

MINUTES OF
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 10, 1977

A meeting of the College Township Council was held Thursday, February 10, 1977 in the Township Municipal Building.

Present: John H. Ziegler
J. Carroll Dean
Donald E. Bailey
Dolores A. Taricani
Clarence E. Trotter

Also present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Treasurer Robert A. Frederick

The meeting was convened at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Ziegler.

Dean moved that the minutes of January 13, 1977 be approved as distributed. Taricani seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Dean also moved that the August 10, 1976 minutes be approved and this motion was seconded by Taricani and unanimously passed by Council.

UPDATE INFORMATION

Manager Williams notified Carl Fairbanks that the Township has operated under the BOCA Code Standards since 1966 and asked that Section 316 of the BOCA Building Code be enforced in College Township. Mr. Fairbanks assured Manager Williams of his cooperation.

A letter of appreciation has been written to Frank Glenn thanking him and his Bicentennial History Committee for their work.

Manager Williams contacted Dave Allison concerning the sewer lines needed for the Hallock Subdivision and the possibility of connecting to the Borough

collector line is being pursued.

Ziegler reported that the Ad hoc Committee (to consist of Trotter, Williams, Frederick and himself) has yet to meet with the School Board to discuss the new tax collection agreement.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report, which has been made part of these minutes, was unanimously accepted by Council. Frederick reported that the School District can provide a comparative assessment in July when the School's fiscal year ends. Frederick also made reference to the status of P.S.U. and the Township's Earned Income Tax Ordinance. (Re: a letter to him from Reed McCormick dated 1/27/77.) The problem is now before the Executive Committee of COG. No action has yet been taken by Council but a decision will be reached if COG cannot promptly arrive at a solution.

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Letter from Therold E. Kramess, Director of the Bureau of Community Environmental Control to all Pennsylvania Municipalities dated 1/20/77 concerning the amended Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act. Refunding of payment is now possible if an acceptable sewage system cannot be installed on the land purchased.

(2) Letter from Milton J. Shapp, Governor, to Local Government Officials dated 1/25/77 requesting thermostats be turned down and reminding officials of the danger of spring flooding.

(3) Letter from David Allison, Executive Secretary of the C-H.J.A. to Carl Fairbanks, dated 1/27/77 regarding sewer service to the Hallock Subdivision and Whitehall Road properties.

(4) Certified Letter Order from C. J. McElwee, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission dated 1/27/77 regarding the removal of sign crossings of abandoned railroads.

(5) Letter to Solicitor McCormick from Claire Brown, Secretary of the Township Planning Commission dated 1/24/77 requesting clarification of court rulings on rezoning, and the status of the Township Zoning Map.

(6) Answer from McCormick to above letter dated 2/1/77. Council found the answer confusing and will contact Mr. McCormick for an explanation.

(7) Letter from Lloyd Niemann, Chairman of the Township's Parks and Recreation Committee to the Council dated 2/8/77 listing additional names for this Committee. Taricani moved and Bailey seconded the motion to appoint Brian Rutter, Roland Moore and Joan Kulka to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

(1) Alan Stewart from Triangle Engineering presented the Sketch and Final Plan of a survey of a portion of the Paul W. Witmer Farm. Since this tract is in excess of 10 acres it is exempt from subdivision requirements (as stated in Act 247) and does not require any official action by Council.

(2) The Preliminary Plan of the Ellis Houser Subdivision came before the Council. Checking with both the Planning Commission's statements concerning the subdivision (Minutes for 1/9/77) and the review by Township Engineers (Triangle Engineering Co. letter dated 2/9/77) the Council was still faced with a difficult decision. Though engineering details could be corrected, there remained unanswered questions concerning the safety and esthetics of the plan. Trotter voiced deep concern over the danger inherent

in the placement of the Gerald Street access. In order to reach some solution, Taricani moved that the Preliminary Plan of the Ellis Houser Subdivision be approved subject to the conditions stated in the Triangle Engineering letter dated 2/9/77. Bailey seconded the motion. In the discussion that followed, Dean stressed the majority opinion: he said that he did not see where an exhaustive effort had been made to find other plan solutions. The vote for the motion was then taken. Taricani and Ziegler voted YES. Bailey, Trotter and Dean voted NO. A work session was then set up to discuss new plan possibilities. The date: February 18, 1977, 3:00 p.m. at the College Township Municipal Building. The Regional Planning Staff is to be notified.

(3) Alan Stewart from Triangle Engineering presented the Final Plan for the "Cedar View" Subdivision for Fred Homan. Trotter moved that the "Cedar View" 4-Lot Subdivision be approved as presented. Seconded by Dean and the motion was approved unanimously.

(4) The Final Plan of the Hallock Subdivision was reviewed and discussed with special emphasis placed on the sewage problem. Trotter moved to approve the Revised Final Plan of Philip and Florence Hallock Subdivision dated 1/27/77 contingent upon the addition of

deedbook notations

certification of engineer

revision of the Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Dean seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by Council.

BUSINESS

The Council received an update on the work to have the central section of Lemont declared an Historical District on the National Registry of Historical Places. The work is being done by the Centre County Historical Registration

Project under the direction of Greg Ramsey and Mike Halm. Buildings involved are being described and documented. A geography student at the University, Bill McLaughlin, outlined the three possible designations that could be given to Lemont and the advantages and regulations of each - (1) Recognized Historical District, (2) Protected Historical District, and (3) Zoned Village District (V). Though Council took no action on the matter, Taricani expressed the wish for zoning regulations similar to those that have been put into practice in Boalsburg. (Harris Township).

Taricani next gave a report on street lighting. (Memo to Council from Taricani and Williams dated 2/4/77). The issue: whether street lighting should be decided on a street-by-street or subdivision-by-subdivision basis. According to Taricani's interpretation of the law, the Township can (on petition of a majority of lineal front foot property owners) provide lighting on a street-by-street basis. Ziegler felt the lighting should be supplied on a subdivision-by-subdivision basis. Trotter pointed out that even on this basis there could be spotty lighting because of the way subdivisions are often haphazardly divided. It was decided to put off action on the street light policy until next month at which time Solicitor McCormick will have been consulted. Dean asked Williams to check with West Penn about the use of high pressure sodium street lights which are reported to be low-cost users of energy. Williams and Taricani were commended by Council for their report.

From an informational meeting of COG and the Centre Regional Planning Commission Trotter reported to Council plans for certain legal action to control the expanded power line that West Penn proposes. A petition from the aggrieved landowners as well as a petition from COG will be used. The legal argument: transgression of the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Most

important is the fact that West Penn has yet to provide data that shows that the power line is being built for this area's reliability. The Council again went on record as favoring the use of the existing right-of-way, without the taking of additional lands.

The Council questioned the reasons why the State Department of Transportation wants to turn over certain portions of four roads to the Township. (Re: letter from T. D. Larson, Highway System Task Subcommittee, to the Township Board of Supervisors, dated 1/28/77). The Council went on record as not wishing to accept these roads unless they met Township specifications at the time of the transfer. Trotter questioned PennDOT's logic of classification and Taricani moved that Manager Williams be instructed to send a counter-proposal to PennDOT. Seconded by Trotter, the motion was unanimously carried. The roads indicated in the correspondence from PennDOT are portions of Route 14019, Route 14016 and 2 sections of Route 14039.

Flood insurance rates were mentioned as an item of interest by Ziegler.

The safety considerations of correct fireplace installation was brought up by Ziegler. Bailey was delegated to bring this problem up at the Centre Regional Code Committee.

Manager Williams was instructed to find out more about the State College Y.M.C.A. proposal and to ask the interested group for an accounting of their finances and intentions.

Noted as business was a letter from David Sims, Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration to John Ziegler dated 1/20/77 concerning the State College Bypass Bikeway Project. Trotter suggested that the Chairman write a letter to Mr. Sims reiterating the motion made by Council in which it was moved to begin negotiations with PennDOT and to contribute up to \$25,000 towards the pavement of the bikeway. Dean also suggested that the Township

begin a savings program for this commitment.

A letter from Joseph Aaman, District Manager to Manager Williams dated 1/20/77 noted the increased base rate of Centre Video.

A letter of resignation from Arlene Bishop (who represented the Township on the Centre Area Transportation Authority) dated 1/14/77 was read. Trotter moved that the letter of resignation be accepted and that a letter of appreciation be written. Seconded by Taricani, the motion was unanimously carried. Dean moved to appoint Kenneth Babe of Clover Highlands to represent the Township on the Centre Area Transportation Authority. Seconded by Bailey, the motion was passed unanimously.

A work session to review the model Zoning Ordinances was set for March 15, 1977.

A report on the annexation of East Hall Dorms was given by Ziegler. Legal update from Solicitor McCormick under Memorandum of Law to the Council dated 2/9/77 indicates that any change must be approved by a majority of voters in both municipalities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lease Agreement for private grade crossing between Consolidated Rail Corporation and Highland Associates - in a letter from Reed McCormick to the Council dated 2/4/77.

A memorandum concerning bus terminal financing from Ronald Davis, Finance Director to COG's General Secretary dated 2/9/77.

Trotter moved that the meeting be adjourned. Taricani seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. The meeting ended at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT

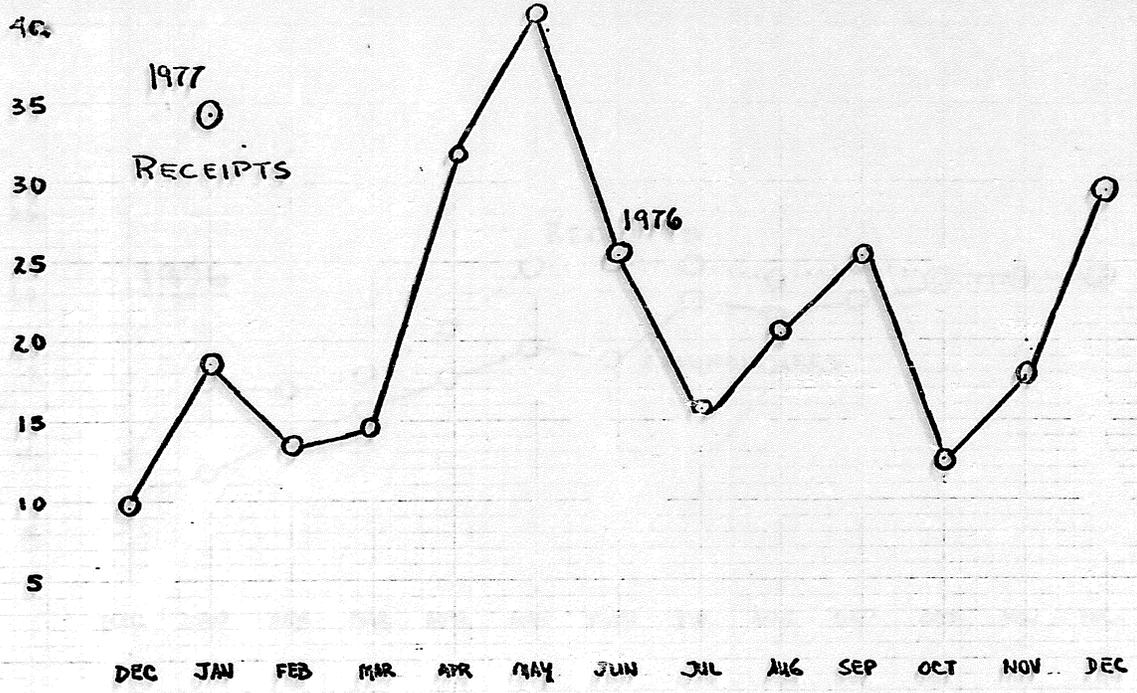
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COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL ACCOUNT - RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
January, 1977

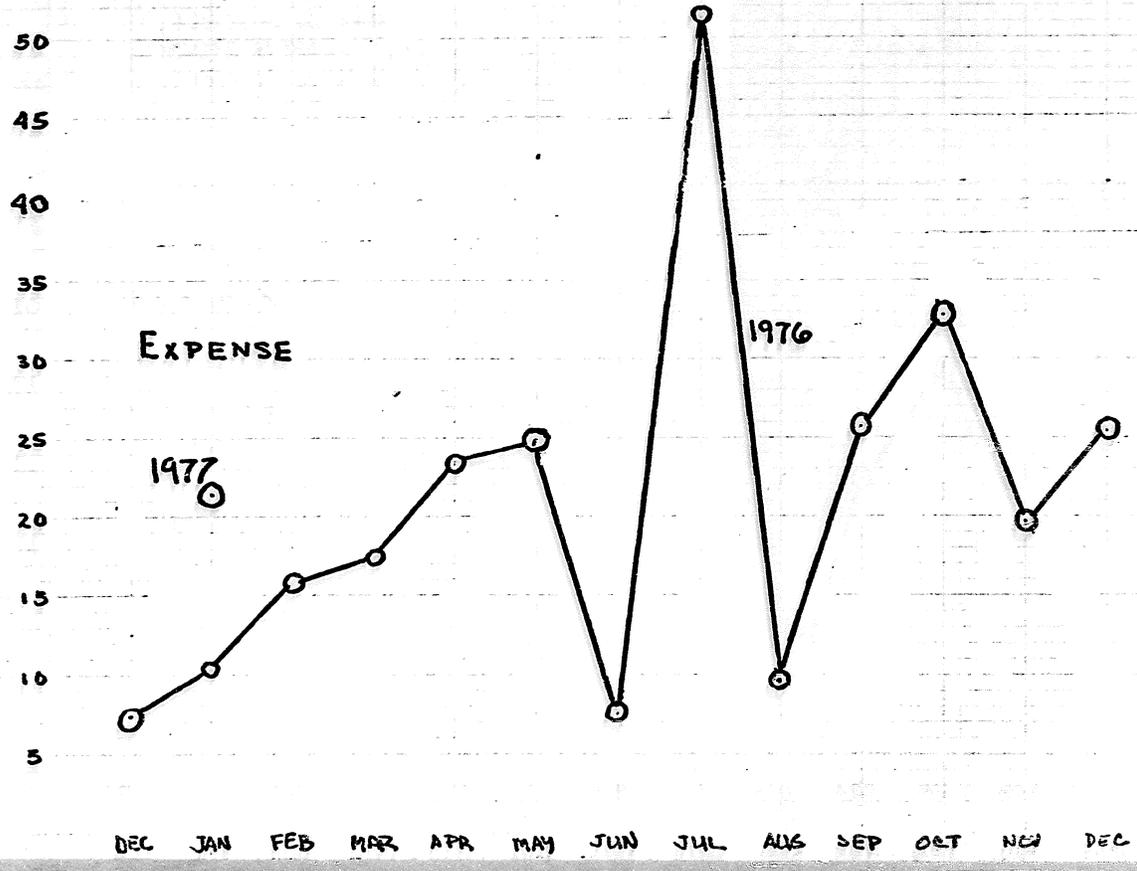
	<u>Jan. 1977</u>	<u>Dec. 1976</u>
Check Book Balance - Beginning of the Month.....	\$ 9,709	\$ 568
Receipts during the Month.....	34,167 ^b	29,263
Transfers from the Savings Account.....	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,500^a</u>
AVAILABLE.....	\$43,876	\$35,331
Expenditures for the Month.....	\$16,869	\$25,122
Transfers to the Savings Account.....	21,185 ^b	-0-
Transfers to Other Funds.....	<u>1,584^a</u>	<u>500^a</u>
Check Book Balance - End of the Month.....	\$ 4,238	\$ 9,709

a- Light Fund savings are invested through the General Account.
 b- Includes direct credit of interest to the Savings Account.

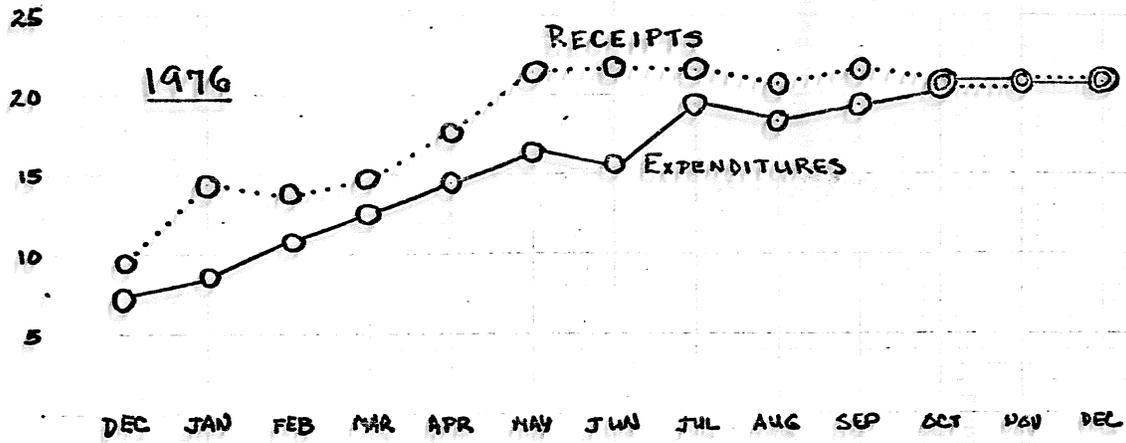


COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
 COMPARATIVE SUMMARY - 76/77
 GENERAL ACCOUNT

Figure 1

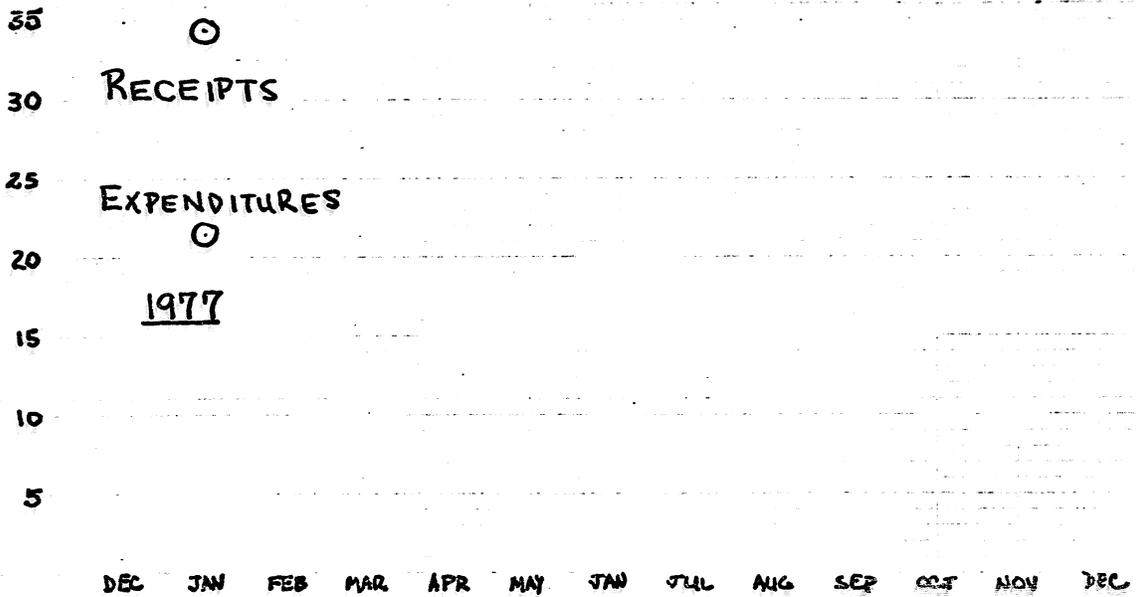


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COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
MOVING AVERAGE-76/77
GENERAL ACCOUNT

Figure 2



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH & INVESTMENTS
January, 1977

	GENERAL	EQUIPMENT	PARKS & REC.	STREET LIGHT	FIRE PROT.	STATE	REVENUE SHARE	ANTI-RECESSION
CASH:								
Checking Account	\$ 4,238	\$ 712	\$ 683	\$ 1,581	\$ 237	\$ 627	\$ 818	\$ 508

INVESTED:								
Daily Interest - 5% Annual	32,251	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	9,254	13,256	-0-
90 Day Certificate - 5.5% Annual	-0-	10,000 ^b	-0-	-0-	2,500 ^b	-0-	10,000 ^a	900 ^d
		9,000 ^b						
		2,000 ^c						

TOTAL FUND @ JANUARY, 1977	\$36,489	\$21,712	\$ 683	\$ 1,581	\$2,737	\$ 9,881	\$24,074	\$ 1,408
Previous Month	\$19,191	\$21,404	\$ 837	\$ 1,985	\$2,687	\$13,928	\$13,310	\$ 994

CASH \$ 9,404
INVESTED \$89,161
\$98,565 = TOTAL CASH & INVESTED
\$74,336 = PREVIOUS MONTH

NOTES:
Tax accounts not included in this report.
Maturity dates of certificates of deposit:
a) April 16, 1977
b) Feb. 18, 1977
c) Feb. 23, 1977
d) Mar. 7, 1977
The Police Pension Fund designation has been deleted since State payments to the Fund are being sent directly to the State College Bureau of Police Services.