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The Board of Supervisors of College Township met June 6, 1967, at 7:30 in the Municipal Building. All members were present.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. May expenses amounting to $8,163.04 were approved for payment. Motion, Mr. Williams; second, Mr. Levine.

The solicitor is currently working on the proposed changes in the Zoning Permit fees. This schedule is expected to be advertised during the coming month and a decision made at the July meeting.

Supervisors agreed to ask the court to determine the ownership of Cemetery Road.

Changes in College Township voting districts as proposed by the College Township Planning Commission were presented to the meeting. This proposed plan will divide the Township into three districts: North, East, and South. A petition for this request will be presented to the County Commissioners. The possibility of changing the voting location in the East precinct from the Sand Hall to the Lemont school will also be investigated. Mr. Grover Spearly outlined the procedure for petitioning the Co. Comm's for the proposed change in voting districts.

The Board recognized the Boalsburg Fire Company in its answering of calls in the Township areas of Panorama Village, Harris Acres, and Oak Hall. Mr. Levine proposed an appropriation of $500 to the Boalsburg Fire Company in recognition of this service. Mr. Williams made a motion to donate an appropriation of $500 to the Boalsburg Fire Company. Motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver.

The Supervisors agreed to employ the legal steps necessary to drop a 5% amusement tax which appears on record but produces no revenue for the Township.

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The State College Area School District has instituted a continuous census procedure. The usefulness of this census to the Township was discussed, considering tax verifications and details of the census helpful in present and future planning. The estimated cost to College Township for participating in this census would be between $500-$600 for a one-year period. Costs are based on actual costs of implementing the census. The Boro is participating in support of this census. At the suggestion of Mr. Williams, decision on this topic was tabled until the July meeting.

Sewage Facilities Act 537 will go into effect in Pennsylvania on July 1. This Act requires that all municipalities must plan for sewage, and must follow specified directions in such planning. The University Area Joint Authority is covering these two breakdowns for College Township.

Effective July 1, the act requires a special septic system permit from the local municipality for houses with less than one acre land. Septic system requirements will be State specified and inspectors trained by State-run programs. The act necessitates prompt action on the part of the Township as it allows only a 48-hour period for inspection after notification by the property owner. Mr. Levine proposed that Mr. Williams, College Township Superintendent of Roads and Buildings, be appointed College Township inspector for Act 537.

The Supervisors received a request from a Logan Avenue resident urging the paving of that street. Mr. Levine reiterated that this is a private street which does not belong to the Township. Until it is taken over by the Township (or the Boro) it is still a private street and College Township cannot pave it.

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In relation to this topic, Mr. Levine said College Township has not been informed of the petition presented to the Boro requesting annexation of College Township Island by the Bor. State law states that any petition for annexation of land by another municipality must first be submitted to the Township. Mr. Levine stated his general feeling of opposition to piece-meal annexation because of the burden it places on taxpayers in the rest of the Township. In this particular case, and because this situation was created by unplanned land annexation in the past and the land is completely surrounded, annexation may not be completely objectionable.

Suggestions of the Planning Commission and a report by the regional planner regarding Stearns land adjacent to a township park were presented. Mr. Williams will make arrangements for the Supervisors to meet with Mr. Stearns to discuss the possibility of acquiring land for a park access and perhaps to enlarge the park site.

Mr. Williams reported the Centre Regional Landfill Committee met on May 23. Total cost for the first four months of 1967 for the landfill operation was $13,359.41. College Township accounted for 4.2% of this total, or $561.10. The Landfill Committee will send the Boro a check for $2,134.84 covering the cost of the landfill operation to the townships. With an initial deposit of $100, the committee also established a savings account at Mid State Bank for the purchase of a future landfill site.

Dan Stearns, Zoning Officer, reported issuance of permits amounting to $1,21,700 worth of construction. Permits have been issued for 26 new homes during the past five-month period.

The proposed Dept. of Highway improvements for the Branch Road - 322 intersection were

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presented to the meeting. Construction is expected to be underway by August.

Township residents may contact Mr. James Wilson, College Township Dog Law Enforcement Officer, for any dog complaints. His phone number is 237-4540.

Because of a conflict with the 4th of July holiday, the July meeting of the College Township Supervisors will be held on the second Tuesday, July 11.

Mr. Williams reported 14 loads of riff-raff collected in College Township on the scheduled clean-up days.

Question was raised from the floor as to details of the June 9 meeting at the Courthouse regarding the proposed bypass. Supervisors replied they had received notice of the meeting from the Centre County Planning Commission, which had been asked by the Dept. of Highways to set up the meeting; to ask certain groups to attend, each group to send one representative. Mr. Jenne stated College Township had three elected officials and three would attend the meeting. They will make no decisions regarding the bypass without first informing area residents of matters under consideration.

Dan Stearns stated his opposition to such closed meetings and his personal disagreement with the Township's stand at the May hearing.

Supervisors were informed of a shrubbery obstruction at Gilbons Road. This will be investigated.

Suggestion was made from the floor that the Supervisors give consideration to the heavy traffic flow in the area of Ames store

and to the future traffic increase which may be expected to accompany the opening of Nittany Mall.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Lester M Weaver

Secretary