

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 1978

A Special Meeting of the College Township Council was called to order by Chairman John H. Ziegler at 7:30 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

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

Members absent: Dolores A. Taricani

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
David A. Allison and Thomas Songer re Item 3 of the Agenda  
Residents along Whitehall Road re Item 3

ITEM 1. Opening bids for Spring Lea Drive Project in Houserville. Two bids were received as follows:

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. 325 West Aaron Drive State College, PA 16801	\$33,325.00 36" Pipe \$28,473.00 24" Pipe (Alternate)
C & W Construction Company P. O. Box 157 State College, PA 16801	\$23,825.00 36" Pipe \$20,940.00 24" Pipe (Alternate)

After some discussion, it was decided that Council should have the Township Engineer's review and recommendation before they could make a decision.

Mr. Bailey moved that Council accept the low bid from C & W Construction Company for 24" pipe after review by the Township Engineer to see that it meets all specifications. Dean seconded this motion and it was carried by the 4 members present.

ITEM 2. Award 1978-79 Salt Bid. The salt bids had previously been opened at the regular meeting of Council held on October 12, 1978, but no action was taken because of Keystone's COG and Centre Region COG going out to bid, as a group, to see if the price would be lower. Two salt bids were received <sup>BY THE TOWNSHIP</sup> as follows:

International Salt Company Clarks Summit, PA 18411	\$25.70 per ton
Morton Salt Company Division of Morton-Norwich 110 North Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606	\$26.20 per ton

A letter was received from Cargill Salt, 801-B West Eighth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, informing Council that due to product unavailability, they ~~regret~~<sup>REGRET</sup> that they are unable to bid on the 1978-79 deicing salt requirements.

After discussion of the bids and the bids received by COG, which were not lower in price, Trotter moved that Council accept the low bid of \$25.70 per ton from International Salt Company. Dean seconded this motion and it was carried by the 4 members present.

ITEM 3. Sanitary Sewer Service - Whitehall Road. The Chairman turned the meeting over to David Allison, Exec. Sec. to College-Harris Joint Authority and Thomas Songer, Engineer for the Authority. Ziegler read the list of property owners who were notified of this meeting by correspondence. Council had asked the Sewer Authority to look into extension of the sewer lines, which was the main subject of this meeting. Allison indicated that topography and rock were the main factors in deciding sections to be considered for service. In order to get to the development of DeMartino, the line would have to go along Waupelani Drive and along common property owned by Waupelani Corporation and property owned by the Bellefonte Industrial Development Authority on which the Park West Manor Nursing Home is located. Phase I would consider the Hallock Subdivision to the sharp turn. Phase II, which would be a gravity sewer, would begin at Oakhurst Lane to the DeMartino property where the pumping station would be. Because development of this tract was eminent, Songer took the two projects and divided them into the two phases.

On August 16, 1978, an estimate was submitted in the amount of approximately \$71,000. The triangular shaped piece, <sup>PHASE II</sup> doing it the way the sewer authorities normally handle construction projects would cost almost \$101,000. It should be remembered that the construction costs are increasing at the rate of approximately 1 to 1-1/2% per month.

There is a chance, a very slight chance, that the Phase I project could be done for less money, ACCORDING TO ALLISON.

Bailey asked regarding the Hallock and O'Bryan Tract, how many homes would be serviced? The answer was 9 improved homes at the time the study was made. Was that included in figures given for that area? Yes, it was.

Dean asked if there would be some assessment on the Hallock and O'Bryan tracts even though it is undeveloped? The answer was yes.

This material had previously been presented to Council and this meeting had been set up for discussion.

David Coe, of Whitehall Road, asked how much it would cost DeMartino if he installed the pumping station on his property? Also, if not for DeMartino asking for service, this request for service would not have come about? The answer was no, this is not true. Coe also asked what difference in cost there would be to get service from both ways; along Waupelani Drive and also along Whitehall Road. A portion of the DeMartino Subdivision already has service.

Jim Rimney, of Oakhurst Lane, asked several questions about the units served, and what kind of costs was Allison talking about. Also if the sewer line came back along Oakhurst Lane, would the Township pave the road? The answer was the Township does not pave any roads. They accept roads when they meet the Township's specifications.

Mr. Yendol asked if the line was already overloaded, why is the DeMartino property trying to get on, and we, who are included in Project 1, would not also be allowed to go on. Allison stated this had been discussed with the Public Works Department of the Borough concerning the line along Waupelani Drive and also Lytle Street. At no time did Mr. Dorneman say explicitly yes, you may come in. That is a decision that must be made by the Borough Council with a recommendation from its Sewer Authority. However, Dorneman did indicate there is sufficient capacity in the sewer line to take in this area and there is sufficient capacity in the line along Waupelani Drive at the western end because it is all new sewers and goes into the new sewer in Westerly Parkway - a 15" or 18" sewer. The other line is not as large <sup>IN THE</sup> which load is running at maximum.

Mr. Yendol stated as he understood it, the Sewer Authority does the assessment. Allison stated this is correct. Yendol asked, then College Township has nothing at all to do with the assessment? Allison said this was not true and explained the procedure used.

Yendol asked, in this whole process if the assessors decide that if the assessment was too great, is it dropped at that time? Allison stated it could be cancelled but maybe it would be built next year and the costs could be much higher. Yendol stated there could also be a depression to which Allison agreed this was possible.

Ziegler commented on the comparison of bids opened tonight - the difference in costs between contractors. He also commented on the difference in regulations

governing the septic systems that have occurred in the last year.

This meeting is for the residents to express their desire.

Mrs. McNichols stated they had a problem with their septic system and inquired of the Township when service would be coming to that area and was told it was in the far future so they went ahead and invested in a new tank.

Allison stated that approximately the same thing happened at Oak Ridge Avenue.

Ziegler stated he had a letter, dated in 1976, which stated this area was being looked into for service. There had been meetings where discussions were held on this.

It was indicated that the first section, or phase, would serve those people who were asking for the service now.

It was asked if it would help to submit a petition. The answer was that if this is what the residents wish to do and if presented at the next regular Council Meeting, action would be taken on it.

Ziegler stated that the Township has a Comprehensive Plan and should be looking toward that for future development.

A discussion was held on costs and inflation so a definite cost could not be given for future possible phases at this time.

Dean stated that ultimately the region is going to be serviced and its a matter of timing.

Bailey asked if the people on the western end along Whitehall Road are interested and the people at Oakhurst Lane are not, would it be possible to take it down the other end at O'Bryan Lane and install a pumping station?

Allison said it would make it a little rough and they would have to take another look at it. A pumping station would cost approximately \$4500 which was included in the cost.

Trotter indicated a look should be taken at the total township. He felt they should think very seriously about this - do they want to pay "\$20" a foot now or pay \$30 - \$40 a foot 5 years from now? (These figures are just examples.)

It was asked how much the cost would be to hook onto the sewer? The answer was approximately \$150 and then quarterly payments of \$46.50.

If this project should come about, could this be broken down into several phases, so the property wouldn't be dug up all at once. Allison and Songer gave them an estimate of the time that would be involved and felt it would be done as quickly as possible for the benefit of the contractor - approximately 3 to 5 months.

Once the project would become finalized, the rest is done on an individual basis and by a private contract to Code specifications.

DEAN SUGGESTED that If a petition is submitted, it ~~can~~<sup>should</sup> be broken down into two parts such as the DeMartino end and the Hallock end.

ITEM 4.

Dean felt the recording system has some shortcomings and should be looked into. The Manager has been asked to have someone check this out.

Ziegler reported on some things that had happened regarding the Postal Service meeting on moving the post office to ConRail site. McCormick has discussed this with the Witmers,

It was felt a plan should be submitted to indicate the placing of the post office on the lot between Mary Street and Mt. Nittany Road. It seems everyone is agreeable to moving except the Postal Service.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours was spend on Friday in reviewing the sites with Representative Ammerman and he indicated he would personally review this matter today. No reply from him to date. It has not been found where the ~~ad~~ was placed in the paper. Witmers saw it in the post office. Because of deficiencies in the plan submitted, the Zoning Office would not approve the zoning permit until the Planning Commission has reviewed the Site Plan.

There are a lot of good reasons to consider another site, other than Elmwood Street.

The lease for ConRail property is being drawn up now and will be for a 10 year term plus 3 5-year extensions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
Secretary