

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**HELD MAY 10, 1979**

The regular meeting of the College Township Council was called to order by Chairman J. Carroll Dean at 7:30 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

**MINUTES**

**Minutes of April 12, 1979 - corrections as follows:**

Page 10, Item 8, Line 5 - change to read "...to write the State College Area School District relative to the Houserville, Lemont, and Panorama..."

Mrs. Taricani moved the minutes of the April 12, 1979, meeting be approved as corrected; Mr. Trotter seconded the motion; and it was carried unanimously.

**UPDATE INFORMATION**

Mr. Williams reported that, as Council had requested, he had returned the Criteria for the EAC Inventory of Environmentally Significant Areas in College Township to the EAC with Council's comment that Item 5 "Sociological Significance" was too limited. Mr. Williams read from the minutes of the EAC wherein Council's comments were discussed. Council felt EAC had misunderstood their intent and asked Mr. Williams to again contact the EAC with additional explanation.

Mr. Williams also wrote to Mr. Doty, President of the State College Area School Board, enclosing a copy of the Fire Lane Ordinance and informing him that the Township expected the schools

to comply with the Township's Fire Lane Ordinance. A copy of the letter to Mr. Doty was sent to the Fire Marshall.

Mr. Williams wrote to the Fire Marshall thanking him for the copy of the burning regulations and indicating that burning in the Township was governed by the Township Fire Prevention Code 1978, Ordinance No. 66, Section 301, and enforced by the Code Enforcement Personnel who work with the Fire Marshall as necessary. Mr. Williams suggested in his letter that any requests for burning be coordinated between Mr. Beitz, Code Administrator, and the Fire Marshall before any permission to burn is granted.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Robert L. Hayden, Treasurer, reviewed for Council the information included in the Treasurer's Report for April.

Mr. Bailey moved the Council accept the Treasurer's Report; Mr. Ziegler seconded the motion; and it was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Taricani asked what the response had been to the Estimated Quarterly Wage Tax forms that Mr. Hayden had distributed earlier in the year. Mr. Hayden indicated that approximately 2/3 of the individuals required to submit the Estimated Quarterly Tax payments had complied with the Township Ordinance. Mr. Hayden said that although his office was sending these forms each quarter as reminders, no followup had been done on those individuals who had not returned the forms for the first quarter. Mrs. Taricani suggested that Council give some thought to how they wished to handle this situation inasmuch as there was a Township regulation covering Estimated Wage Tax payment and it should be enforced. Chairman Dean asked Mrs. Taricani to study the Ordinance on this subject and report at the next meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

(1) April 13, 1979, letter from Nittany Motor Club expressing their appreciation for the consideration of the Council and the Manager in the rezoning of East College Avenue from the intersection of East College Avenue and Pike Street to the intersection of

East College Avenue and Limerock Terrace.

(2) April 16, 1979, letter from the Department of Environmental Resources of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to a meeting on May 8, 1979 to discuss the possibilities of securing an alternative source of water supply for homeowners in the Trout Road area, participants in the meeting to be Centre County Planning Commission, Centre Regional Planning Commission, College Township Environmental Advisory Council, and Lemont Water Company.

Mr. Williams indicated the meeting had been changed to June 12, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Township Building. Mr. Williams said that Ron Evans had invited him to participate in the meeting as well as any Council Members and asked if the Township Solicitor and Engineer should also attend. Mr. Ziegler suggested that the College Township Planners also be invited to attend.

(3) Letter from Daniel Abruzzo, 134 Harris Drive, expressing his thanks to the Township for the brush pick-up.

(4) Letter from Paul K. Mueller, 821 Pike Street, Lemont, asked if truck traffic could be limited on Branch Road and asked that Council have the Police monitor the speed of trucks through Lemont and check truck muffler systems.

Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to contact the Police and have them give more attention to the items pointed out by Mr. Mueller and also to contact Mr. Mueller and explain that Branch Road was not a Township road but rather a State road and the Township could not limit traffic on it.

(5) Letter from John Heinz in response to correspondence from Mr. Ziegler relative to the Lemont Post Office issue. Mr. Heinz forwarded a copy of a letter to him from Mr. Lintner of the Postal Service informing Senator Heinz that the contract for the building of the post office had been cancelled.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

(1) Final Plan for Resubdivision of Mary C. Knepp Heirs Property. Thomas F. Songer presented the plans to Council explaining that the plan was correcting a presently illegal subdivision of seven (7) non-conforming lots and resubdividing into two (2) lots. The rights-of-way had been expanded and Mr. Songer had given the Offer of Dedication for these rights-of-way to Mr. Williams.

After Mr. Songer assured Council that the designation of monuments would be set as soon as Council gave their approval of the plans, Mr. Ziegler moved that Council approve the Final Plan for the Resubdivision of Seven (7) Lots into Two (2) Lots, Lands of Mary C. Knepp Heirs, drawing dated April 6, 1979. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Discussion followed on the type of uses as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance that could be considered in developing the land in question.

Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to work with Stan Hoy in checking into additional rights-of-way necessary to make the roads in this Subdivision conform to the Township requirements.

BUSINESS

(1) Opening of Bids for Water Study. Chairman Dean explained that this study would be in two phases: the first including an inventory of the systems, the characteristics of the systems, evaluation of the systems relative to current requirements and probable future requirements, report of advantages and disadvantages of supplying Township water needs by a variety of techniques of management structure; Phase 2, the development of recommendations of Phase 1 to the preliminary status as far as immediate needs are concerned and future needs are concerned. Therefore, the pricing of the bids would be in two phases.

Mrs. Taricani opened the bids and read them as follows:

Betz-Converse-Murdoch Inc. ....	Phase I	\$13,151
One Plymouth Meeting Mall	Phase II	\$10,910
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462	Total	\$23,971

P. Joseph Lehman .....	Phase I	\$ 9,000
Consulting Engineer	Combined Phase I & II	
1301 Allegheny Street	Lump Sum -	\$12,000
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648		

Nassaux-Hemsley, Inc. ....	Phase I	\$27,680
56 North Second Street	Phase I & II	\$33,072
Chambersburg, PA 17201		

Mrs. Taricani moved that the bids be accepted as submitted and forwarded to the Council's Consultants for review. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to write to all the bidders thanking them for submitting and letting them know they would be notified of the successful bidder.

Joseph Lehman, of P. Joseph Lehman Consulting Engineers, was present and offered to answer any questions Council might have. Chairman Dean indicated Council wanted to study the bids first and would contact him if any questions came up.

(2) Opening of Bids on Communication System. Mrs. Taricani opened the bids and read them as follows:

Largey's Electronic & Research.....	Total Bid	\$9,840
868 South Michael Road		
St. Mary's, PA 15857		
(check for \$984 for Bid Bond enclosed)		

Gray Sound and Communications .....	Total Bid	\$2,520
Systems, Inc.		
413-19th Street		
Altoona, PA 16602		
(check for \$252 as Bid Bond enclosed)		

The Daveland Company, Inc. ....	Total Bid	\$7,189
407 Linden Street		
Allentown, PA 18402		
(check for \$718.90 as Bid Bond enclosed)		

Mr. Ziegler moved that the bids be accepted and forwarded to the Council's Consultants for review. Mrs. Taricani seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

(3) Preliminary Engineer Study for Sewering - Hawthorne Drive, Green Acres Lane, and Spring Hill Road. Dave Allison presented the study of detailed methods and estimated costs for providing sanitary service to the above mentioned area. He explained the background for this study and related circumstances and asked Council's advice to the Authority on providing this service. Mr. Allison indicated the property owners involved had been contacted during this study and none of the property owners had expressed any objection to the proposed service.

Discussion followed on the computation of the estimated costs.

Mrs. Taricani suggested that Council schedule a meeting with the effected property owners to provide them an opportunity to voice their questions, opinions, and concerns. Council set the meeting for Thursday, May 31, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Township Building. Mr. Allison will notify the property owners of this meeting.

At a previous meeting, Mr. Allison had brought to the Council's attention a situation concerning the leaking of effluence from the septic system of Thomas Lalley onto property owned by Paul Freeman. Code Enforcement had halted construction on the Freeman property because of this leakage and subsequently Mr. Lalley was cited by D.E.R. for the drainage and given a time limit in which to correct the situation. Mr. Lalley had written Council (letter dated April 24, 1979) concerning this situation. In the meantime, Mr. Allison explained, Mr. Lalley had purchased the property from Mr. Freeman thereby owning the property on which the effluence was draining. Council felt they had an obligation to answer Mr. Lalley's letter and Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to write Mr. Lalley explaining the subdivision was legal in terms of information available to Council from the engineer of the subdivider and any recourse he chooses to take should be from the seller of the land. Also to be included in the reply to Mr. Lalley was a statement to the effect that Council understood he had solved the immediate problem relative to the citation from D.E.R. and that Council could not, therefore, comment on that.

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Council was concerned about the potential problems that could

Council felt strongly that building permits should not be granted until the access roads were completed. Additionally, they were concerned that Mr. Blasko was not aware of the June 14, 1976, agreement. Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to talk with Mr. McCormick about these matters and then talk with Mr. Blasko furnishing Mr. Blasko with a copy of the June 14, 1976 agreement.

(7) ConRail Subdivision. Since the signing of the lease with ConRail, Council wanted to be sure that the property in question was not in violation of the Township Ordinance governing subdivisions. Therefore, Council had the Township Engineer make a drawing of the ConRail site which indicated that the property in question was on a separate deed and therefore did not have to be subdivided. Council did have a question on part of the drawing -- it was not clear whether a cartway was indicated or if that portion of the drawing indicated something else. Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to check with Stan Hoy for clarification on this point. Additionally, Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to ~~check with Reed McCormick to determine if there were any legal problems with removing the unsigned Signature Blocks from the drawing prior to forwarding copies to the Postal Service.~~

Chairman Dean indicated he would write the transmittal letter for the drawing assuring the Postal Service that there was no right-of-way problem on the lot that was leased.

Members of the Concerned Citizens of Lemont were present and expressed their desire to work with Council in future plans for the post office. Council furnished the Concerned Citizens of Lemont with a copy of the drawing. Council also indicated to the Concerned Citizens of Lemont that their help would be beneficial in determining the boundaries for the "Town of Lemont", as requested by the Postal Service. The suggestion was made that the historic boundaries be used since these were the original boundaries for the Village.

Chairman Dean requested Mr. Williams to ask the Planning Commission to look into what should be considered as the "Town of Lemont", offering the Historic boundaries as one option.

*Have the unsigned signature blocks removed from the drawing prior to forwarding copies to the Postal Service.*

(8) Planning Commission Recommendations on Rezoning Requests: Mt. Nittany Park; Robert J. Reese; Highland Development Joint Venture. Council reviewed the requests for rezoning and the accompanying Planning Commission recommendations.

The hearing for these rezoning requests was set for the next regular Council Meeting, June 14, 1979.

Chairman Dean indicated that the Planning Commission had provided their recommendations on the draft of the new Model Subdivision Regulations. Chairman Dean asked that Council members review the draft and these recommendations and be prepared to offer comments at the next meeting.

(9) Work Session on State Convention Workshops. Chairman Dean indicated that Reed McCormick had suggested that Council have a work session to interchange notes on the various sessions the individual Council members attended at the State Convention. Chairman Dean also felt that a review of the Controller's report would be helpful. This work session was scheduled for June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

(10) Road Inspection. The Council's inspection of the Township roads was scheduled for May 17, 1979, at 1:00 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Centre County Association of Township Officials will hold their Annual Spring Convention at the Centre County Vo-Tech School, Pleasant Gap on Thursday, May 17, 1979, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
Secretary

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