

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
February 28, 1985
4:00 pm

The regular meeting of the College Township Council was held on February 28, 1985, at 4:00 pm, in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Gale Dargitz, Max Hartswick, Fred Smith - Chairman & Herbert Stewart

Member absent: Dolores Taricani

Others present: Thomas Lechner - Manager
Beulah Houser - Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Smith at 4:02 pm.

Because of the number of persons present to discuss Item #5, it was moved forward on the agenda.

BUSINESS

5. Request from New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company, Inc., for a Waiver of the Noise and Nuisance Ordinance

Smith advised that New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company, Inc., who has a contract with PennDOT for construction of Section LR 1050 (006) of highway, has requested that Council waive the Noise & Nuisance Ordinance of the Township so they could extend their working shifts from 6:00 am until 11:30 pm for approximately three months. The time indicated includes one-half hour down time for equipment maintenance.

Lechner indicated that initially the request was turned down because of the number of complaints about the noise level associated with the By-pass construction near the hospital. This work was done by another construction company.

A representative of New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company stated that if Council would agree to waive the Noise and Nuisance Ordinance for several months then the project could be completed one construction season ahead of schedule. He pointed out that the early completion would be an advantage to the residents.

Dargitz expressed the opinion that he feels the request is absolutely unreasonable. He suggested a possible quitting time of 9:00 pm for the construction workers. He stated that the contract was bid with the expectation that the project would take two years and he feels it would benefit the firm but not the Township.

The representative of New Enterprise stated that they would like Council to let them work the 6:00 am to 11:30 pm shift for a trial period. He also stated that if this situation was not satisfactory, perhaps the shift could be worked until 9:00 pm. He advised that blasting would only be done during the hours of 7:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Stewart moved to waive the Noise and Nuisance Ordinance for New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company, Inc., for 30 days and that the Township Manager relay any complaints to the firm. Hartswick suggested that the proposed plan be tried for a lesser period of time, perhaps weekly.

Stewart modified his motion to include the shift hours of 6:00 am until 11:30 pm and that the agreement be on a weekly basis. Hartswick seconded the motion. In discussion, Dargitz again expressed his opposition. He stated that he feels it is a great dis-service to the Township and that the New Enterprise would be the only ones benefitting from the situation. The vote of Council was 3-1; Dargitz opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from PennDOT regarding Porter Road and East College Avenue Signalization

A letter from Tom Ickes was received stating that the results of the recent traffic volume counts taken at the intersection of Porter Road and East College Avenue after the opening of SECTION 4 of the State College By-pass, indicate that the volume warrants for traffic signals are no longer met. The proposed traffic signal installation has been eliminated from SIP, Project Number 149262.

2. Letter from DCA regarding Meeting to Discuss the Need for a Study to be Undertaken of the Flood Plain Areas of the Municipality

A letter from Bruce Hearn, Department of Community Affairs, indicated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had asked the Department to contact Council regarding a meeting scheduled for College Township on March 5, 1985, at 7:30 pm at the State College Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the need for a study to be undertaken of the flood plain areas of the municipality.

Lechner stated that even though the letter states that the meeting is scheduled at the above date and time for College Township, he thinks it means other municipalities as well. Lechner indicated that the Centre Region Planning Commission will probably attend and that the Zoning Officer and the Township Planners would be the most appropriate persons to represent the Township at the meeting.

Hartswick indicated that the Township's Environmental Advisory Committee should be informed of the meeting. Lechner agreed to advise the Committee of the meeting. Hartswick stated that he would try to be present for the meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Resolution #112 for Codification of the Legislation

Lechner presented Resolution #112 to Council for the codification of the legislation of the municipality by General Code Publishers Corporation of Rochester, New York. It was moved by Dargitz and seconded by Stewart to adopt Resolution #112.

Council voted favorably.

2. Resolution #113 for Library Loan

Lechner presented Resolution #113 to Council for the adoption of an agreement between and by the Borough of State College and the Townships of College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton for the financing of an addition to the Schlow Memorial Library and other improvements. It was moved by Hartswick to adopt Resolution #113. Dargitz seconded and Council approved the motion.

3. Resolution #91-A for Code Board of Appeals Amendments

Lechner presented Resolution #91-A for the Amendment of Joint Articles of Agreement for the establishment of a Centre Region Building and Housing Code Board of Appeals. It was moved by Dargitz and seconded by Hartswick to adopt Resolution #91-A. Council voted in favor of the motion.

4. Opening of Bids for Dump Truck and Three-Sided Pole Shed

The following bids were received for the 1985 dump truck: Stocker Chevrolet, Inc., bid \$22,967.17 with a 120-day delivery; Allegheny Trucks, Inc., bid \$21,139.00 with a 75-day delivery and Bill MacIntyre bid \$21,007.00 with a 90-day delivery. *All bids included a waiver of a \$25 per day penalty on late deliveries. It was moved by Dargitz to receive the bids for the dump truck and turn them over to the Manager for review. Stewart seconded and Council approved.

The following bids were received for the three-sided pole shed: Allensville Planing Mill bid \$5,980.00; Agway Supply Center bid \$7,600.00; Triangle Building Supply bid \$5,585.00; Ag-Com Builders, Inc. bid \$5,185.00 and C&W Construction bid \$10,438.41. Hartswick moved to receive the bids for the three-sided pole shed and turn them over to the Township Engineer for review. Dargitz seconded the motion and Council approved.

5. Discussed earlier in the meeting.

6. Discussed later in the meeting.

7. Establishment of an Ad Hoc COG Building Committee

A memo from James Steff, Centre Region Council of Governments, indicated that the General Forum has acted to establish an Ad Hoc COG Building Committee. The purpose of the committee is to prepare a recommendation to the General Forum regarding the feasibility of constructing a combined COG office building and Senior Citizens Center. The target date for submitting this recommendation to the General Forum is tentatively June 17, 1985. The General Forum has suggested that each COG jurisdiction appoint an interested elected official to serve on the Committee.

Dargitz indicated that he has been dealing with the situation through the Finance Committee and would be willing to serve on the Committee. Smith appointed Dargitz, with his concurrence, to serve on the Ad Hoc COG Building Committee.

8. Response to PennDOT's Request to have the Township Reconsider Takeover of Road

A letter from Tom Ickes indicated that PennDOT is considering the resurfacing of Branch Road from Atherton Street to the Elmwood Street intersection in Lemont. The project would include a complete resurfacing of the roadway 22 feet in width, paving
* ONE BID FROM BILL MACINTYRE

the shoulders 2 feet wide on both sides of the roadway and the installation of some new guide rail. In his letter he asks whether or not the Township would be interested in accepting ownership of this section of Branch Road once the improvements are completed. Based on the new policy of the Department, the ownership of the bridges on this section of highway could remain with the Department of Transportation.

Lechner stated that PennDOT had previously indicated that Pike Street would not be considered because of lack of funding for the current year. He stated that he is receptive to look at Branch Road in conjunction with Pike Street without the bridges. Lechner expressed his feeling that Branch Road is mechanically an unsafe road, the reason being that drivers travel fast and go off the road onto the berms and then the edges deteriorate. Presently there is some guide rail on the road, but PennDOT did not indicate how much guide rail would be added.

Lechner advised that the drainage problems should be considered. Deterioration of the road will occur faster if these problems are not taken care of. He further advised that painting, and it is very expensive to paint four lines, should be done on the road once a year. He stated that the decision should be made as to whether or not it is cost justified.

Dargitz suggested that Council think about the matter and take action at the next meeting. Lechner suggested that a field inspection be done including himself, the Township Engineer, field inspectors and PennDOT's personnel.

Smith advised that there is a drainage problem near the Country Club. Lechner responded that a ditch was put in, but it overflows during the thaw. He stated that this area would be looked at in the field review.

9. Controller's Report

This item was delayed until another meeting since Anthony DeCrappeo was ill and could not attend.

6. Discussion of Parking Restrictions Proposals

Lechner gave Council a brief review on the parking restrictions proposals. His intent is to invite the residents to the next meeting to further discuss the parking restrictions proposals. His recommendations are as follows:

Grandview Road - No parking on both sides.

Klinger Heights - Restrict parking on West side of Hillview Avenue; no parking on either side of Pikeview Road.

Armau Village - Allow parking on East side only of Rainlo Street; restrict parking on both sides at the top of Rainlo Street, above Yardal Road; allow parking on West side of Oakwood Drive; restrict parking on East side of Oakwood Drive; restrict parking on both sides on the lower part of Yardal Road (first Block); the remainder of Yardal Road, restrict parking on the North side; and restrict parking to one side of Elizabeth Street.

Council did not have any problems with the above recommendations. Smith asked the Centre Daily Times reporter, Barb Brueggebers, to indicate in her story that the residents are invited to the next meeting to discuss the parking restrictions.

Lechner advised that he has had very few complaints on Clover Road. He stated that

there were several complaints regarding speeding. He noted that he has not seen any trucks in that area and it is very well signed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lechner advised that the present Township vehicle is deteriorating very fast and that he would like to have approval to purchase another vehicle for Township use. He stated that he had looked at surplus vehicles from the Penn State University, one being a 1982 Ford Fairlane with 42,000 miles. The maintenance records on this vehicle are satisfactory. It was used as a police vehicle at the Behrend Campus. The cost is \$3350. Post note: the vehicle will be purchased for \$3200.

Lechner further advised that he cannot locate a Rubber-Tired Roller for the price that was allotted in this year's Budget. With that in mind, he asked to substitute the 1982 Ford Fairlane for the roller in the Budget.

Dargitz moved to amend the Budget to eliminate the Rubber-Tired Roller and substitute the 1982 Ford Fairlane for that item not to exceed \$3500. Hartswick seconded and Council voted favorably.

Lechner stated that the estimated cost for repaving Squirrel Drive is more than he anticipated and that it is a top priority in the budget. Slightly over \$10,000 has been budgeted for the purpose. Lechner indicated that it will cost approximately \$12,000 to overlay College Avenue to Oak Ridge Avenue. It was suggested to Lechner that three lanes (right, middle and left) be provided for turning at the bottom coming onto College Avenue. To incorporate this modification into the project would be at least another \$4000. Lechner plans to have the area specified with about four different options.

Lechner informed Council that he has contacted several banks and has invited quotes for a loan for the two equipment items in the Budget. He advised that he thought it might be to the Township's advantage to borrow the money instead of entering into a lease buy-back plan.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hartswick and seconded by Stewart to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Thomas Lechner
Secretary