

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MAY 4, 1981, 4:00 P.M.**

**A G E N D A**

1. **Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance (#76) to acquire land for municipal purposes from Consolidated Rail Corporation, which land contains 21,290 sq. ft. more or less and is situated in the Village of Lemont.**
2. **Review and comments on revised Sign Ordinance draft.**
3. **Any other business that may properly come before Council.**

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Chairman Taricani called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, Gale L. Dargitz, J. Carroll Dean, Herbert W. Stewart, and Dolores A. Taricani

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

1. Public Hearing. Chairman Taricani indicated the first portion of the meeting was a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 76 to Acquire Land for Municipal Purposes from Consolidated Rail Corporation (ConRail). The land is 21,290 square feet more or less and is situated in the Village of Lemont. Chairman Taricani explained all testimony would be sworn testimony and called the Public Hearing to order.

Mr. Williams reported that all proper legal notices and advertisements had been made and that the proper procedures had been followed relative to filing of copies of the Ordinance. Chairman Taricani briefly explained the purpose of the Ordinance being considered.

Warren Smith, President of the Concerned Citizens of Lemont, offered his gratitude to Council for their continuing efforts concerning the purchase of this land and the Lemont Post Office project. He expressed his satisfaction in the progress of the project to date and indicated the Concerned Citizens of Lemont supported the adoption of the Ordinance.

Mrs. Laura Bower, representing the Lemont Village Association, reiterated Mr. Smith's remarks and indicated the Lemont Village Association's support of the adoption of Ordinance 76.

Mr. Dean asked about the availability of funds to pay for the property. Mr. Williams indicated that with monies budgeted for this purpose and transfer of money there would be funds available to cover the purchase of this land.

Mr. Bailey asked if the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry approval had been given to plans for the Post Office Building. Chairman Taricani indicated it had been but that the approval of the Commission on the Arts was pending. However, no major problems were indicated.

Mr. Dean moved that Council adopt Ordinance #76 to acquire land for municipal purposes generally known as ConRail property in Lemont. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

There being no further testimony, Chairman Taricani declared the Public Hearing closed.

2. Review and Comments on Revised Sign Ordinance Draft.  
Council reviewed the draft ordinance discussing questions and changes suggested by individual Council members.

The question of political signs was discussed and Virginia Eisenstein, who had been asked to review the draft ordinance, commented on these signs.

Chris Exarchos, Member of the Zoning Hearing Board, commented on "Special Exceptions/Variances" and provisions set forth to deal with them. Council felt this aspect of the ordinance should be clarified. Mr. Dargitz suggested that Council look into the language on Special Exceptions in Act 247; if that language would apply, adopt it in place of the language in the draft ordinance dealing with variances.

Mr. Dean pointed out that the draft ordinance eliminated the Sign Review Board, providing that the Zoning Hearing Board act upon any request for variances from the provisions of the Sign Ordinance.

Mr. Dean also pointed out that it had not been Council's practice in the past to establish fees in an ordinance but rather to have the fees established by resolution which Council approved. Council felt the resolution was the proper way in which to establish fees in this instance and suggested the appropriate changes be made in the ordinance.

Council questioned the section referring to inspection of signs using electrical components. Chairman Taricani asked Mr. Williams to discuss this portion of the draft ordinance with David Beitz of Code Enforcement.

Mrs. Eisenstein had no changes to suggest and felt the regulations were good.

Chairman Taricani indicated she would pull together the changes that had been suggested by Council and get the draft ordinance ready for the Planning Commission.

3. Storm Drainage Problem Report. Mr. Williams indicated he had not been able to get this report from the Township Engineer. Mr. Mitchell commented on his efforts to obtain this report. Chairman Taricani indicated she would check into this situation and determine what the problems were, if any, and try to remedy them.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dargitz moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
Secretary

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