

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 5, 2011**

**ATTENDED BY -**

**COUNCIL:** Mary C. Shoemaker, Chair  
David P. Fryer, Vice-Chair  
Forrest J. Remick, Ph.D.  
Daniel D. Klees

**STAFF:** Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary  
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer  
Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director  
John J. Franek, Jr., Zoning Officer  
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner  
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

**ABSENT:** David W. Koll, Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Shoemaker called to order the May 5, 2011, Regular Meeting of the College Township Council at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Chair Shoemaker announced that Council met in Executive Sessions on April 21, 2011, for the purpose of discussing matters of potential litigation, and on May 3, 2011, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Chair Shoemaker added agenda item NB-7, Appointments to Authorities, Boards and Commissions, to the end of New Business.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Al Kohler, 143 Mt. Nittany Road, Lemont, expressed frustration over flooding problems on his property following a recent major storm event. A nearby debris-clogged storm grate caused rushing stormwater to pond in his backyard, turning his property into a stormwater retention area. An emergency call to the Township's Public Works director at about 3:30 AM received no on-site response until 5:00 AM after a second call was placed. Mr. Kohler

requested that College Township take steps to remediate this flooding problem, which, he stated, was not apparent prior to the removal of the drain and the wall. Mr. Kohler thought he might rebuild the wall to protect his property from such flooding problems.

Mr. Gary Gray, 800 Mulberry Lane, Lemont, stated that his garage took in water from this same storm event and commended the Township crew who responded for their courteousness and outstanding work.

Mr. Fryer commented that the Township may have to be a little more diligent about that type of trash trap on Mt. Nittany Road and recommended that residents not try to clean those traps while stormwater is running.

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, responded that it was possibly an error in judgment that the Township did not respond to the initial call. However, had it been indicated that water was entering the structure, the decision to call in crew members at 3:30 AM would have been forthcoming.

Mr. Baker described the Lemont stormwater remediation project, which has functioned well to channel most stormwater runoffs from entering the number of homes it had in the past. Mr. Baker admitted, however, that the trash trap can become clogged with storm debris very quickly and cause these types of problems. Staff agreed that additional work would have to be done to rectify this situation. Mr. Baker concurred that the area around the Kohler and Gray properties still experiences a backup of water at that inlet and, therefore, will retain water at times of significant rain or runoff. Mr. Baker urged Mr. Kohler not to reconstruct the wall that was removed, but to meet with staff to work on a solution that would not divert water and cause more problems elsewhere. Staff will meet with affected property owners, examine what is practical to do there to create some relief, and report back to Council.

## **SPECIAL REPORT:**

### **SR-1 2011 – 2012 Proposed CATA Budget**

Mr. Hugh A. Mose, General Manager, Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA), presented Council with the 2011 – 2012 Proposed CATA Budget. Mr. Mose advised that, due to funding shortfalls, the structure of the Miller Formula used to calculate local shares for CATA services, as well as how region-wide bus route usage impacts the participating entities, College Township's share will increase by more than 20% for the next year. In 2005/2006, College Township's share was \$54,024 and most subsequent years, an annual decline was realized in the Township's shares amount. The 2011/2012 College Township share amount will be \$55,482.

Mr. Mose reported that in attempting to offset some of the funding shortfalls, the CATA Board recently approved some route modifications, fare increases for football shuttles, and the implementation of a pilot program of exterior bus advertising. Mr. Mose requested Council comments on such a program that would allow advertising on the backs only of

CATA buses. Those advertising spaces would consist of areas below the rear window and above the bumper and the taillights.

Council made the following comments.

- Hoped that Penn State University would not unnecessarily restrict CATA from accepting competitive advertising from vendors, i.e. Coca-Cola or Adidas.
- Encouraged CATA to return to the municipalities with an update at the conclusion of the one-year trial for the exterior bus advertising.
- Some members of Council expressed a preference for advertising on the side of buses rather than on the rear of buses.
- Council requested a copy of CATA's bus advertising criteria.

### **MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, presented the May 5, 2011, Manager's Update, and made an important Water Authority announcement. The CTWA has been made aware that water customers have received a solicitation from a company called "Home Service" of Lancaster, PA, offering a Water Service Line insurance policy. CTWA wants to inform its customers that CTWA has no involvement with this solicitation. It is neither sanctioned nor endorsed by the College Township Water Authority. CTWA cautions its customers that this is a "buyers beware" situation and encourages its customers to review their existing insurance policies before enrolling in the "Home Service" program. Additional information will be made available shortly on the College Township website.

- County Inn and Suites Plan and Traffic Signal Project: Two of the four signal foundations have been drilled, and work has commenced on the third.
- South Ridge Project, S. Atherton Street: College Township received the draft deeds of transfer for relocated W. Branch Road and will be reviewed by staff and the Township Solicitor. Work continues to progress at the site.
- Staff will meet with the Pike Street Traffic Calming Ad Hoc Committee during the week of May 9. Mr. Klees stressed that this project was not one that was going to happen soon. This would take some time to come to fruition.
- College Township received a \$17,000 grant from PennDOT for the acquisition of the Spread Spectrum Radio System to control five intersections along E. College Avenue.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **CA-1 Minutes:**

April 21, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.

**CA-2 Incoming Correspondence:**

- /1: Letter from Penn State University, dtd April 11, 2011, regarding “Movin’ On 2011” event.
- /2: Letter from Comcast, dtd Apr. 14, 2011, Subj: Notification Regarding Relocation of the Comcast Payment Center in State College.
- /3: Letter from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County, dtd April 27, 2011, regarding “A Brush With Kindness” kick off.
- /4: Letter from CATA, dtd April 25, 2011, regarding CATA Ride program.

**CA-3 Report:**

Finance Director’s.

**Mr. Klees moved to approve the May 5, 2011 Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**Mr. Fryer seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OB-1 Ordinance O-11-02, Occupancy – Set Public Hearing**

Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, presented Ordinance O-11-02, Occupancy, as an ordinance that would amend Chapter 200, Zoning, of the College Township Code, by modifying the number of unrelated individuals permitted to reside in a dwelling in specified Zoning Districts. The intent is to provide property owners with the option of allowing additional unrelated individuals beyond that which is permitted today in the Planned Residential Development District (PRD) in a manner that will allow the Township to establish conditions and controls to mitigate any potential negative impacts.

Dr. Remick recommended that the definition of “Family” be expanded to include legal guardians.

**Dr. Remick moved to set a public hearing for Ordinance O-11-02, Occupancy, for July 21, 2011.**

**Mr. Klees seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Williams, developer of the State College Retreat proposed plan, said that, although they could work with a July public hearing for this ordinance, a public hearing scheduled sooner would be better.

Mr. J. May, Executive Director, Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), advised that CRPA could get its review of this ordinance completed in June, if Council wished.

**Dr. Remick moved to set a public hearing for Ordinance O-11-02, Occupancy, for June 16, 2011.**

**Mr. Klees seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Dr. Remick moved to withdraw the initial motion and subsequent vote, which had set the public hearing on Ordinance O-11-02, Occupancy, for July 21, 2011.**

**Mr. Klees seconded that motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **OB-2 Duck Crossing Sign Request; Fairlawn Avenue**

In written correspondence dated April 17, 2011, Ms. Judy Kay Grove Holt, 233 Fairlawn Avenue in Houserville, requested that Council consider the installation of duck crossing signs on Fairlawn Avenue to warn drivers of the years-long presence of numerous ducks in her vicinity who oftentimes go into the road.

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, added that Mrs. Holt verbally reported that part of the problem is due to the speed at which the CATA buses go through the neighborhood.

Council comments included Fairlawn Avenue house number “237” missing from the GIS overlay, location of possible duck crossing signs in this vicinity, and consideration of speed board signs being put in place to get speed data. Following discussion, Council directed staff to place speed boards at appropriate locations in this neighborhood and to then return to Council for consideration of the duck crossing signs.

### **OB-3 Amended Williams Easement; Authorization of**

Mr. Kent Baker, Township Engineer, advised that, due to a conflict with a gas line, the Township needs to relocate the traffic signal pole location at the corner next to Track N Trail Honda. This relocation necessitates an easement agreement with property owners Steven P. and Donna M. Williams. Mr. Baker recommended that Council approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Williams / College Township Revised Traffic Signal Easement Agreement.

**Mr. Klees moved to approve and authorize the Council Chair to sign the Williams / College Township Revised Traffic Signal Easement Agreement.**

**Dr. Remick seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NB-1 Award of Trout Road Phase I Re-Surfacing Project Bid**

College Township received three bids for re-surfacing Trout Road from Mountain laurel Drive to Gerald Street. The project estimate was \$76,065.00. The lowest bid was received from New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc. for the total bid amount of \$82,954.25.

**Mr. Fryer moved to award the Trout Road Phase I Re-Surfacing Project Bid to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$82,954.25 from Mountain Laurel Drive to Gerald Street.**

**Dr. Remick seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NB-2 Award of Traffic Signal Bid**

College Township received three bids for the installation of a battery back-up system at the Lemont traffic signal and replacing the signal cabinet, including a new Conflict Monitor, load switches, and detector amplifiers at the Nittany Commons Shopping Center / E. College Avenue traffic signal, and the Porter Road / Service Road / E. College Avenue traffic signal. The budget for this project is \$18,600. The lowest bid was received by Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, inc. at \$21,995.00.

**Mr. Fryer moved to award the Traffic Signal Bid to Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$21,995.00 for traffic signals at E. College Avenue and Nittany Commons Shopping Center, E. College Avenue and Porter Road/Service Road, and Boalsburg Road/Elmwood St./E. Branch Road/Pike St.**

**Mr. Klees seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NB-3 ‘Jake Brakes’ Restriction Request – Discussion**

Mr. Kent Baker, Township Engineer, reported that College Township received a written request, dated April 21, 2011, from Ms. Marilyn Peterson, President of the Oak Grove Homeowners Association, requesting that College Township consider their request for “No Brake Retarders” signage to be placed on Route 322 through College Township. It was hoped that such signage would help in reducing the amount of highway noise experienced by nearby residents. Mr. Baker advised that College Township handled similar requests in the past by requesting PennDOT to perform a study and determine if such a request could be granted.

Mr. Klees asked if staff could inquire if PennDOT was able to lower the speed threshold on their speed board so that trucks would not be hitting their brake retarders as often prior to the curve on Rte. 322.

**Mr. Klees moved to direct staff to request PennDOT District 2 to perform a study for review and response.  
Mr. Fryer seconded the motion.  
Motion granted unanimously.**

#### **NB-4 COG Draft Economic Development Assessment – Comments**

At the April 25, 2011, Centre Region Council of Governments' (COG) General Forum Meeting, participating municipalities were forwarded through the Transportation and Land Use Committee the *Draft Economic Development Assessment* for review with comments to be returned to COG by May 20, 2011. Mr. Jim May, Executive Director, Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), made a brief presentation on the development of short-term goals reported in this *COG Draft Economic Development Assessment* before taking Council questions and comments.

Following its review of the referenced Assessment, Council made the following comments for forwarding to COG.

- Economic development is not the responsibility of the COG municipalities; Pennsylvania State University and the Chamber of Business and Industry Centre County (CBICC) should work at this on a full-time basis;
- There is frustration with CBICC's perceived inward focus;
- Recruitment of new business should not take precedence over retention of existing businesses;
- There is frustration with existing empty retail space;
- There is nothing contained in the report that the community did not already know or suspect; and
- The Assessment's Recommendation #2, Optimize and Articulate the Development Approval and Permitting Process, was deemed the most important and should be switched with the Assessment's current Recommendation #1, Establish A Single Point of Contact At The CRPA For New Company Prospects And A Tracking System To Monitor The Disposition of Prospects.

#### **NB-5 COG Analysis of Business Networking – Comments**

In written correspondence dated April 12, 2011, from Mr. Ted McDowell, Chair, Centre County Industrial Development Corporation (CCIDC), elected officials were provided information concerning the "Social Networks Supporting Business Development in Centre County", a comprehensive analysis that will identify how the connectivity between key

individuals impacts economic development activities. The CCIDC approved moving the study forward and asked the participating members of the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) to consider participating in funding a portion of the study.

- Although the decision of Council was not unanimous, it did support the funding of this study by the Council of Governments up to an amount no greater than \$2,500.
- Should COG not directly participate in funding for this study, College Township will not participate on its own.

#### **NB-6 2011 / 2012 CATA Budget – Review and Comment**

At the April 25, 2011, Centre Region Council of Governments' (COG) General Forum Meeting, participating municipalities received the Proposed 2011 / 2012 CATA Budget, with direction to provide comments to COG by the May 16, 2011, COG Finance Committee Meeting.

College Township Council's comment was as follows.

- Other than a comment desiring improved neighborhood service bus routes in Houserville and along E. Branch Road, Council had no other Budget comments to forward to the General Forum.

Council then discussed CATA's newly approved exterior bus advertising plan and offered the following related comments to CATA.

- Council hoped that Pennsylvania State University would not unnecessarily restrict CATA from accepting "competitive" advertising from vendors, i.e. Coca-Cola or Adidas.
- Council encouraged CATA to report back to municipalities with the results of the one-year trial period for exterior bus advertising.
- Some members of Council expressed a preference for advertising on the sides of buses rather than on the rear of buses.
- A copy of CATA's bus advertising criteria was requested.

Generally speaking, College Township was in favor of the pilot program and is anxious to hear about the implementation and assessment of the program.

#### **NB-7 Appointments to Authorities, Boards, and Commissions**

**Mr. Klees moved to appoint 1) Mr. Gregg Saunders to the unexpired term on the College Township Water Authority vacated by Mr. Carmen Santasania with term expiration date of December 31, 2011; and 2) Mr. D. Richard Francke**

**to the unexpired term on the College Township Zoning Hearing Board vacated by Mr. Ronald Taverno with term expiration date of December 31, 2014.**

**Dr. Remick seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **STAFF AND ABC INFORMATIVES:**

None.

#### **OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Mr. Fryer reported that the grass collection bin at Spring Creek Annex was over full.
2. Mr. Klees reported that the Township would be conducting an extra brush collection during the week of May 9, 2011, one time around only.
3. Mr. Fryer suggested that an article be placed in the next Township newsletter describing what the different colors of spray paint mean that can be found on the ground. For instance, blue means a water line or valve.
4. Staff responded to Mr. Klees's inquiry regarding the Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church's upcoming cell-bell tower meeting by advising that the church congregation would be voting on the issue of whether or not to move this forward. Following that vote, the church board would go into a closed-door meeting to vote. Mr. Franek, Zoning Officer, added that a request was received for a permit for a protest on this issue.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Services and Environmental (PS&E) Committee, May 4, 2011:** Dr. Remick reported Mr. Jason Wert, Mercuria Global Energy Solutions, provided the PS&E Committee with an overview of the projects Mercuria is engaged in globally and how some of the initiatives are being implemented locally. Mercuria recently completed an agreement with the University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) to purchase and market a portion of the beneficial reuse water. The Committee then received a status report on the Atherton Street Stormwater Drainage Study by Mr. Tom Zilla, Principal CRPA Transportation Planner. Mr. Zilla also led a discussion on how the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), PennDOT, and municipalities may approach the responsibilities of repairing stormwater systems under curbed sections of state roads.

The Committee then approved 1) the acquisition of two recycling stations with five containers at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, 2) the expenditure of \$200.00 to return spent batteries, and 3) the engagement of a summer intern to work on improving the commercial recycling program.

**Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Committee, May 2, 2011:** Mr. Klees reported that the TLU Committee scheduled June 2<sup>nd</sup> to meet jointly with the Centre Region Planning Commission in keeping with the agreement to meet semi-annually. The two groups will review the draft community survey questions, receive a summary report on the Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives, and hear a briefing on the Halfmoon – Patton Area Plan.

The TLU Committee heard and update on the Centre Region Bicycle Coalition’s request that the Centre Region Council of Government make application for the “Bicycle-Friendly Community” status on behalf of the region’s municipalities. The Committee then discussed the Economic Development Strategy for the Centre Region before receiving a staff briefing on proposed editing of the 2000 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Klees announced that the Lemont Village Association will be celebrating the grand re-opening of the Welch Pool on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at 11:30 AM.

**Human Resources:** Chair Shoemaker reported that the Human Resources Committee worked on updating the Library Office Manager job description and creating a job description for the Library’s part-time Marketing and Development position.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Klees moved to adjourn the May 5, 2011,  
Regular College Township Council Meeting.  
Mr. Fryer seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Shoemaker adjourned the May 5, 2011, Regular Council Meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*

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