

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
ON FEBRUARY 10, 1976

Due to a malfunctioning of the tape recorder, the Chairman, John Ziegler, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 p.m. In attendance were: Councilmen Clarence Trotter, Donald E. Bailey and Dolores Taricani; Manager Elwood Williams; Treasurer Robert Frederick; Reporters from Centre Daily Times and Pennsylvania Mirror.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as distributed. It was moved by Mrs. Taricani and seconded by Mr. Trotter that the minutes be approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Interim Treasurer, Elwood Williams, as follows for the month of January:

Balance as of January 1, 1976	\$20,148.08
Total Receipts for month	\$18,813.55
	TOTAL: \$38,961.63
Total Expenditures for month	\$10,088.71
Balance as of February 1, 1976	\$28,872.92

It was moved by Mr. Trotter, seconded by Mrs. Taricani that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Reed McCormick, dated January 19, 1976, acknowledging his re-appointment as Township Solicitor for 1976. The retainer fee arrangement will remain as previous few years which is satisfactory to him (\$100 per mo, paid quarterly).

A letter from Reed McCormick, dated January 19, 1976, to Mr. Carl Fairbanks, Municipality Manager, State College, was read. At the Council's January 13 meeting, Mr. McCormick had been instructed to contact the State College Municipality regarding the problems of Cemetery Road and their responsibilities.

A letter from W. E. "Woody" Williams, of 430 Pike Street, State College, asking to be considered when and if any insurance coverage is required for the Township operation. His agency represents Federal Kemper Insurance Company of Decatur, Illinois.

A letter from Hugh Scott, U. S. Senator, dated January 29, 1976, thanking the Supervisors for their letter of support of the Federal Revenue Sharing Program and indicated he has noted the Supervisors opinion and will keep it in mind when this measure comes before the Senate.

A letter from Mr. C. A. Williamson, Acting Director of Civil Defense, dated January 23, 1976, was received acknowledging receipt and submission of the recommendation of the College Township Board of Supervisors for appointment of Elwood G. Williams, Sr., to serve as Township Civil Defense Director.

A copy of a letter from George N. Boughter, Director of Centre County Civil Defense, to Mr. J. Robert Stimmel, Director, State Council Civil Defense, Selinsgrove, PA, dated January 21, 1976, forwarding nomination papers for Mr. Williams' appointment to replace Ernest Johnson.

A copy of a letter from Austin O. Furst, dated January 30, 1976, to Reed McCormick was reviewed regarding the Herbert W. Stewart salvage yard problem, and the injunction proceedings which have been authorized by College Township Council. In the letter, it was stated that the issuance of an injunction will generate considerable heat but it will not accomplish

the desired result. Mr. Furst went on to explain the status of the different areas on the Stewart property.

A memo from the College Township Zoning Officer to Council was read in reference to Mr. Furst's letter. After having read the letter, Mr. Roush and Reed McCormick both felt that nothing new had been proposed on Mr. Stewart's part to meet the objectives of the Township plan presented to him this past summer. The injunction papers are to be ready for the Council's signature within the next few days if they decide to bring injunction proceedings against Mr. Stewart.

OLD BUSINESS

Speed Signs - Houserville. A request was forwarded to PennDOT for speed reduction at Houserville. No reply was received as of this date. Also, a letter was sent to them indicating that responsibility of the sign after posting is assumed by the Township.

Traffic Signal/Hubler Road & Route 322. Correspondence was read indicating a traffic count at this location found that only two hours met the volume warrants for a traffic signal, where 8 hours are required by their regulations. Therefore, traffic signals at this location cannot be justified based on traffic volumes. They will recount this intersection in the spring if Council so requests. Copies of this traffic count were attached.

Pedestrian Phase/University Drive. Mr. Williams had contacted Mr. Stormer at the University regarding this revision and he was informed to hold up on sending a letter to PennDOT about this revision until it was clarified if the University would be responsible for expenses incurred for the addition of

this phase. This request had been made to PennDOT with the understanding that the University would pay for it. No action was taken.

Traffic Signal/Houserville Intersection (L.R. 56 & PA 26). A letter from Mr. Speegle of PennDOT, dated February 6, 1976, was read acknowledging receipt of Council's letter requesting a "left turn only" signal be added to the signal diagram.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS TO:

Planning Commission. Mr. Jay D. Struble submitted his letter of resignation from the Planning Commission due to his health. His resignation was accepted by Council.

After some discussion, it was decided that their recommendation include two names for each vacancy occurring which is submitted to Council. Mrs. Taricani moved that two names be submitted for each vacancy that occurs on Commissions, Boards, etc. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Sewer Authority. One name for recommendation to serve on the College-Harris Sewer Authority has been submitted. No action will be taken until two names have been submitted from the Authority.

Township Engineer. A motion was made by Mrs. Taricani that Triangle Engineering Company be reappointed as the Township Engineer for 1976. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter and the motion was unanimously carried.

COG Personnel Committee. In the past people who are employed by the Municipality of State College have done work for COG. In order to hire people to work for COG directly, and to investigate problems that have been

encountered in the past relative to some people working for two groups, it was suggested COG have a Personnel Committee, which they have formed. They have asked that College Township appoint a representative to serve on this committee.

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Trotter that Mr. Bailey represent College Township on the new COG Personnel Committee. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

College Township Park and Recreation Committee. Mrs. Thryza White's term as the representative to the Board expired this year. She has submitted a letter of resignation but would like to remain on the Committee for one more year, if possible.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Council accept her resignation as representative to the Regional Parks & Recreational Committee and that a letter of thanks be sent for her approximately 10 years of service on this Board.

Representative to Regional Park & Recreation Board. It was moved by Mrs. Taricani that James C. Winck be appointed to represent College Township on the Regional Parks & Recreation Board to replace Mrs. White. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter and the motion was unanimously carried.

Dog Law Enforcement Officer Agreement. The agreement was found under the door when the Council arrived for the meeting. The members have not had time to review it. This will be done by the members and the Township Solicitor before a decision is made at the next Council Meeting.

Oak Ridge Avenue Sewer Line. Two memos from Jeff Roush, Certified College Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, regarding this situation were read. In his memo, dated August 12, 1975, he indicated that he recently conducted a soil test for Mr. & Mrs. Ray Reed, Lot #126, and found severe

limitations in the soil test, therefore having to deny the Reeds a sewage permit. He indicated he wished to highlight to the Supervisors the potential problem located there and urged that the Supervisors authorize an extension of the sewer along Oak Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Roush's second memo, dated February 6, 1976, states a sewage problem had occurred recently situated at the eastern end of Oak Ridge Avenue. A homeowner had a sewage system malfunction causing backup into the house. Consequently, he strongly urges the Council to approve extension of the sewer line along Oak Ridge Avenue. An important point stressed was that the Township is liable for a holding tank in a situation like this where public sewer is not available. Three alternatives were previously presented to Council by the College-Harris Sewer Authority with cost figures. These were reviewed. After word is received by the Authority regarding the grant, a public hearing will be held for comments and input by the residents of College Township and mainly for those residents along Oak Ridge Avenue that this extension will affect.

The question of what the assessment would be was raised but no estimate was given.

Correspondence from Dennis Elpern of Centre Regional Planning Commission in Ronald Short's absence, wrote a letter to Dave Allison, dated January 16, 1976, regarding the Oak Ridge Avenue Sewer Project. Their Commission felt this project was in accordance with the 1970 Centre County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan and conforms with the "Goals for Centre Regional Functional Sewer Planning" stipulation in addendum #4. Of the three alternatives submitted they favor "alternative C" extension of sanitary sewer from both ends of the street to the middle, and then to the Slab Cabin Run Interceptor.

Petitions.

Surface Water Drainage on Outer Drive, West Outer Drive of Harris Acres.

A petition was presented and signed by 15 residents to bring the attention of the Council to the existing problems of surface water drainage which have been aggravated by the installation of the sanitary sewer system. They asked that Council look into this problem and consider possible solutions. A discussion was held. It was indicated there is a water easement there but Mr. Williams stated he wasn't sure it was down low enough for the cul-de-sac to help. The Chairman indicated there definitely is a problem and a solution will have to be found. This will be discussed and checked out by the Township Engineer, Triangle Engineering Co.

To Take Over Manor Drive and Mountain View Avenue. Nine property owners of 16 parcels of land facing Manor Drive and Mountain View Avenue, the land referred to as Tax Map 19-4A, petition the College Township Council to officially assume the above named streets as Township property. Inspection of this street cannot be made until the snow is gone so it was suggested that action on this item be tabled until possibly the next meeting. Triangle Engineering will also be consulted to help in this request.

Centre Hills Realty Proposed Deed from J. Ralph Neff, et ux. A copy of a letter from Miller, Kistler, Campbell, Mitinger & Beik, signed by Robert K. Kistler, dated November 18, 1975, to Reed McCormick, Esquire, was received. Attached to the letter was a Cash Rent Agreement copy signed by C. Willard Campbell and a rough sketch of the land proposed to be deeded to Centre Hills Realty and Centre Hills Country Club. They feel this does not require subdivision plans to be presented. A memo from Jeff Roush to John Ziegler, Chairman, dated February 10, 1976, indicating he has reviewed Kistler's letter and discussed it fully with Mr. Williams and with Stan Hoy. He was unable to contact

Reed McCormick as of the writing of his memo. Some of the problems Mr. Roush could foresee happening would be that two of the 6 parcels listed (1.34 and 2.05 acre parcels) would be landlocked with no access and none of the parcels will have had soil tests to determine the feasibility for on-lot sewage disposal. If Centre Hills Country Club or Centre Hills Realty then break up or have a disagreement, or even if they don't, these parcels could then be sold to unknowing individuals who would end up with landlocked or possibly non-usable land. It is this latter problem that subdivision regulations were designed to eliminate.

It was felt by Council that this proposal could not be accepted; that a plan be submitted splitting the 40 acres into two parcels of land, both lots being at least 10 acres for bona fide agricultural purposes. Mr. McCormick agreed with this action and he will forward a memo to Robert Kistler with the Township's reasons for their proposal needing subdivision review.

These letters were given to the Secretary for this proposal to be presented to the Planning Commission.

Tax Collection in College Township. Mrs. Taricani explained the events leading up to the present situation concerning the collection of taxes in College Township. The area in which there is a disagreement is that under Act 62 and the new Council-Manager form of government, the appointed Township Treasurer will also serve as the tax collector. Questions and rumblings had been raised by both the State College Area School District and the County Commissioners offices as to whether they have to use our tax collector and who will be collecting the taxes. A meeting was held between representatives of the School Board, County Commissioners, and Members of Council to try to resolve this matter. It has been generally agreed by all parties that the elected tax collector or any of the elected officials who were in office at

the time the new form of government went into effect, January 1, 1976, are no longer in office.

The other area of disagreement was that since the new Township Treasurer is the tax collector also, he should collect all taxes for the Township. The School Board and County Commissioners feel they are not obligated to use our tax collector since their code specifies he be an "elected" tax collector.

The critical thing is the Real Estate Taxes and it was felt proper action should be taken to clarify this matter as soon as possible.

A meeting was held with the School Board on Wednesday morning, February 4; with the County Commissioners on Thursday morning, February 5; with the Solicitor on Tuesday morning, February 10; and Mr. Williams, Mrs. Taricani and Mr. Ziegler met with the Commissioners again Tuesday afternoon, February 10; The Commissioners took action that they would dig out of their files the study made by Mr. Dan Getz in 1972, that had to do with the costs of handling papers relative to tax collections. College Township has at this time 1983 parcels of land, 50 of these are exempt, thus 1933 parcels of land which are taxable. In the past they have printed the tax duplicates, distributed them, and provided a lot of other services which they will continue to do. They will at this point pay College Township 75¢ per parcel for handling and collecting County taxes on a one-year agreement. At the end of that time, they will renegotiate. The Township will be responsible for the stuffing of the envelopes and the mailing.

Mr. Bailey moved that College Township Council accept the County Commissioners proposal that they will pay 75¢ per taxable parcel to the Township for handling and collecting County taxes on a one-year agreement, which would include stuffing and mailing. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

Final Plan for Replot of Wasdale. This plan was reviewed. The conditions as set forth by the College Township Planning Commission that the name of "Service Road" be changed to "Scenery Drive" and the addition of building setback lines were met.

It was asked by the Council that the title "Supervisors" be changed to "Council" and indicate Chairman and Vice Chairman signature lines.

It was moved by Mrs. Taricani that the Council accept this plan subject to the corrections in the approval block. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Sweetland, who presented the plans, said these changes will be made and he will drop off the plan at the building for signatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that there will be a Secretaries and Auditors Seminar, February 24, 1976, evening session, Centre County Vocational Technical School, Registration Fee is \$5.00 per person.

Mrs. Taricani moved that the Council sponsor the Township Manager, Treasurer, and Controller's attendance at this Seminar at the Centre County Vocational Technical School and they be compensated in the amount set forth for auditors to attend meetings under the Second Class Township Code. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bailey and was unanimously carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Williams brought to the Council's attention that there is, in the folder the members received, a copy of the proposed Resolution #25 - Schedule of Fees for Land Subdivision or Resubdivision be reviewed and make recommendations or changes at the next Council meeting. Also a copy of the proposed Traffic Parking and Noise Ordinance and Firelane Ordinance, which should also

be reviewed. Mr. Bailey, who had already reviewed these, had several questions concerning the sidewalks and several other things. It was felt this discussion should be held after all the Council members have had a chance to study these proposed ordinances.

The Council members were asked to give a picture of themselves to the Zoning Officer for the Annual report he is making up for Council.

A slight discussion regarding the dissatisfaction of College Township of the operation of COG was held.

Mr. Ziegler commented on the COG Finance Committee meeting. They changed the meeting day on him so he missed it!

A meeting will be held to adopt the Administrative Code of College Township on Tuesday, February 17, 1976, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ziegler read the legal advertisement which was placed in the local newspaper.

Mr. Bailey gave a report on the CRATS Technical Committee Meeting, which he attended.

Mr. Trotter commented on the last meeting of COG. A discussion on the by-laws of the COG was held and as to who can and can't attend or represent the Townships at these meetings.

A motion was made by Mrs. Taricani that the meeting adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. Trotter and it was unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams
Secretary