

**MINUTES OF
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 1977**

The regular meeting of the College Township Council was held on Thursday, November 10, 1977 at the Municipal Building, 1481 East College Avenue, State College, PA. The meeting convened at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: John H. Ziegler, Clarence E. Trotter,
Donald E. Bailey, J. Carroll Dean, and
Dolores A. Taricani.

Also present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Treasurer Robert L. Hayden
Claire Brown, Secretary of College Township Planning Commission;
Donald Miano, Zoning Officer; Lloyd Niemann, Parks & Recreation
Committee; Charles DuBois, Centre Daily Times Reporter;
Fred Gay, Engineer for Peter Persia.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 13, 1977 were corrected as follows: Page 2, under Treasurer's Report, "Robert Hayden was formally introduced to the Council by Ziegler" should have read "Robert Hayden was formally introduced to the public by Ziegler". Taricani moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. This was seconded by Trotter and unanimously passed.

UPDATE INFORMATION

- * A letter was written by Mr. Ziegler to Mr. Westerfeld in response to a letter from him regarding road markings at intersection in Lemont.
- * Tax Collection Agreement with the County has been drawn up and is on hand for approval.
- * Manager talked with Mr. Lucas, of the State College Water Authority, regarding their well fields down slope from the Dreibelbis Development. He was informed that they really hadn't checked on it, but had hired the consulting hydro-geologist firm of Meiser & Earl and will be discussing this possible problem at their next meeting on November 17, 1977.

- * A letter of appreciation was sent to Mrs. Katharine M. Cowher for serving on the Planning Commission.
- * Reed McCormick is drawing up a new ordinance for Earned Income Tax Uniform Rules and Regulations.
- * Dean asked about the Certified Letter which was sent to Herbert W. Stewart and the time limit for response on rearranging the junk cars; whether immediate action was requested. The answer was yes.

A discussion was held on the cars parked along Summit road. It was suggested by Trotter, and other members of Council were in agreement, that a phone call to Mr. Stewart be made requesting the removal of the junk cars along Summit Road followed by a letter documenting the phone conversation with Mr. Stewart with a copy to John Miller, Attorney for Mr. Stewart. If no response, police should be notified to then ticket the cars parked along the berm on Summit Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hayden gave his monthly report with an explanation of the graphs accompanying the report. Bailey moved that the Council accept the Treasurer's Report. Dean seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Correspondence from Ronald G. Lench, Secretary, Department of General Services, Commonwealth of PA, inviting the Township to participate in the Surplus Federal Property Assistance Program. The program offers the opportunity to receive surplus Federal property and equipment to use in offices, recreational areas, highways, or other programs under our jurisdiction. The only cost would be the Township's own time and effort and a moderate service charge. Council felt they should take advantage of this. It was suggested that a list of materials be obtained. Dean suggested Frank Brown, Director of Physical Plant for School District, be contacted. It was felt that when application is made to participate in this program you are automatically put on their mailing list for property available.

(2) A copy of a letter sent by Reed McCormick, Solicitor, to the Public Utility Commission in Harrisburg, enclosing the application of the Township for approval of the construction of a crossing at grade at a point where the tracks and right-of-way of CONrail cross a public highway, Whitehill Street, located in College Township.

(3) A letter from Lloyd Niemann, 200 Hickory Road, State College, volunteering to fill the vacancy on the Township Planning Commission in place of his present assignment on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

It was mentioned that a list of names had already been submitted to the Planning Commission for their consideration and recommendation. Mr. Niemann's name had been included.

(4) Department of Environmental Resources. The Department announced publication of an Introduction to Environmental Planning for Local Decision-Makers, the first report of its Environmental Planning Information Series. Copies are available upon request. It was suggested that several copies be sent for; a copy to be given to the Environmental Advisory Ad hoc Committee which has been formed. The list of names of members was read. It was suggested that a report be requested from the Ad hoc Committee in 6 months.

(5) An item not listed on the Agenda was a letter received from Donald R. Sunday, Director of the Centre County Library, thanking Council for the check of \$800 supporting the bookmobile for 1977. A request for \$1,000, an increase of \$200, is asked for in 1978 for the same number of stops in the Township. It was suggested that an accounting of the number of Township residents using the bookmobile service be requested.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

(1) Nittany View, Phase I, Preliminary Plan, Fred Gay - Engineer. Conditions as set forth by the Planning Commission were reviewed, item by item. Also a check of the street name was made. A discussion was held on leasing of property; whether property should be subdivided prior to leasing, such as leases to Bob Korman Auto Sales and to Starlite Drive-In Theatre.

It was moved by Trotter that the Preliminary Plan for the Nittany View, Phase I, for Peter Persia, Owner, be disapproved pending clarification of:

(a) Leasing arrangements,

(b) Act 247, Article V, Section 515: "Penalties—Any person, partnership, or corporation who or which being the owner or agent of any lot, tract or parcel of land shall lay out, construct, open or dedicate any street, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main or other improvements for public use, travel or other purposes or for the common use of occupants of buildings abutting thereon, or who sells, transfers or agrees or enters into an agreement to sell any land in a subdivision or land development whether by reference to or by other use of a plat of such subdivision or land development or erect any building thereon, unless and until a final plat

has been prepared in full compliance with the provisions of this act and of the regulations adopted hereunder and has been recorded as provided herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, such person, or the members of such partnership, or the officers of such corporation, or the agent of any of them, responsible for such violation pay a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per lot or parcel or per dwelling within each lot or parcel. All fines collected for such violations shall be paid over to the municipality whose ordinance has been violated. The description by metes and bounds in the instrument of transfer or other document used in the process of selling or transferring shall not exempt the seller or transferer from such penalties or from the remedies herein provided. (As amended 1972 P.L. 333, No. 93)"; and

(c) Subdivision Ordinance, Section 3.243: "All existing streets, including streets of record (recorded but not constructed), on or abutting the tract, including names, rights-of-way widths, cartway (pavement) widths and approximate grades".

Taricani seconded this motion and it was unanimously passed.

(2) Final Plan of Mt. Nittany Terrace - Rhodes Homestead Plat, Fred Gay, Engineer. Council reviewed the plan and a discussion followed which involved the matter of whether or not legal action should be brought against Beamer and Harman Realtors, owners of this property at the time the sale was made in 1976 as an illegal subdivision.

Taricani moved that the Final Plan of Mt. Nittany Terrace - Rhodes Homestead Plat be disapproved until Council is able to ascertain correct ownership of this property as set forth in Section 3.327 of the Subdivision Regulations: "A certification of ownership, acknowledgement of plan and offer of dedication shall be lettered on the plan, and shall be duly acknowledged and signed by the owner(s) of the property before an officer authorized to take acknowledgement of deeds".

Dean seconded this motion and it was unanimously passed.

BUSINESS

(1) Parking Resolution (Lemont). The resolution sets forth sections of streets in Lemont where "Parallel Parking Only" will be permitted. Discussion was held on parking along Pike Street, a portion of Mary Street, and a portion of Dale Street. The only exception to parallel parking on Pike Street would be in front of the Post Office building.

Mr. Bailey moved that Council adopt Resolution #42, setting forth Parking Regulations on Certain Streets in Lemont, as presented. Dean seconded this motion and it was passed with a 4 to 1 vote. Bailey, Dean, Trotter and Taricani voted YES, Ziegler voted NO. Mr. Ziegler felt this was not a solution to the parking problem.

Mr. Constantine Exarchos, owner of the Victorian Manor Restaurant in Lemont, expressed concern about the speeding on Pike Street. Council agreed this is a serious problem but no solution is available at the present time. The use of radar came into the discussion. Ziegler stated an honest justification for concern is shown. Taricani suggested that Council write a letter to the State Police requesting the use of radar; stating that a speeding problem exists on Pike Street in Lemont. The members of Council were in favor of this action.

(2) Open Bids of Lots 7 and 8, Walnut Grove. One bid was received from Edward G. Guenot in the amount of \$3,000 for Lot 7 and \$3,000 for Lot 8. A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$600.00, 10% of the bid amount, was enclosed. Mr. Robert W. Ishler made an appraisal of the lots for the Township and had set the market value at \$1700 for Lot 7 and \$2500 for Lot 8. After some discussion, Dean moved that Council accept the bids for Lots 7 and 8 as submitted by Edward G. Guenot in the amount of \$3,000 for each lot. Taricani seconded this motion and it was unanimously passed.

(3) Tax Records of Former Tax Collector. Treasurer Hayden reviewed what action had been taken to obtain the records from the former Tax Collector, Roger Johnson, without success. Bob Frederick had sent out a list of 230 names for information and received a response to 16 on the list. Discussion by Council was held on what action to take to obtain these records.

Trotter moved that Council proceed with legal action to procure the necessary tax accounts. Bailey seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

(4) Resolution for Construction of Unimproved Non-Deeded Public Streets. The Manager submitted to Council a list of items which should be included in this resolution. Dean questioned Item #1. He wondered if that was what they wanted to do. It was agreed it was. Bailey questioned Item #6, the method of repayment. Taricani suggested costs of construction should be charged to

residents equally. Dean suggested the method of assessment should be decided in the petition presented. On Item 2, put "assessments or whatever in petition". On Item 7, a question on the limit of money borrowed at any one time was raised; how it was decided, etc. It was felt that "or time of 5 years for repayment" should be added. On item 9, the legal dedication of owner was questioned. What if the owner, he or she, should be deceased? It was mentioned that dedication would be made by the property owners living on the particular street being improved.

The Manager is to approach Reed McCormick with these suggestions and Council will consider this item again at their next regular meeting.

(5) Revenue Sharing Public Hearing.

The Hearing was declared open for discussion of the proposed uses for Revenue Sharing money in the 1978 budget. No questions or suggestions were received from the 3 residents who were present.

The Township Parks & Recreation committee submitted a written request for \$32,000 for Harris Acres Parkland. A grant application for this project has been filed which will hopefully fund 50% of the construction costs. It was asked that funds be budgeted to cover the construction costs, design costs, and contingencies in the amount of \$20,000. They also asked that additional funds be budgeted in the amount of \$10,000 for Capital Improvements to other areas. Thus, their total request is \$30,000 for 1978.

Mr. Dean suggested that more bus runs be put on in College Township. At the present time there are only 3. He felt there should be at least 4.

Concern was also shown that 150 lbs. of grass seed was purchased by the Township for the Matilda Avenue Park but was not sown correctly and apparently is not growing. It was understood that the ground would be raked before the seed was sown. This was not done.

It was suggested that the Township set aside money for the Bypass Bikeway at intervals so that when the bikeway is completed the money would be available.

It was mentioned that the Fire Hydrant Tax Budget Item would be eliminated starting January 1, 1978 and that 1 Mill would be added to the General Fund to cover all aspects of fire protection for the Township.

(6) Financial Effect of Housing Types on Your Township and School District.

As a result of an article in the Pennsylvania News Magazine, August 1977, a discussion was held on the impact of new residential development (dollars and cents-wise).

It was suggested that a study be made on the effect this would have in College Township; possibly as a University Class Project or on an individual basis. Council felt this should be pursued. It was suggested that the Manpower Environment Relations Department be contacted at the University.

(7) Appointment to Consciousness Group. Two names were suggested as possible appointments to the Group. Susan Dean, who had indicated on the recent questionnaire sent out by Council, that she would be willing to serve on this committee. Also Mrs. Exarchos' name was suggested. Her husband would not volunteer her services so Dean will contact her and explain what would be involved.

(8) An item not listed on the Agenda was the County Commissioners' new agreement for tax collection. There were 2 differences from the prior year's agreement: Item 2, under C, at the time or times designated by County was added, and the change was indicated in the rate from \$.75 per parcel to \$.95 per parcel.

Taricani moved that Council accept the Commissioners' Agreement for Collection of County Taxes for 1978. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. The agreement was signed by all members of Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) Leaf Collection will start Monday, November 14, weather permitting.
- (2) Proposed Budget Special Meeting will be held Friday, November 25, at 4:00 p.m.
- (3) PA Lottery drawing will be held November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Nittany Mall. Council members are invited to attend.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Exarchos asked if anything could be done about the water runoff from the railroad station along Mary Street and down to Pike Street. He asked if the drain could be reinforced to keep the pipe from caving in. The pipe will be checked.

Bailey asked if the two street signs on Hickory Road could be changed to the same name. It seems the sign at one end of the road reads Hickory Road and the one at the other end reads Hickory Street. He would like it to be changed to one name, preferably Hickory Road. He offered to pay to have this done. It is confusing to strangers in the area. The Manager indicated this would be taken care of.

ADJOURNMENT

Bailey moved that the meeting adjourn. This motion was seconded by Dean and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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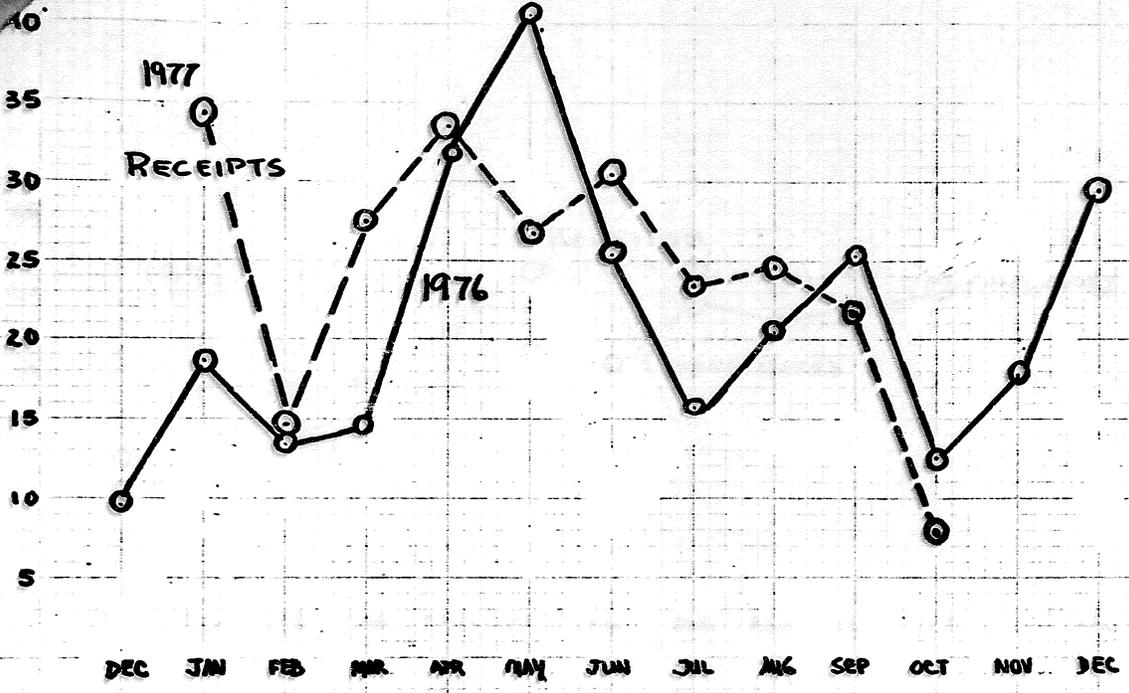
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT

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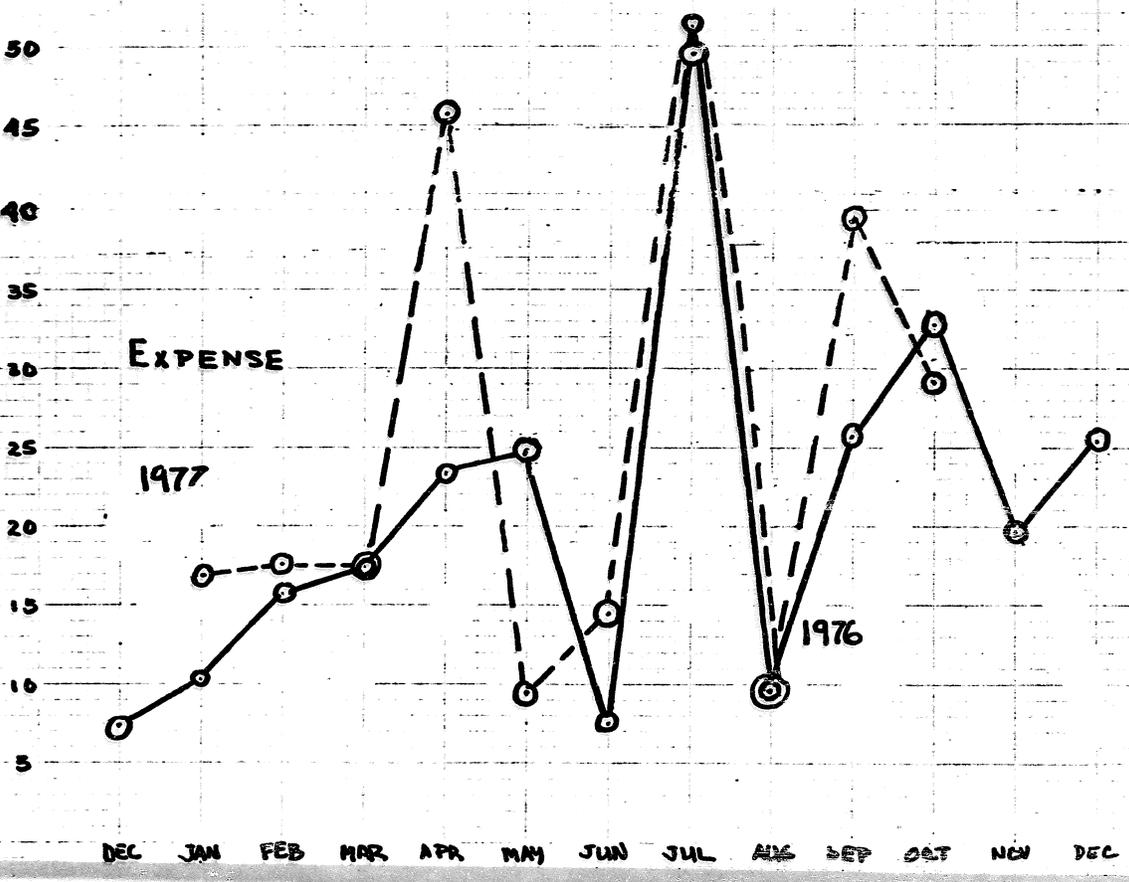
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TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL ACCOUNT - RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
OCTOBER, 1977

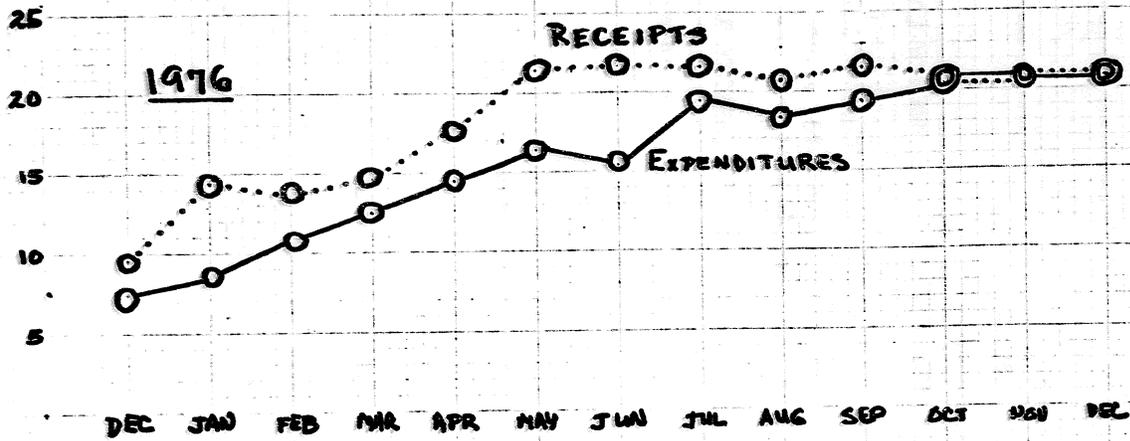
	<u>OCTOBER, 1977</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER, 1977</u>
Check Book Balance - Beginning of the Month.....	\$ 430	\$ 2,700
Receipts during the Month.....	7,901	21,982
Net Transfers from Savings.....	<u>21,400</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	\$ 29,731	\$ 39,682
Expenditures for the Month.....	\$ 29,058	\$ 39,252
Net Transfers to Savings.....	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Check Book Balance - End of the Month.....	\$ 673	\$ 430



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
COMPARATIVE SUMMARY - 76/77
GENERAL ACCOUNT

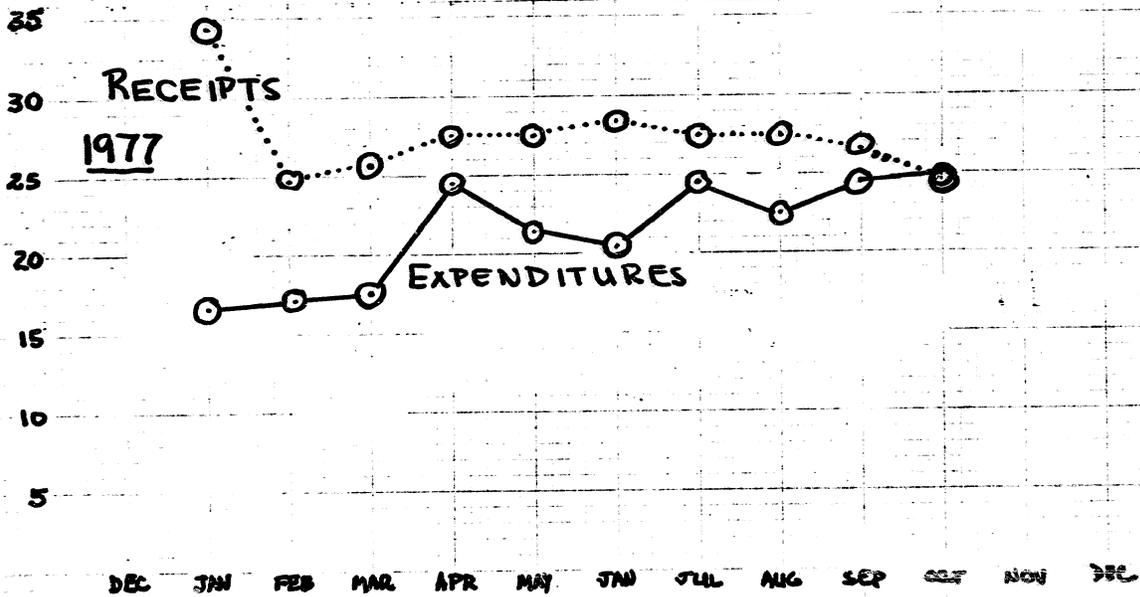
Figure 1





COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
MOVING AVERAGE-76/77
GENERAL ACCOUNT

Figure 2



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH & INVESTMENTS
OCTOBER, 1977

CASH:	GENERAL	EQUIPMENT	PARKS & REC.	STREET LIGHT	FIRE PROT.	STATE	REVENUE SHARE	ANTI RECESSION
Checking Account	\$ 673	\$ 319	\$ 175	\$ 229	\$ 446	\$ 476	\$ 597	\$ 414

INVESTED:	Daily Interest-5% Annual	90 Day Certificate-5.5% Ann.	TOTAL FUND @ OCTOBER, 1977	Previous Month
	19,002	6,802	\$ 19,675	\$ 38,580
	-0-	-0-	\$ 7,121	\$ 7,121
	3,547	175	\$ 175	\$ 207
	-0-	3,776	\$ 3,776	\$ 4,263
	4	3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250
	25,509	2,800 ^a	\$ 25,985	\$ 26,673
	19,014	10,000 ^b	\$ 39,611	29,629
	-0-	10,000 ^b	\$ 414	\$ 414

CASH	\$ 3,329
INVESTED	\$ 96,678
TOTAL	\$ 100,007
PREVIOUS MONTH	\$ 110,137

NOTES:

Tax accounts not included in this report.
 Maturity dates of certificates of deposit:

a) Cashed in November, 1977
 b) January, 1978

The Police Pension Fund designation has been deleted since State payments to the fund are being sent directly to the State College Bureau of Police Services.
 *As of May 31, 1977, Central Counties Bank increased its rate on daily interest accounts to 5%.
 Farmers Bank has maintained a 5% rate since inception of the accounts.
 Peoples Bank has given us no notice regarding increasing their 4 1/2% rate which still prevails on Revenue Sharing Funds held in daily interest with that Bank.