

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 15, 1984

4:00 pm

The regular meeting of the College Township Council was held on November 15, 1984 at 4:00 pm in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Gale Dargitz - Vice-Chairman, Max Harstwick, Fred Smith, Herbert Stewart

Member absent: Dolores Taricani

Others present: Thomas Lechner - Manager  
Robert Hayden - Treasurer

Dargitz called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. The first item on the agenda was a discussion regarding Curtin Road from University Drive to Porter Road. Lechner informed Council that the University would like the Department of Transportation to vacate LR 14016 (Curtin Road and Fox Hollow Road from Porter Road to Park Avenue).

The University wishes to acquire this road for traffic control around Beaver Stadium. PennDOT informed Lechner that they can vacate the road using one of the following methods. The Department could vacate the piece of roadway directly to the University or the Department could turn back this portion of road to College Township which could then vacate it to the University.

Lechner recommended that the Township take no involvement in the matter and that PennDOT should vacate the road directly to the University. Stewart made a motion to ask the Manager to write to PennDOT indicating that the Township does not wish to get involved in the vacation of the road. ~~Hartswick seconded the motion, and Council voted in favor.~~

Stewart amended his motion to include ". . . vacation of the road from University Drive to Porter Road and Fox Hollow Road from Porter Road to the stop light on Park Avenue." Hartswick seconded the amendment and Council unanimously voted in favor of it.

The next item on the agenda was the follow-up to the petition to install a three-way stop sign on Mount Nittany Road at Berry Street. Lechner indicated that he had a study done of the area and he feels that it would be more of a hazard to install a three-way stop sign. Lechner proposed that the speed limit on Mount Nittany Road from Pike Street to Thompson Street be changed to 25 mph. He plans to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of the proposed amendments to the Occupational Privilege Tax. Council members had several concerns. One being if a person has two jobs or changes employers during the year, what type of proof must the employee present to show the tax had already been deducted? Another

\* FROM UNIVERSITY DRIVE TO PORTER ROAD AND FOX HOLLOW ROAD FROM PORTER ROAD TO THE STOP LIGHT ON PARK AVENUE. HARTSWICK SECONDED THE AMENDMENT AND COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN FAVOR OF IT

concern of Council is if the tax is deducted twice from an employee, what is the procedure for reimbursement?

Dargitz stated that he plans to bring these concerns up at the next COG meeting.

David Cole, Counsel for Ralph T and Marcia J Heimer, indicated that he and Heimer were present to present Heimer's request for an IDA loan to Council. Cole stated that he was informed by Reed McCormick that a legal advertisement had appeared in the Centre Daily Times indicating that a Public Hearing would be held at this meeting for the stated purpose. Council members were unaware of the advertisement but agreed to temporarily adjourn their meeting for the Public Hearing. It was moved by Stewart and seconded by Hartswick to temporarily adjourn the regular meeting. Council voted in favor of the motion.

Dargitz called to order the Public Hearing at 4:28 pm. Ralph T Heimer was sworn in to testify.

Heimer stated that he is applying for a College Township IDA loan in the amount of \$400,000 to purchase land and construct a 6000 square foot commercial office building. Heimer and his wife would be the owners. Their business, Courses by Computers, Inc., develops educational and training materials by computers. Heimer plans to employ 10 - 12 persons in the next three years. Heimer's business will occupy half of the building. He does not have a tenant to occupy the other half yet.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Stewart to endorse the Certificate of Approval for the application of Ralph T and Marcia J Heimer. Council voted in favor of the motion.

Stewart moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Smith seconded the motion and Council approved.

Dargitz reopened the regular meeting at 4:35 pm.

Council continued their budget workshop. Lechner presented the second proposal of the budget. This proposal reflects approximately \$34,000 of reductions which were recommended by Council on November 5, 1984.

The second proposal incorporates a 1½ mills real estate tax increase. One mill is to support, in part, the recommendation of the Financial Advisory Committee along with the \$39,695 excess balance of all funds being transferred to a General Fund. The \$16,933 (one mill) added to the \$39,695 provides for a \$56,628 Contingency Fund to safeguard the collection of revenue receipts less than projected. To provide a Contingency Fund equal to 10 percent of the budget (as recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee) would require another 1½ of millage. Lechner indicated that he would rather build up the remaining revenues to reach the 10 percent level of a Contingency Fund over the next two years.

Lechner proposed that the Parks & Recreation funding be increased by ¼ mill to 2 ¾ mills to match the present level of service provided by the Centre Region and help support the Township Parks & Recreation Committee proposals for the next several years.

Lechner asked that the Equipment funding account be increased by ¼ mill for 1985

to help offset the staggering increased costs of capital equipment over the past years.

Lechner advised that a Library fund will be established by transferring 2 mills of tax revenues from the General fund for the purpose of providing the funds to maintain the current level of service.

Lechner also advised that by increasing the real estate tax by 1½ mills, the increase to the residential property owners would be approximately \$8.62 per year.

Dargitz commented that Council would take no action on the budget at this meeting but if Council had comments or questions they should contact Lechner before the November 20 Public Hearing on the budget.

Council members agreed that the proposed budget looked reasonable.

Lechner announced that the Public Hearing for the budget would be held November 29, 1984 at 7:30 pm in the College Township Municipal Building.

At a previous Council meeting where regional code changes were discussed, a question arose in regard to the installation of sprinkler systems and whether the code would be retroactive. Smith advised that the code would not be retroactive and that sprinklers would be required only if the facility changed in use. For example, if a facility was converted from a warehouse to an apartment building, sprinklers would be required; if the facility was changed from a doctor's office to a lawyer's office, sprinklers would not be required.

Pat Vernon was present and discussed a proposed contest to develop a sign and perhaps a logo for College Township. The item is on the agenda of the November 15, 1984 meeting of the College Township Planning Commission.

It was moved by Hartswick and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C Thomas Lechner  
Secretary

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