

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 7, 1980

Chairman Dean called the Organizational Meeting of the College Township Council to order at 7:38 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, J. Carroll Dean,
Herbert W. Stewart and Dolores A.
Taricani

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

1. Credentials of newly elected Councilmen. The Manager assured the Chairman that the Oaths of Office for Messrs. Bailey, Dean, and Stewart had been completed, were in order, and would be filed in the Township Office.

2. Appointment of replacement for Clarence Trotter. Chairman Dean reviewed the names of individuals suggested by the Concerned Citizens of Lemont as possible candidates to replace Mr. Trotter: Ed Leos, Woody Williams, Roger Johnson, and George Hornbein. Chairman Dean indicated Mr. Leos had informed Mr. Williams he was not interested in serving at this time. Chairman Dean suggested the name of Ronald W. Stingelin; Mr. Bailey suggested Frank H. Riedinger; Mrs. Taricani suggested Gale L. Dargitz. Each Councilman summarized the credentials of their respective nominee.

Chairman Dean read a letter from Irvin E. Knepp endorsing Roger Johnson as a nominee for the Councilman vacancy. Chairman Dean pointed out some mis-statements in Mr. Knepp's letter, i.e., "(Mr. Johnson) received unfair treatment at the hands of the elected officials years ago" and "he was unjustly and illegally deprived of his office as Tax Collector." Chairman Dean clarified for the record that the position of Tax Collector was done away with by the electorate voting for the referendum favoring the optional form of government. Mr. Stewart indicated he felt

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the unfair treatment referred to Mr. Johnson being removed from office before the end of the term. Mrs. Taricani indicated that the timing of removal from office had been dictated by the law.

Mrs. Taricani suggested that a response be sent to Mr. Knepp thanking him for his endorsement of Mr. Johnson and clarifying the mis-statements providing reference to the laws governing these issues. Mrs. Taricani agreed to write the letter.

Mrs. Taricani moved Gale L. Dargitz be appointed to fill the term of Clarence Trotter until the next Municipal Election in 1981. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion followed on whether balloting or a motion should be used to determine the successful candidate to fill this vacancy. Chairman Dean pointed out the necessity to have a motion passed by Council to make the appointment legal.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Gale L. Dargitz be appointed to fill Clarence Trotter's term until the next Municipal Election in the Fall of 1981, the appointed term to expire 12/31/81. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Chairman will write a letter to Mr. Dargitz informing him of his appointment with a copy to Magistrate Yorks and copies to the other individuals who had been suggested.

3. Election of Council Officials. Mrs. Taricani pointed out that according to the law, Council should have a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, not a Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, and a Second Vice-Chairman. In the event that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman cannot attend a meeting, Council can appoint an Interim Chairman.

Mrs. Taricani moved that J. Carroll Dean be appointed as Chairman of the College Township Council for the year 1980. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey moved Dolores Taricani be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the College Township Council for the year 1980; Mr. Stewart

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seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously.

4. C.O.G. Committee Assignments. Chairman Dean suggested the following appointments/assignments to C.O.G. Committees:

Code Enforcement Committee -----	Gale Dargitz
Executive Committee -----	J. Carroll Dean
Finance Committee -----	Donald E. Bailey
Personnel Committee -----	Dolores A. Taricani
Public Safety Committee -----	Herbert W. Stewart
Solid Waste Committee -----	Herbert W. Stewart
Transportation Committee -----	Gale L. Dargitz
Cable TV Committee -----	J. Carroll Dean
Complete Count Census Committee -----	J. Carroll Dean
Energy Conservation Committee -----	Mark Shaw
Rental Housing Advisory Committee -----	John Olivero

Council asked Mr. Williams to check with Mr. Olivero to be sure he would be willing to serve on the Rental Housing Advisory Committee. Mr. Bailey volunteered to serve as a backup for Mr. Dargitz on the Code Enforcement Committee and Mrs. Taricani volunteered as backup on the Transportation Committee.

Council was in agreement that these appointments/assignments to the C.O.G. Committees were satisfactory.

5. Appointments and/or Reappointments to College Township Authorities, Boards, and Committees.

a. Solicitor. Mr. McCormick has indicated his willingness to continue as College Township Solicitor.

Mr. Bailey moved that Reed McCormick be retained as the Counsel for College Township. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously,

b. Solicitor for Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Taricani moved that Ben Noyak be reappointed as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried with Mr. Stewart abstaining from voting.

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c. Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Harvey S. Piper, Jr., the Zoning Hearing Board Member whose term expired 12/31/79, suggested Robert Farwell be considered for the vacancy. Mrs. Taricani indicated she had contacted Mr. Farwell as a possible nominee for the vacant Councilman position and Mr. Farwell felt he was not disposed to become involved in local government at this time. Mrs. Taricani moved that Constantine (Chris) Exarchos be appointed for a three-year term on the College Township Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

d. Industrial Development Authority. Mrs. Taricani moved that Ben W. Niebel be re-appointed to the College Township Industrial Development Authority for a five-year term. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

e. Parks & Recreation Committee. Council discussed the desirability of re-appointing individuals to a committee when they had indicated a desire to serve in another capacity. Discussion revealed that inasmuch as these people had expressed an interest in serving the Township they should be re-appointed but their names should also be kept in a file of those to be considered as vacancies occur in the areas in which they have expressed interest.

James Winck, Chairman of the College Township Parks & Recreation Committee, had submitted the name of Richard Fox as a replacement for Joan Kulka who has moved from College Township. Council asked Mr. Williams to check with Mr. Fox to determine if he will serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Council re-appoint Hugh J. Clarke, Donald W. Girouard, Evonne E. Henninger, and appoint Richard Fox to the College Township Parks & Recreation Committee for five-year terms. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

Prior to the question being called for, Mr. Bailey pointed out that the motion should be corrected to indicate that Mr. Fox would be completing Mrs. Kulka's term which expires 12/31/81 and therefore would only be appointed to a two-year term. Mrs. Taricani

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agreed with the correction of the motion. The motion as corrected was carried unanimously.

f. College Township Environmental Advisory Council. The EAC had requested Council to appoint a member of the College Township Planning Commission to serve on the EAC in addition to those individuals currently serving and those being re-appointed. Council asked Mr. Williams to contact the Planning Commission and ask if they agree that someone from the Planning Commission should be meeting with the EAC, and, if so, who.

Mr. Bailey moved that Robert D. Shipman and Ronald W. Stingelin be re-appointed to the College Township EAC for three-year terms. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

g. Sewage Enforcement Officer. Chairman Dean indicated that Stanley Hoy had indicated he would be interested in continuing as the College Township Sewage Enforcement Officer if he was covered under the Township's Errors and Omissions Insurance. Mr. Williams checked with the carrier of this insurance and they indicated he is covered and will send this information to Mr. Williams in writing.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Council re-appoint Stanley L. Hoy, of Triangle Engineering Company as the College Township Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

h. Township Engineer. Chairman Dean asked for comments on alternating between Triangle Engineering Company and Sweetland Engineering and Associates for the primary College Township Engineer. Discussion included the advantages/disadvantages of doing this, the reason for a primary and secondary engineer, and the Council being satisfied with the work of both firms. Mr. Stewart suggested that for 1980 Council reappoint the firm that had been used in the past and that the possibility of alternating be discussed throughout the year with the engineering firms involved.

Mr. Bailey moved that Council appoint Triangle Engineering Company as the primary College Township Engineer and appoint

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Sweetland Engineering and Associates as the College Township Secondary Engineer. Mrs. Taricani seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to contact the Engineering Firms and suggest that Council is considering an equitable approach to Township business of alternating between the two firms and do they see any problems with this.

i. Depositories. Mrs. Taricani moved that Council name Central Counties Bank, Peoples National Bank, and Farmers National Bank as Depositories for College Township funds at the Treasurer's discretion for the year 1980. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

j. Harris Township Water Authority. Mrs. Taricani reported that for the past ten years Chuck Moore has served as College Township's Representative on the Harris Township Water Authority. Mr. Moore has not been invited to the Township Annual Dinner and Mrs. Taricani suggested that he be invited this year. Additionally, Mr. Moore can serve no longer than ten years; therefore, Mrs. Taricani contacted Derald Cummings who is interested in serving as the Township's Representative on this Water Authority.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Derald Cummings' name be submitted to the Harris Township Water Authority as a nominee for College Township's Representative on the Authority. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to write Harris Township Water Authority indicating that inasmuch as Mr. Moore's term on the Authority has expired, College Township Council would like to nominate Derald Cummings as the College Township Representative on the Authority.

Chairman Dean indicated he would write Chuck Moore thanking him and asked Mr. Williams to be sure Mr. Moore was invited to the ABC Dinner.

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Additionally, Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to notify in writing those individuals appointed to the College Township Authorities, Boards, and Committees.

6. Meeting Schedule. Mrs. Taricani moved that College Township Council continue meeting on the Second Thursday of the month. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Council suggested that the advertisements of the meetings indicate that Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. to review the Agenda and the regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

7. Warren Smith asked if Council was going to appoint someone to serve on the ad hoc committee dealing with the post office issue to replace Mr. Ziegler. Mrs. Taricani volunteered to serve on this ad hoc committee. Council was agreeable to Mrs. Taricani serving on this committee.

Mr. Williams reported he had received a letter from Mr. Kenyon indicating the Postal Service was interested in purchasing the ConRail land and building the Post Office and asking if the Township was agreeable to relinquishing their lease on the land. Mr. Williams answered the letter indicating the Township would be agreeable to this.

8. Chairman Dean reviewed several pieces of correspondence:

a. Letter from County Association wanting a listing of Officials for this year. Chairman Dean passed it along to Mr. Williams for a response.

b. Letter from Cooperative Extension Service of Penn State asking for names of Chairman and Secretary.

c. Correspondence on workshops for newly elected officials to be held at Spring Township Municipal Building in Pleasant Gap. Chairman Dean gave the correspondence to Mr. Stewart who noted the information and gave the letter to Mr. Williams to pass along to Mr. Dargitz.

d. Invitation from the Centre Mobile Home Association for the Chairman or his representative to be their guest at the Annual

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Centre Mobile Home Association Dinner/Dance January 25 at Skimont. There was some question as to whom the \$12.50 charge applied and Council asked Mr. Williams to check on this. Mrs. Taricani said ~~she would attend~~ if after checking her calendar that date was free. If not, she would see that the information was passed onto someone who would represent the Council.

e. Letter from Cynthia Edvar, Area Agency on Aging, thanking the Township for their support in the cost sharing for the Senior Center serving the Centre Region.

f. Correspondence relative to the SEDA/COG workshop on January 29. Chairman Dean passed the correspondence onto Mr. Williams suggesting that he might want to attend,

g. Mrs. Taricani asked what had become of the revised voting districts the Township had provided to the County several elections ago. Council felt it was important to find out the status of this project and get it moving again. Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to get in touch with Chairman of the County Commissioners and ask what their schedule was for this project.

h. Chairman Dean read a January 7, 1980 letter from Herbert W. Stewart relative to a court order governing the use of land for his salvage business.

Mr. Stewart defined the various businesses he operates on his property and outlined for Council his plans and timetable for "tidying up" the area, changes brought about by the relocation of Summit Road, the area to be enclosed within a fence, problems he incurs in the operation of his businesses, the changes that have occurred since the Court Hearing, and the definition of the various types of vehicles found in a business such as his and the disposition of these vehicles.

Council felt, inasmuch as there were some questions about the interpretation of what the Court meant in defining salvage business and the fact that some of the circumstances surrounding this matter had changed, that another legal explanation was needed. Chairman Dean asked Mrs. Taricani to talk with the Township Solicitor to

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obtain an acceptable explanation in this matter.

9. Adjournment. Mrs. Taricani moved the meeting be adjourned, Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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