Boy Restaurant and pursue the possibility

18 November, 1975

College Township Supervisors:

Attached is a petition requesting that the speed limit on the residential portion (as defined in the petition) of Houserville Road be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. The petition outlines certain reasons for this request, dealing mainly with the safety factors associated with the residential character of the area and the physical contour and condition of the road and berms.

As not all residents had an opportunity to participate in drafting the petition, numerous additional reasons for the proposed speed limit reduction were offered while the petition was being circulated. While these additional reasons could not be appended to the petition, several are worthy of note and are listed below:

While the school zone is signed, patrolled, and marked with flashing amber lights, no 15 MPH school zone speed limit is posted.

The Houserville Playschool, a community nursery school for local children, is currently in operation, meeting each Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Houserville United Methodist Church. While the nursery school only operates in the normal school year, Bible School is held at the church during the summer months.

A portion of the road in question is part of the officially designated "Bike Route", thus increasing pleasure cycling along the road.

The "bypass" construction has already increased and will continue to increase the traffic volume on Houserville Road. The addition of construction vehicles is of major concern, especially due to their width and weight.

In closing, it is the desire of the approximately 95 petitioners that the College Township Supervisors endorse the proposed speed limit reduction and forward the attached petition to the appropriate authority (PennDOT) with a formal request for the initiation of a study to establish whether or not the proposed speed limit reduction is warranted. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

*Harrison T. Southworth and Cynthia J. Southworth*

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1109 Houserville Road 238-8255

The undersigned, as concerned residents living along both sides of "Houserville Road" (L.R.'s 14050 and 14039), and residents of adjacent streets who are directly affected by traffic on Houserville Road, believe that the posted speed limit of 35 MPH is excessive and should be reduced to 25 MPH, from at least the intersection of "Spring Lea Drive" with L.R. 14050 to the intersection of "Old Mill Street" with L.R. 14039, for these reasons:

- I. The section of Houserville Road of concern is a solidly residential area, the road being bordered on both sides by homes, a church, a community park entrance, and the Houserville Elementary School entrance road.
- II. Many children of all ages live along and near Houserville Road. As there are no side-walks, the children must walk along the road; and, as in any residential area, children ride their bicycles on the road. In addition, the Elementary School is on the east side of the road and the Park (called Spring Creek Park) is on the west side of the road; this makes it necessary for all children going to and from the Elementary School from the west side of Houserville Road or to and from the Park from the east side of the road to cross and recross Houserville Road.
- III. Most of the road in question is quite narrow, and in places the berm is in disrepair, making the narrowness of the road all the more dangerous. There are six (6) intersections with the section of Houserville Road in question and at least two of them have a quality of "blindness" for vehicles entering onto Houserville Road due to the physical contour of the road. Also, most of the residents along this portion of road must back out onto Houserville Road.
- IV. (Not the only, but) one of the worst hazards along the road in question is: approximately 1/8 of a mile in a northerly direction from the intersection of "Puddintown Road" (L.R. 14039) with Houserville Road (L.R.14050), there is an all-but "blind" hill over which vehicles traveling at excessive speed in a southerly direction are a very definite hazard to pedestrians (especially school children), vehicles turning into the church parking lot, or any obstructions in the road on the south side of said hill.
- V. The portion of Houserville Road in question is not a "connector" road, such as between two primary arteries, nor even between a primary artery and a business area, such as a factory or plant or a shopping area or an industrial area.

In Summary, we believe that if the vehicles using the section of Houserville Road in question were to travel at a speed not to exceed 25 MPH, the hazards to life and property along this road, specifically as mentioned above, would be greatly reduced.

*Signatures of Petitioners filed in Supervisor's Meeting folders.*

of sharing the costs with the Borough. Mr. Williams seconded and Mr. Ziegler supported this motion, "in the spirit of regional cooperation". Unanimously passed.

Two items not listed on the Agenda but discussed were:

Traffic light at Intersection of Route 322 and Hubler Road. A request for a study to be made was sent to PennDOT on November 18, 1975.

Parallel Parking Signs in Lemont. These have also been requested from PennDOT.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL.

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sue Smith made the comment she was glad to hear that the Township was finally purchasing a Brush Chipper.

A resident wished to know when the report from the Sewer Authority on the Oak Ridge Avenue study would be made available. It was stated this study is available now and the report was made at the College-Harris Sewer Authority meeting on October 28, 1975. The Supervisors had not received a copy of the Minutes nor a copy of the report.

A work session between the College-Harris Sewer Authority and the Board will be set to discuss the results of this study.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Ziegler, Secretary