

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD NOVEMBER 29, 1979

Chairman Dean called the special meeting of the College Township Council to order at 7:35 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, J. Carroll Dean,  
Dolores A. Taricani, Clarence E. Trotter,  
and John H. Ziegler

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
Treasurer Robert L. Hayden

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed 1980 Budget for College Township.

Chairman Dean announced that the first portion of the meeting would be devoted to a public hearing on the proposed 1980 budget for College Township. All proper legal notices and announcements had been made. No testimony would be received that was not sworn testimony, this did not include questions of clarification. There was no objection to the proceedings being recorded.

Mr. Williams presented the proposed budget (copy attached) to Council reviewing in detail the anticipated receipts and expenditures and indicating that he does not foresee a need to increase taxes for the coming year. Mr. Williams pointed out that the assessed value of the properties in the Township was \$13,895,369 as of October 31, 1979. An update of that figure is expected soon and Mr. Williams estimated the assessed value would be approximately \$14,000,000 early in 1980. The \$14,000,000 figure was used to determine the expected income from real estate taxes.

Mr. Williams indicated that the cash on hand at the beginning of 1980 would most likely be greater than the \$15,588 figure indicated. Mr. Williams hopes to shut down the 1979 accounts by December 15 in order to have an accurate figure of cash on hand for the final budget.

Mr. Ziegler asked if the State College Borough Water Authority paid taxes to College Township for the facilities they have in the Township. Mr. Williams indicated they did not and that the Township, according to the law, could not tax them. Discussion followed on the State College Borough Water Authority's recent rate increase setting higher rates for those outside the Borough. Council asked Mr. Williams to write the State College Borough Water Authority requesting an explanation of this differential rate increase.

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Skip Stewart, newly elected Councilman to begin serving in 1980, was present and Chairman Dean explained to him the item dealing with the construction of Thompson Street in Lemont.

Mr. Stewart asked about the piece of road by the Country Club. Council explained this was not in the Township but in the State College Borough. A survey of the residents in this area had been taken in the past and the majority of the people did not want this section of road paved.

Council discussed the increase in the proposed budget of approximately 9% over the 1979 budget. Mrs. Taricani expressed her concern about the increasing trend and suggested that Council take a look at this.

Council questioned the increase in the expenditures for support of the libraries. Mr. Williams explained that it was most likely because of the improvements done on the Schlow Library building and possibly because of increased usage of the Library by the residents of the Township.

Mr. Trotter asked to have the COG items listed separately from the items related to the Township budget under expenditures. Mr. Williams said it could be done and he would identify them as such in the final budget.

Mr. Stewart asked why there was no amusement tax in the Township. <sup>THE DISCUSSION</sup> Council indicated that inasmuch as the activities at Beaver Stadium could not be taxed, there were not sufficient amusement-type establishments in the Township to make the tax worthwhile.

Mr. Trotter moved Council accept the <sup>PROPOSED</sup> ~~tentative~~ budget as presented. Mr. Ziegler seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean read a November 21, 1979, letter from Nancy L. Noll of the Centre County Home Health Service. The letter outlined the services provided and asked Council to provide funds to offset the deficit incurred in serving Township residents.

Council was in agreement that requests of this type should be referred to the County Commissioners and that this should not be included in the proposed Township budget for 1980. Chairman Dean indicated he would respond to this letter conveying Council's feelings on the matter.

~~Council discussed salary increases for Township personnel in a closed session. Mr. Bailey moved the salaries be increased 7% for inflation and 3.3% for regional equalization for a total increase of 10.3%. Mr. Trotter seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.~~

The public hearing was concluded.

2. Mrs. Taricani said it was her understanding that Council was in agreement that they did not wish to become involved in a regional or Borough taxi cab company at this time, and she was concerned over recent articles in the newspapers indicating it was just a matter of time before there would be a regional cab company.

Mr. Trotter indicated he was not sure as to how this had happened. He provided some background information on the role the COG Transportation Committee had played in this matter to this point, but pointed out that the concept of a regional taxi cab company had not ~~been~~ addressed.

Chairman Dean added he had talked with Ken Babe, College Township's representative on CATA, who indicated this question on the taxi cab company was to be considered at an upcoming meeting of CATA. Mr. Babe indicated that the taxi cab company

was to be under the Authority but not a part of Centre Lines. Chairman Dean conveyed to Mr. Babe that Council was in agreement that Mr. Lyght's time not be diluted running a taxi cab company. If this was to be the case, then the time would have to be paid for by the taxi cab company. Chairman Dean also offered the suggestion of having a dial-a-bus concept with vehicles equipped to handle the handicapped.

Council felt that there was a need to be sure that the information they were getting was valid and a need for further discussion at the COG General Forum.

Mr. Trotter asked Mrs. Taricani to call Ernie Bergman on November 30 to voice Council's concern on this subject and to get it on the agenda of the COG Transportation Committee.

3. Mr. Bailey raised the question of what was going to be done with the office space in the Municipal Building formerly occupied by the College-Harris Joint Authority. Council discussed the options available, i.e., renting, remodeling, rearranging Township offices to maximize use of available space, etc. Also discussed were: the possibility of contacting government agencies to determine if there was need for office space; and asking an architect to advise Council in the rearranging of the building space.

Council was in agreement that Township needs should be met before consideration was given to renting space but they also felt more detailed planning was needed before moving ahead.

4. Chairman Dean read a letter from John Saylor asking that a representative be appointed to serve on an Energy Task Force to assist County government with emergency heating requests for the coming year. It was determined that the request was for COG and not College Township and Chairman Dean indicated he would pass it along to the Executive Committee of COG.

5. Chairman Dean reported that the contractor on the sound system has agreed to provide the priority feature as Council had originally specified. Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to check the contract and determine where the project was in regard to the 120-day delivery requirement.

Mrs. Taricani moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Bailey seconded the motion; and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to a closed session to discuss salary increases for Township personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
Secretary

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Attachment

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**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP  
1980 BUDGET**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b> - - - - -                   | <b>\$414,122.00</b> |
| <b>STATE FUND</b> - - - - -                     | <b>47,293.36</b>    |
| <b>REVENUE SHARING FUND</b> - - - - -           | <b>69,605.04</b>    |
| <b>EQUIPMENT FUND</b> - - - - -                 | <b>35,290.63</b>    |
| <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b> - - - - -    | <b>34,228.22</b>    |
| <b>STREET LIGHT FUND</b> - - - - -              | <b>11,176.48</b>    |
| <b>SPECIAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND</b> - - - - - | <b>11,715.85</b>    |
|   | <hr/>               |
|   | <b>\$623,431.58</b> |
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1980 INCOME  
&  
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

GENERAL FUND

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - -                              | \$ 15,588.00        |
| TAXES - REAL ESTATE - - - - -                                 | 42,000.00           |
| REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAXES - - - - -                          | 25,000.00           |
| EARNED INCOME TAXES - - - - -                                 | 175,000.00          |
| OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAXES - - - - -                        | 26,000.00           |
| CONTRIBUTION FROM TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - | 1,800.00            |
| FUNDS FROM EMPLOYEES BENEFITS - - - - -                       | 26,000.00           |
| COMMISSIONS FROM COUNTY (Taxes) - - - - -                     | 2,000.00            |
| COMMISSIONS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT (Taxes) - - - - -            | 15,000.00           |
| STATE COLLEGE SCHOOL DISTRICT CROSSING GUARDS - - - - -       | 3,500.00            |
| FOREST LAND TAX - - - - -                                     | 34.00               |
| PUBLIC UTILITIES - - - - -                                    | 7,500.00            |
| FIREMEN'S RELIEF - - - - -                                    | 2,300.00            |
| COUNTY AID - - - - -  | 10,000.00           |
| FINES - - - - -   | 40,000.00           |
| PERMITS & FINES (Sign, Zoning, Roads, Septic Systems, etc.) - | 4,000.00            |
| SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT - PennDOT - - - - -                    | 4,400.00            |
| INTEREST AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS - - - - -                    | 10,000.00           |
| MISCELLANEOUS - - - - -                                       | 4,000.00            |
|   | <u>\$414,122.00</u> |

REVENUE SHARING FUND

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - - | \$ 23,930.04 |
| FEDERAL GRANTS - - - - -         | 45,675.00    |
| TOTAL                            | \$ 69,605.04 |

HIGHWAY AID FUND

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - - | \$ 2,514.25  |
| STATE ALLOCATION - - - - -       | 44,779.11    |
| TOTAL                            | \$ 47,293.36 |

EQUIPMENT FUND

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - -    | \$ 20,694.63 |
| TAXES (1980) AND INTEREST - - - - - | 14,596.00    |
| TOTAL                               | \$ 35,290.63 |

STREET LIGHT FUND

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - -                    | \$ 4,256.48  |
| TAXES (1980), INTEREST, AND MISCELLANEOUS - - - - - | 6,920.00     |
| TOTAL   | \$ 11,176.48 |

SPECIAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - -                          | \$ 7,338.11  |
| ASSESSMENTS (Property Owners - Thompson Street) - - - - - | 4,377.74     |
| TOTAL   | \$ 11,715.85 |

PARKS & RECREATION FUND

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| CASH BEGINNING OF YEAR - - - - -    | \$ 6,037.22  |
| TAXES (1980) AND INTEREST - - - - - | 28,191.00    |
| TOTAL                               | \$ 34,228.22 |

GRAND TOTAL: \$623,431.58

1980 EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| ADMINISTRATION - - - - -                      | \$ 65,300.04 |
| TREASURER'S OFFICE & TAX COLLECTION - - - - - | 28,218.00    |
| CONTROLLER - - - - -                          | 1,000.00     |
| MUNICIPAL BUILDING - - - - -                  | 10,000.00    |

PROTECTION - PERSON & PROPERTY

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| POLICE (Contract) - - - - -                        | 130,200.00 |
| SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS - - - - -                   | 7,000.00   |
| DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - - - - -              | 2,500.00   |
| FIRE - - - - -                                     | 14,508.00  |
| BUILDING, REGULATIONS, PLANNING & ZONING - - - - - | 16,509.00  |
| ENERGY CONSERVATION - - - - -                      | 1,061.00   |

HEALTH & SANITATION

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| SANITARY LANDFILL - - - - -          | 1,000.00  |
| SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - - - - - | 1,000.00  |
| PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM STUDY - - - - -  | 15,395.00 |

HIGHWAYS

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| SNOW & ICE CONTROL - - - - -   | 25,000.00  |
| STORM SEWER MAINTENANCE - - - - -  | 1,000.00   |
| STREETS & BRIDGES MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS, TRANSPORTATION,<br>CONSTRUCTION, AND HUMAN SERVICES - - - - - | 104,075.36 |
| SCHOOL LIGHTS & TRAFFIC SIGNALS - - - - -  | 3,000.00   |
| REPAIRS TO TOOLS & MACHINERY - - - - -   | 8,000.00   |
| MISCELLANEOUS - - - - -  | 5,000.00   |

MISCELLANEOUS

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| CONTRIBUTIONS - LIBRARY BOARDS - - - - -      | 18,066.00 |
| EMPLOYEES BENEFITS - - - - -                  | 62,000.00 |
| YOUTH SERVICES & SENIOR CITIZENS - - - - -    | 2,100.00  |
| CONTINGENCY FUND (General) - - - - -          | 5,000.00  |
| UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS (GENERAL FUND) - - - - - |           |

**PARKS & RECREATION**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b> - - - - -                           | <b>\$ 27,826.00</b> |
| <b>WELSH POOL &amp; PARK FOREST POOL</b> - - - - -                | <b>4,088.00</b>     |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS (WATER, MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIRS)</b> - - - - - | <b>402.22</b>       |
| <b>CONTINGENCY (FUTURE DEVELOPMENT)</b> - - - - -                 | <b>6,000.00</b>     |
| <br>  |                     |
| <b><u>EQUIPMENT FUND</u></b> - - - - -                            | <b>35,290.63</b>    |
| <br>  |                     |
| <b><u>STREET LIGHTING</u></b> - - - - -                           | <b>11,176.48</b>    |
| <br>  |                     |
| <b><u>SPECIAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND</u></b> - - - - -            | <b>11,715.85</b>    |

**GRAND TOTAL: \$623,431.58**

**PROPOSED**  
**REVENUE SHARING BUDGET**  
**1980**

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|                                       | <u>PROPOSED USE OF<br/>REVENUE SHARING</u>                                      |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT .....              | \$ 3,000.00   |
| PROTECTION TO PERSONS/PROPERTY .....  | 32,840.00   |
| HEALTH/SANITATION (Water Study) ..... | 5,395.00  |
| HIGHWAYS .....                        | 20,782.00   |
| LIBRARY (Centre County) .....         | 1,200.00  |
| RECREATION .....                      | 4,088.00  |
| SPECIAL SERVICES .....                | 2,100.00  |
| MISCELLANEOUS .....                   | 200.04  |
|                                       | 200.04  |
| <b>TOTALS:</b>                        | <b>\$69,605.04</b><br><hr style="border: none; border-top: 3px double black;"/> |