

COUNCIL MEETING
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 13, 1976

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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- (2) Oak Ridge Avenue Sewer Line
- (3) Cemetery Road
- (4) Request for Reduction in Limited Speed Zone (Houserville Road)
- (5) Traffic Signal (Univ. Dr. & Curtin Rd.)

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- (1) Name Appointees
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 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Controller
- (2) Pre-approval of Purchases Amount?
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- (5) Name Appointees
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY THE
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 13, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ziegler at 7:30 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Clarence Trotter, Donald Bailey, J. Carroll Dean, and Dolores Taricani. Also in attendance were Elwood Williams, Manager, and members of the press Denise Bowman of the Pennsylvania Mirror and Charles DuBois of the Centre Daily Times.

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 9, 1975 were read. Mr. Dean moved that the minutes be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter and the motion was unanimously carried.

The minutes of a special meeting held December 30, 1975 were read. This meeting was held to adopt the proposed budget for 1976, and pass Resolution No. 22 establishing the tax rates for 1976. Mr. Dean moved that these minutes be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr. Bailey, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 5, 1976 were read. This was the first official meeting of the new Council. Two corrections were made as follows:

Page 2, Line 19 - Change "January 12, 1976" to "January 13, 1976".

Page 2, Line 22 - After the words "interim Manager" insert the words "and Treasurer".

Mr. Dean moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Trotter commented on the time consumed by reading the minutes at each meeting. Mr. Trotter moved that the minutes be distributed to Council Members and be available to the citizens at the Township Building prior to the meeting and that the Council then dispense with the reading of the minutes at future meetings, but that each set of minutes would be approved at the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dean and unanimously carried.

Comments were asked for from the audience since the minutes were read mainly for the citizens benefit. One suggestion was made that a condensed copy be read at the meeting. The Chairman felt this wasn't a good idea since it would mean two sets of minutes would have to be made - one set for the Council and another condensed copy to be read at the meeting.

The Interim Treasurer, Mr. Williams, gave the Treasurer's Report as follows for the month of December 1975:

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| Balance as of December 1, 1975 | \$17,472.23 |
| Total Receipts for month | \$ 9,803.58 |
| | TOTAL: \$27,275.81 |
| Total Expenditures for month | \$ 7,127.73 |
| Balance as of January 1, 1976 | \$20,148.08 |

It was moved by Mr. Trotter that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Mr. Bailey seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

At this time, the Chairman introduced the persons seated at the Council table: Councilmen Donald E. Bailey, J. Carroll Dean, Clarence E. Trotter, Dolores A. Taricani; Interim Manager and Treasurer - Elwood G. Williams; appointed Treasurer-Tax Collector - Robert A. Frederick; and Beulah Houser - Township Office Secretary. Mr. Trotter then introduced the Chairman of Council - John H. Ziegler.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence relative to Civil Defense was received. An update of letters sent and received were given to each member of Council to inform them of events that have happened and what has to be done. The package included (1) a letter from George N. Boughter, Director of Centre County Civil Defense, dated December 10, 1975, re that Supervisors cannot hold the office of Civil Defense Directors for the Township where the jurisdiction is co-terminous with the Township being served, (2) a letter from John H. Ziegler, as Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Supervisors, dated December 12, 1975, to Mr. Ernest Johnson, Lemont, Pa., relative to the Township taking over the Civil Defense Office located in the Township Building since it will be needed for the new Treasurer-Tax Collector, (3) a letter from John H. Ziegler, dated December 16, 1975, to Mr. George N. Boughter, Director of Centre County Civil Defense, Bellefonte, PA informing him that the Board of Supervisors have decided to vacate this office and appoint the new Manager, whomever he or she may be, to the position of Township Civil Defense Director early in 1976, (4) a letter from George N. Boughter, dated December 22, 1975, to John H. Ziegler, Sec'y.-Treas. asking that when a resolution is passed vacating the office of Civil Defense Director as now appointed, a name be submitted to him to be resubmitted to the Governor as the new Director. This is done to protect the Township from loss of any Federal Disaster Funds; as not having an approved Director the Township cannot share in disaster funds, (5) a letter from Mr. Ernest Johnson, dated December 22, 1975, to Mr. Elwood G. Williams Sr., Chairman. His letter also stated that Supervisors may not hold the office of Civil Defense Director, but that he heartily approved of the appointment of a new Civil Defense Director, that he would be more than pleased to be relieved of the responsibilities that he has carried on so long. In closing, he thanked the Supervisors who always assisted in the efforts of Civil Defense, having provided a much-needed office, well-furnished and comfortable, (6) a letter from

Mr. Ernest Johnson, dated December 26, 1975, to Mr. Craig A. Williamson, Acting Director of Civil Defense, Harrisburg, submitting his resignation from the office of Director of Civil Defense, as of December 31, 1975 or as soon thereafter as possible, (7) a copy of a letter from Mr. C. A. Williamson, dated January 6, 1976, to Mr. Ernest Johnson acknowledging receipt of his resignation, and that by copy of this letter he is requesting that the governing body of the Township recommend to his office the name of a successor for this vacant position.

In summary, these all pertain to the appointment of a new Civil Defense Director who will be appointed at this meeting.

A letter from Mrs. Rae S. Leos, Associate of Szeyller Associations of State College, dated December 29, 1975, to Mr. Elwood G. Williams. This correspondence refers to a recent ad in the Centre Daily Times that the Township will be adding new employees and that these employees will be entitled to certain benefits such as Life Insurance and Retirement. They are asking to be contacted if a new plan is considered.

A letter from Roger H. Johnson, Tax Collector of College Township, dated December 17, 1975, to the Supervisors concerning the number of resident halls which physically lie in College Township. Mr. Williams stated he felt this has been taken care of when they had the recount made. The Revenue Sharing Department, State Association, County Assessors were all notified of this change, and have been receiving allocations based on these figures. The Liquid Fuels Tax has been increased based on these figures also.

A memorandum from the United States Post Office, State College, dated December 10, 1975, in reference to the Bulk Annual Rate Permit which the Township had acquired a few years ago to mail the College Township Government Study Commission Reports to the residents of College Township. They are inquiring as to whether the Township wishes to renew this permit. A note at the bottom

of the card by Mr. Williams asking if the Council felt there was a need for the Township to obtain a postage meter. The Chairman stated this would be looked into.

A letter from Mrs. Barbara Dean, Tour Chairman, for the Bi-Centennial Committee, dated January 8, 1976, asking for permission to run off 1,000 copies of a map for a do-it-yourself tour of historical Township sites.

Mr. Bailey moved that the Committee be allowed to use the Xerox machine and the charge would be at cost. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter and the motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dog Enforcement Officer. The Chairman stated the letter from the Borough of State College, dated December 2, 1975, was included for the new Council Members to bring them up to date on the situation. This letter needed clarification for the Supervisors at their previous meeting before any action was taken. Mr. Williams contacted Mr. Carl Fairbanks for an explanation of the letter. The ten hours per week provided 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. complaint response as needed and approximately two hours per day of routine activities, Monday through Friday. Mr. Williams explained that this meant if the officer has no complaints, he would go out and patrol the Township for two hours. After the response hours, the Police Department would take care of any calls. If something urgent should come up and the Dog Officer is called, this time would be taken off the next day's two hours.

This contract would be for complete response to all dog problems in College Township. It was recommended by Mr. Fairbanks that this service be tried for 90 days to see how it worked for both the Township and the Municipality of State College.

Mr. Trotter asked what would happen if he should get so many calls that it would take more than two hours per day and ten hours per week?

Mr. Williams said this hadn't been discussed but he felt it probably would be taken off the time for the next week.

It was estimated the cost for this service would be approximately \$3,000 per year. Mr. Ziegler felt the money collected for the fines should be used to help pay the Dog Enforcement Officer's salary.

Mrs. Taricani moved that the Township enter into this agreement for a 90-day period and at the end of that time examine the costs, etc. and evaluate the success of it. Mr. Bailey seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

The question was asked if the Borough would enter into the contract on this time basis. It was stated by Mr. Williams that Mr. Fairbanks recommended this service be tried on a 90 day basis, and at the end of that time, if everything is agreeable, an agreement could be set up for a year. Mr. Dean asked the question as to what happens at the end of the 90 days if this arrangement doesn't work out. It was stated then the Township would have to look for its own Dog Enforcement Officer or maybe look into changing the terms of the agreement.

Oak Ridge Avenue Sewer Line. A package of letters concerning this subject was given to the new Council Members to bring them up to date on what has occurred to the present. Letters were: (1) to Mr. Harold L. Slepian, Community Facilities Coordinator, Harrisburg, from David A. Allison, Executive Secretary to College-Harris Joint Authority, dated December 12, 1975, re: Sanitary Sewer Service - Oak Ridge Avenue, Letter of Intent to Apply for Community Facilities Act Funds; (2) to Mr. Jeffrey Roush, Sewage Enforcement Officer for College Township, from David A. Allison, dated December 17, 1975, re: Phase III - Malfunctioning Septic Systems; (3) to Mr. J. Hutchinson Mitchell, Lemont, dated December 17, 1975, re: Sanitary Sewer - Matilda Avenue; (4) to Board of Supervisors, dated December 9, 1975, from J. H. Mitchell, Sr., re: Sewer Laterals on Matilda Avenue;

(5) to Mr. Ronald Short, Centre Regional Planning Commission, dated January 9, 1976, from David Allison, re: Oak Ridge Avenue Sewer Project. Mr. Allison requested that Mr. Short comment on the proposed project as it fits into the 1970 Centre County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan, Addendum No. Two.

These comments must be included with the documentation that is forwarded to the Department of Commerce in support of the grant application. The former Board of Supervisors had given tentative approval so the Sewer Authority could pursue the letter of intent and application for possible funding of this project. When a reply is received from that, a public hearing will be held by the Council to review the material.

Cemetery Road. A letter from Mr. Carl Fairbanks, Borough Manager, dated December 15, 1975, to the College Township Supervisors was read into the record. A study by the Borough Public Works Committee was completed and they recommended to the Borough Council that no action be taken to enforce the paving of the roadway or to begin maintenance services on it. One point in the letter stated that the Committee evaluated the possibility of placing gravel on the roadway to make it passable and found that it could not recommend this action since the activity would create a legal opening of the road and raise questions about continued maintenance, passability in storms and future assessment risks.

Comments were asked for. Mr. Williams gave several; one, that the road is already a legal road and, two, that the Supervisors did not ask them to pave the road. It was suggested that the Borough improve the road enough to make it passable. A discussion was held concerning the annexing of this road to the Borough.

It was felt this matter of it being a public road and that the Township did not ask that the road be paved but made passable should be brought to the attention of the Borough by our Township Solicitor. Also, that they would be subject to damages incurred on this road.

Some improvement has been done to make this road passable. Mrs. Evonne Henninger stated her support for improving this road to give another access to the Hilltop Mobile Home Park area and Oak Ridge Avenue in case of an emergency and something should block Squirrel Drive, the only present access to those areas.

Mrs. Taricani moved that the Council contact the Township Solicitor and he, in turn, could perhaps communicate with the Borough to see what can be done to improve Cemetery Road, to point out to them that it was before annexation and still is a public road, that it was never officially abandoned or closed, and that some citizens on Oak Ridge Avenue and Squirrel Drive do feel they should have another way out in case something should happen on Squirrel Drive. Mr. Dean seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Request for Reduction in Limited Speed Zone (Houserville Road). A letter was read from the Department of Transportation, Mr. Bruce E. Speegle, P.E., dated December 29, 1975, to Mr. Williams, in reference to the Township's letter of December 11, 1975 requesting the speed be reduced in the area of the intersection of Spring Lea Drive to the intersection of Old Mill Road on the Houserville Road. They indicated a study will be scheduled as soon as possible. They requested a letter from the Township stating that it is understood in the event a limited zone is granted it will be the Township's responsibility to purchase, erect and maintain the signs. Mr. Williams stated this is the usual procedure. The Council instructed the Interim Manager to send a routine letter to them indicating the Township understands this responsibility.

Traffic Signal (University Drive and Curtin Road). A petition was submitted to Mr. Stomer's office at the University signed by 334 employees who work in the Shields and Wagner Buildings and are assigned parking spaces on the opposite side of the intersection of University Drive and Curtin Road.

It was requested that an "exclusive pedestrian" phase be installed in the controller at that point and that a study be made to determine if this phase on the traffic signal would be feasible. This was forwarded to Mr. Bruce Speegle, District Engineer's office in Clearfield in a letter dated November 25, 1975. On December 5, 1975, Mr. Speegle replied to Mr. Stormer's letter indicating that a study would be made and the results would be forwarded to him, but that any revision in the traffic signal permit would have to be requested by the College Township Supervisors. In a letter dated January 8, 1976, from Mr. Speegle to Mr. Stormer, Mr. Speegle indicated that a study had been made and that a pedestrian phase would be feasible if it was activated by pedestrian push buttons. A phasing diagram was enclosed with the pedestrian phase added. The estimate of the cost of making this revision would be approximately \$4,000. Again he indicated that the request for this change in the traffic signal permit must be from the College Township Supervisors and approved by his Central Office.

It was moved by Mrs. Taricani that the Acting Manager take whatever steps are necessary and provide whatever information is necessary to modify the traffic signal to have the pedestrian phase installed. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Name Appointments.

Manager The Chairman stated approximately 21 applications had been received for this position and a number of applicants had been interviewed. It was moved by Mrs. Taricani that Elwood G. Williams Sr. be appointed as Manager of College Township. Mr. Bailey seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Treasurer-Tax Collector. It was stated by the Chairman that College Township is probably the first township to combine the offices of Treasurer and Tax Collector and that this will be a new full-time position. The new Manager, Mr. Williams, recommended that Mr. Robert A. Frederick, 1128 South Atherton Street, State College, be considered as Treasurer-Tax Collector of College Township. It was moved by Mr. Bailey that Mr. Robert A. Frederick be appointed as Treasurer-Tax Collector for College Township. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dean and unanimously carried. Some background information was given on Mr. Frederick who is and has been employed at the University. He is currently employed as Auditor. Before that he worked as Procedure Specialist in the System and Procedures Department. He has a background in accounting.

Controller. Another new position occurring in the Township is that of Controller who is synonymous with Auditor. In the past, three Auditors have handled the responsibilities the Controller will assume. Since this person works directly for the Council and is responsible to the Council, "appropriately to keep check on the Manager and the Treasurer", the Controller has been selected by the Council. It is a part-time position.

It was moved by Mr. Trotter that Mr. C. Thomas Lechner, 1200 Edward Street, be appointed as Controller at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Taricani and was unanimously carried.

Since Mr. Lechner had to leave the meeting because of another meeting, Mr. Dean gave a little background information on Mr. Lechner. He is presently employed as Accounting Manager at Chemcut Corporation and has a number of years experience in accounting. As a resident of College Township, he will be aware of any problems if they should occur.

Pre-Approval of Purchases Amount. After some discussion about the amount to be set for new purchases, which would not include maintenance and repair bills, the Council set a limit of anything over \$750 as needing prior approval. Mr. Williams stated that he had previously always gotten the approval of the other Supervisors before any major purchases were made.

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Mr. Bailey asked if approval was needed on the radio equipment which has been ordered? This had previously been approved by the Board of Supervisors and included in the 1976 budget. Mr. Ziegler felt: although this purchase had previously been approved and included in the budget, since the new Administrative Code, and a motion has been made to set a limited amount on new purchases for prior approval at \$750, that a motion should be made to approve this purchase in the amount of \$1100. This purchase is for just one unit to be put in the Township car to complete the system.

Mr. Bailey made the motion that the Manager has the approval of Council to purchase this mobile radio unit; the price not to exceed \$1100. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dean and motion was unanimously carried.

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Bridge Presentations (Response by Deeslie and Yeager). Mr. Williams brought the Council up to date on what has happened on this proposed project to build a covered bridge over the stream in the Spring Creek Park. This bridge will be built by the Civil Engineering Department class of Mr. Gert Aron. The project was presented to the Supervisors at a meeting held at the University. Mr. Aron had first contacted Mr. Williams about this bridge and Mr. Williams advised him to contact Mr. Ayer, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, for his feelings about this proposed project. This was then brought before the Township Planning Commission at their regular meeting held on December 18, 1975, who made a motion that a recommendation for construction of the "Covered Bridge" be conveyed to the College Township Supervisors.

Members present from the Civil Engineering Department at the University were: Mr. Ralph R. Mazingo, Assoc. Professor Civil Engineering and Project Adviser for the structural design; Advisors - Dr. Gert Aron, Assoc. Professor of Civil Engineering and Dr. Arthur C. Miller, Asst. Professor of Civil Engineering; Mr. Bruce Peterson, President of the ASCE Student Chapter; and a number of students from the class.

Mr. Bruce Peterson explained briefly what all had been done to date. The restrictions of the flood plain area had been checked out. He explained how the bridge would be built and the materials used. The bridge would hold approximately 130 to 150 people at one time. He stated right now they need approval and money to go ahead since there is somewhat of a time problem involved due to the class ending in June. He stated the total height of the bridge itself would be roughly about 12 feet, length about 36 foot span, constructed of oak beams, poplar siding and cedar shingles. The two sites being considered for construction were: one by the shelter or pavillion and one further downstream. A discussion followed about approval from DER.

In response to the publicity, correspondence was received from Mrs. Thyrsa B. White, College Township Representative to Centre Region Park and Recreation Board, dated January 11, 1976. She stated no model of the covered bridge was presented to them, consequently the local Board had no opportunity to see or discuss it. She stated three reasons for caution in accepting the bridge as proposed.

- 1) Gregg Nieman, a local Boy Scout, has been working on a footbridge for that particular location in Spring Creek Park,
- 2) The aesthetics of the existing structures would be adversely affected,
- 3) Although Bob Ayer had asked the people on the project to consult with Mr. Deeslie, one of the architects designing this park, no one had beyond a preliminary notification of intent.

She would like to have Gregg Nieman's efforts recognized and have his project reviewed along with the student project by Mr. Deeslie.

At this point, the Zoning Officer, who is handling the application for Gregg Nieman on behalf of the Township, indicated that Gregg's application location would not be in competition with what the Engineers have proposed.

Other correspondence was received from Karen Shaw, Chairman of Centre Regional Consciousness Group, dated January 12, 1976, to Mr. Ziegler, asking that the Council table the acceptance of this plan until a tour of the site is made in reference to this plan, and also suggested that if the Council members had not gone to the site this would be a good reason to delay this decision.

Mr. James Deeslie asked permission to read his letter of opposition which he prepared concerning this project. He stated he found it very difficult to oppose a student project and even more difficult to oppose a student bi-centennial project. He stated his opposition was as sincere and just as well meaning as their proposal and asked that it be taken in that manner. His letter was read into the record - a copy of which is attached. He felt, in his opinion, that a covered bridge would be completely out of character for this park.

Comments were called for at this time. Mr. Ziegler said he understood that three bridges were included on the master plan for this park. Mr. Yeager explained how these bridges were to have been built - low and conservative. The cost would have been approximately \$8,000 each.

The Council was in favor of the bridge and felt it would be a real savings in labor and construction cost to the Township to have the covered bridge built by the students.

Mr. Jim Winck, a member of the College Township Park & Recreation Committee, indicated they had agreed to go along with Gregg Nieman's proposal for a bridge and would like to continue to go along with the master plan for a low profile bridge in the park. He also felt that there was certain protocol which should have been followed before presenting this project.

Mr. Ziegler said there seems some problems have come up in this area. It certainly was not the Supervisors of College Township; that Mr. Ayer had been informed about this project and asked to bring it to the attention of the proper persons. Whether he took it to the COG meetings and it never got back to the Committees in College Township is not known. Apparently Mr. Ayer had contacted Mr. Deeslie but did not at any time inform him that it would be a covered bridge.

Mr. Trotter commented on the fact that more citizens of College Township were not present to express their feelings, and that he would like more time to receive comments from them before making a decision.

Mr. Nieman, representing his son Gregg, asked that Council give consideration to the work his son had put into this project for the past 2 years, going through the proper channels, etc. and as yet he has not received his permit. Mr. Ziegler stated that the Board of Supervisors had appointed an adult, Mr. Hugh Clarke, to oversee this project for the Eagle Scouts and he did not know whether Mr. Clarke has followed through on this or not.

Mr. Bailey expressed the feeling that he would like to see the master plan of the park before voting on it.

Mr. Ziegler stated he had heard more criticism concerning people or organizations being turned down when asked if they could do something in the park and felt there should be more community involvement allowed. Mrs. Granlund confirmed this statement.

It was stated by Mr. Williams that an offer to put a flagpole in the park had been presented to the Township.

The Planning Commission recommended construction of the covered bridge. They also suggested that a scale photograph of the bridge overlaid on a photo of the area proposed for the bridge would be a very helpful tool for the Supervisors to use in visualizing the placement of the structure.

Mr. Dean felt this decision should be tabled until a more thorough study is made of the master plan of the park and the photograph be presented.

The proposed site was also discussed; one being in the area where the primary activity occurs, the middle, upper or "downer" section. No definite location was decided.

Mr. Rodger Granlund suggested the covered bridge be put on the Old Mill Road and the Old Houserville Road. This location will be checked out by the Civil Engineering class.

Mrs. Taricani moved that the Council table discussion of the covered bridge and reschedule a special meeting for Tuesday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dean and was unanimously carried. At this meeting the Council would like to have the photo to study if at all possible.

Name Depositories. The present depositories for College Township funds are:

Central Counties Bank - General, Light, Fire, Equipment and
Park & Recreation Funds

Peoples National Bank - Revenue Sharing Fund

Farmers National Bank - State Fund

It was moved by Mr. Bailey that these be continued until the new Treasurer is pretty well cued in on the situation and advises the Council. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter and unanimously carried.

Zoning Officer's Report. Mr. Roush gave a report of his activities for the year 1975 as compared to 1974. A copy of his report is attached. Mr. Roush had taken a zoning map and indicated, lot by lot, in green the new housing development in the Township compared with the previous years 1970-74 as indicated in red. Also included were the proposed PRDs and Nittany Orchards Development. A "Village" type ordinance was discussed.

Name Appointees.

Planning Commission - The Commission has not made any recommendation to Council yet.

Sewer Authority - The Council has not received any recommendations from the Authority as yet.

Civil Defense Director - The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Williams be appointed as Civil Defense Director for the Township.

Mr. Trotter moved the Council recommends to the Governor that the Township Manager, Mr. Elwood G. Williams, be appointed as College Township's new Civil Defense Director. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion, and was unanimously carried.

This appointment is to be sent to the Centre County Civil Defense Director's Office in Bellefonte and he in turn will forward it to the Harrisburg Office.

An item not listed on the agenda was the expiration of Mr. Louis Moore's term as of December 31, 1975 on the Industrial Development Authority.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Mr. H. Louis Moore be reappointed to the Industrial Development Authority for a full Five-Year Term (January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1980). Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and was unanimously carried.

Resolution #24 - Replacement of the Official Zoning Map of College Township.
The Chairman read Resolution #24 - amending Ordinance #20, the Zoning Ordinance, replacing the official Zoning Map.

It was moved by Mrs. Taricani the Council adopt Resolution #24, seconded by Mr. Dean and unanimously carried. The Mylar copy of the map was signed by all Council Members and Secretary.

The map replacing the present Zoning Map was explained by Mr. Roush, Zoning Officer of College Township and Mr. Dennis Elpern, Senior Planner of the Centre Regional Planning Commission.

Traffic Signal - Houserville-Lemont Intersection. Correspondence, dated December 9, 1975, on this traffic light was received from Mr. Bruce Speegle of PennDOT at Clearfield. As a result of data obtained through the CRATS study, this intersection has been identified as a high frequency accident area. Therefore, the CRATS Technical Committee had recommended they analyze this

problem to determine an effective solution. An analysis was made which revealed 2 major accident patterns - left turn conflicts and rear end collisions. In order to alleviate these problems somewhat they recommended revising traffic signal to a three phase operation with left turn on Benner Pike only permitted during the separate left turn phase and for rear end collisions, a 48" x 48" symbol "Signal Ahead" signs will be erected in advance of the intersection. It was noted that the cost of this revision would be the responsibility of the Township (estimated cost \$200.00). An accident resume sheet and a 3 phase intervals page were enclosed with the correspondence. Also, a sheet showing the location of accidents that occurred at this intersection from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1975 (total of 32 accidents).

It was moved by Mr. Bailey that the Manager be authorized to investigate and follow up on this. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion and was unanimously carried.

Termination of all Rail Service between Lemont and Coburn, PA. Notice was given of intention, effective February 27, 1976, to terminate all rail service on the Bellefonte Secondary Track between Lemont (milepost 43.1) and Coburn, PA (milepost 64.8). Copies of material and information bearing on the value of this line and upon the revenues and expenses associated with its operation in recent years are on file at the Penn Central Transportation Co. office in the General Office Building (Division Superintendent's Office), Ninth Avenue and Twelfth Street, Altoona, PA 16601 and available for examination during regular business hours. Robert W. Blanchette, Richard C. Bond and John H. McArthur, as Trustees of the property of Penn Central Transportation Co., Debtor.

Mr. Ziegler indicated he would like to see the Township get the right-of-way. No action was taken on this notice.

Progress Report on Rolling Ridge PRD Development. Correspondence, dated December 11, 1975, from Mr. Andrew S. Vita, Sr. of the Canadian Pacific Housing Company, updating the status of this development was read into the record. He indicated they have entered into an agreement with the Michaels Development Company, Inc. for the development of the first and second sections of the PRD. A personal resume of Mr. Michael Levitt, President, was enclosed for the Council's information.

Mr. Levitt has requested a letter from the Council advising him of the status of their project for purposes of attaching same to the mortgage application and would appreciate an early reply. It was understood by Council that the letter requested was in reference to the approval of the Preliminary Plan, that it should be indicated final approval will await the submission of the completion plans constructionwise. It was stated by Mr. Dean that the time schedule should be kept up to date and he felt this has not been done.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ziegler mentioned that the Solicitor had made the recommendation that some reminder should be used since the Council will be having the Dog Enforcement Officer's contract review in 90 days and a few other things that may be coming up which may be overlooked when due.

Mr. Dean suggested a come-up file, for each day, week or year review.

Mrs. Taricani suggested that whatever the office staff comes up with would be all right with her.

Mrs. Taricani said there seems to be some confusion as to the appointment of the new Tax Collector. She made the motion that the Township Solicitor officially, for the Council, advise the School District and the County that we are now under the new form of government and that we do have an appointed Treasurer who has been given the responsibilities under Act 62 to collect taxes. She felt this should be sufficient to resolve the problems before they occur. She suggested that a copy be sent to the School District Business Manager and their Solicitor; a copy to the County Commissioner's Office and to their Solicitor; and maybe a copy to Roger Johnson, former Tax Collector for the Township.

Some discussion was held on who will collect what taxes. It was decided that Roger Johnson will collect only the Earned Income Tax until July 1, 1976. Also discussed was the University's distribution of taxes.

Mr. Trotter asked if the other members of Council had been notified of the meeting to be held by the Civil Defense at the Bellefonte High School on Wednesday, January 14, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. They had been notified.

Mr. Ziegler said at the last meeting of Council it was asked what the Zoning Officer's responsibilities were. In the packet each member received there is a report of his activities and responsibilities.

Mr. Dean said he had found a few corrections in the Administrative Code which is being typed. Mrs. Taricani stated the corrections are being made and she would like the Solicitor to check it before final release. Mr. Ziegler asked to get a copy after the typing is finished and before release.

Mr. Dean asked who owned the christmas tree which is still up in the meeting room. He apparently felt it was time it was taken down for the year. This tree belongs to the Township.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion was apparently taken care of under announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams
Secretary

1975
 ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT
 FOR
 COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

I. BUILDING DEVELOPMENT*

| | <u>NEW DEVELOPMENT</u> | | <u>ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS</u> | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> | <u>1974</u> | <u>1975</u> |
| Residential (Single-Family) | 29 | 25 | 30 | 45 |
| Commercial | 7 | 2 | 11 | 12 |
| Industrial | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

OTHER

1975

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Moving | 3 (Houses) |
| Demolition | 4 (Houses) |
| Swimming Pools | 5 |
| Mobile Home Park Office | 1 |
| Boiler Room - Hospital | 1 |
| Farm Building | 2 |

* Areas of significance in the above comparison were a 50% increase in residential additions and alterations and an 80% decrease in combined commercial/industrial new development.

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II. CONSTRUCTION COSTS*

| | | |
|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1974 | \$ 2,333,633 | |
| 1975 | \$ 1,591,601 | |
| | \$ 742,032 | 31% Decrease from 1974 |

* All categories of building development.

III. PERMITS, FEES AND FINES

| | <u>PERMITS</u> | <u>FEES</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1) Zoning | 102 | \$ 863.00 |
| 2) Signs | 32 | 780.00 |
| 3) Mobile Home Parks (Renewals) | 6 | 60.00 |
| 4) Sewer (On-Lot) | 13 | 1,200.00 |
| 5) Fines | 6 | 470.00 |
| TOTAL - 1975 | 159 | \$3,373.00 |

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IV. 1975 DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS.

An inventory was done in 1975 to locate 1975 residential development in College Township since residential development dominates building development in the Township. A second aspect of the inventory was conducted to locate where 1970-1974 residential development took place as a comparison to 1975 residential development. This inventory revealed that the primary development trend in 1975 was within the Lemont Area. In fact, 12 single-family houses were built in Lemont in 1975 whereas only 5 single-family houses were built per year in Lemont during the period 1970-1974. This is greater than 50% increase in residential development in Lemont. This, combined with the newly begun 110-house Nittany Orchards Subdivision (that leads into Lemont), will create at least two serious problems for College Township if solutions to alleviate them are not explored now. These problems are: 1) an increased demand for parking spaces in the "downtown" Lemont Area in addition to the already inadequate number of spaces that presently exist and, 2) a rapid deterioration and eventual disappearance of the "Village Character" that makes Lemont what it is.

It is my strong recommendation that in 1976, the Council of College Township charge an appropriate body to study these problems and explore realistic alternative solutions to them. Moreover, the study should be tied in with a realistic implementation program that can be underway by the end of 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Roush
College Township Zoning Officer

Date: January 12, 1976
From: James Deeslie
To: College Township Council Members
Subject: Proposed bridge project for Spring Creek Park

I first became involved with the Spring Creek Park Project in 1970. A friend, Mr. Carl Kindred asked me to join him and Mr. Fred Gerlach in working up a preliminary master plan for the park, incorporating some elements that had been installed a few years before and designed by Mr. Gerlach, a professor of landscape architecture at Penn State. These elements consisted of tennis courts, ball fields, a paved parking lot off Puddentown Road and a gravel parking lot and entrance road off Houserville Road. At this time, state and federal funding was available, which enabled dozens of communities to design and build recreational facilities, that in most cases probably would never have been built because of the tremendous costs.

At any rate, not long after the project was begun, Mr. Gerlach was offered another position out of state, which left Mr. Kindred and me doing the drawings with Gerlach acting as consultant. Our first meetings were with Mr. Bob Ayer, director of Parks and Recreation, and the park board. After receiving input from this group, we met with the College Township supervisors, whose chairman was Mr. Elwood Williams. Additional input was received from them as well as from citizens who attended a public meeting. Finally a preliminary master plan and cost estimates were completed and approved by local officials in February 1971. All the proper paperwork was forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs in Harrisburg for approval, in order to qualify for the grant money.

At this point I imagine you think me a long winded soul, but I must impress upon you the thought, time and effort that went into this park from the very beginning. After many months and quite a lot of correspondence, Community Affairs approved our plan and we were ready to proceed with final construction, planting drawings and specifications. Since a number of buildings were planned, i.e., a comfort station, storage building, three picnic shelters, and a multi-purpose shelter, we felt very strongly that these should be of the same style of architecture. Since we had the

privilege of designing all structures at the same time, we could accomplish this goal. I felt from the beginning that since it was a spanking new park we should use contemporary buildings, but with a rustic feeling. Mr. Emery Yeager, a local architect and engineer, agreed to join us in this endeavor. After many sketches, conferences, and meetings again with the park board, Bob Ayer, the supervisors, and the public, the details began falling into place. As in most projects, many compromises were made to meet many and varied opinions, but at least every element of the park was being designed into a total package. Of course, the buildings were the dominant elements; the play grounds and bridges were next, but not neglected were the light standards, benches and trash receptacles. I can remember that we were disappointed when we could not afford wood shingles for the building roofs and how we had even the general contractor change the picnic table stain to match the buildings. We were most disappointed when our benches came in with a color too red for a match. Our paint colors on the doors received a lot of attention also. The nearby neighbors were very concerned with the appearance of our buildings because they were so close to them.

At any rate, the complete package went through the various local people as well as the departments of Labor & Industry, Forest & Waters, the State Art Commission and the Department of Community Affairs, all in Harrisburg. Unfortunately, soaring construction costs caught up with us and when the bids were finally opened in May, 1973, we found that we could only afford what is now there, which cost a staggering \$173,000. With the previous tennis courts, ball fields and paved parking lot included, there is a total investment of over \$200,000. It is my hope that if the park is expanded, that the master plan that you paid for will be followed and that the same attention to detail be observed.

I am an advocate of new projects and consistently back any effort towards any project that, in my opinion, will improve upon our facilities or our environment. I am presently serving as vice chairman of both the planning commission and the community appearance and design review board in State College, and in these roles, I have had the opportunity to encourage student projects, and I do so for a number of reasons. They provide a valuable service for the community as well as experience for the student to work with the public in general, as well as official bodies. I believe it also establishes a pride of giving of oneself and a sense of belonging to a community. In this particular

case, I know the intent of all participants is well meaning. I am just as confident that the structural computations are above criticism, so there is no conflict with these aspects of the project. Nevertheless, I am here to voice my strongest objections to it as presented. In my opinion, a covered bridge is completely out of character for this park. I am not asking that a bridge project be abandoned. If the ones that were designed in our set of plans cannot be built, then I would hope that as a minimum requirement, a design be submitted that will complement our contemporary park, and that eventually all three bridges with the same design be constructed as the park develops. A bicentennial project need not be a copy of something out of our past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Deeslie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James Deeslie

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