

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SECOND REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1983

The Second Regular Meeting for the month of March was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Dargitz on Thursday, March 24, 1983 in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, Gale L. Dargitz - Chairman, J. Carroll Dean, Dolores A. Taricani

Members absent: Herbert W. Stewart

Others present: C. Thomas Lechner - Manager

SIGNATURES ON SIGN ORDINANCE

Signatures were secured on the Township's revised Sign Ordinance, which was approved by Council at its previous meeting on March 10, 1983.

SIGNATURES ON TRUCK CONTRACT

The Contract for the purchase of a truck, awarded to Allegheny Trucks, Inc. at the March 10, 1983 meeting, was signed by the Council Members.

DATE SET FOR ROAD INSPECTION

The date for the Council's Annual Township Road Inspection was set for Monday, April 25, 1983 at 1:00 p.m.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH ATHERTON STREET/BRANCH ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Chairman Dargitz summarized the provisions of an agreement devised by the State College Borough for the repair and maintenance of the traffic signal to be constructed at the intersection of Branch Road and South Atherton Street. As proposed, all maintenance and repair costs would be shared on the same basis (College Township - 37%; State College Borough - 63%) as the costs for the installation of the light itself. Expenses would include electrical service obtained from the West Penn Power Company and preventative maintenance and repair by Borough personnel or, in the case of major problems, outside contractors.

The Township would also be required to share the liability for all indemnification resulting from the traffic signal in that same 37%/63% ratio.

Dargitz added that the Township Solicitor had reviewed the Agreement and had advised that it was adequate.

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Dean then moved and Taricani seconded that the Council sign the Agreement between the State College Borough and College Township providing for the maintenance and repair of the traffic signal at South Atherton Street and Branch Road. The motion was carried unanimously.

SIGNATURES ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT REMOVAL OF THE "NO TURN ON RED" SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND CURTIN ROAD.

The Council Members' signatures were secured on the previously approved Resolution #93 providing for the permanent removal of the "No Turn on Red" signs at the intersection of University Drive and Curtin Road.

JOHN DOMBROSKI'S PROPOSAL FOR A UNIVERSITY DRIVE EXTENSION.

State College Borough Council Member John Dombroski presented to Council his proposal for the construction of an extension of University Drive for the purpose of relieving traffic congestion on North Atherton Street. As proposed, the road would extend through University land and terminate near the Ferguson/Patton Line in the vicinity of Overlook Heights.

Preliminary cost estimates for the single-lane "country-style" road, with an 8 inch stone base, 20 ft. cartway, and 4 ft. shoulders, have been set at between 1.3 and 1.4 Million Dollars. (It was later noted that Township standards require a minimum of a 24 ft. cartway.)

Funding for the project, Dombroski added, would have to come from local sources; and the University seems favorably inclined to grant an easement through its land.

Dombroski also noted that PennDOT had at one time considered such a road a "high priority item" and had indeed conducted a feasibility study on the project in 1974. The Borough is now underwriting its own \$38,000 engineering study to determine and verify all costs.

What the Borough would like from the Township, Dombroski explained, is a letter of endorsement for the engineering study. No costs to the Township would be incurred.

Dean commented that although the majority of the proposed road lies within the Township, Township residents would receive "absolutely no benefit" from the road. He does see merit in the proposed extension, however, and moved that the Council request the Township's Planning Commission to provide a recommendation on the Borough's engineering study for the possible extension of University Drive. Bailey seconded; there was no further discussion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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DISCUSSION OF THE TURNBACK OF BRANCH ROAD.

At the March 10, 1983 Regular Meeting, PennDOT District Engineer Thomas C. Ickes informed the Council that should the Township refuse to take back the three bridges involved in the Department's Branch Road Turnback Program, the Department would void the entire agreement and cancel this summer's scheduled resurfacing of Branch Road. The purpose of the Council's discussion this afternoon, Dargitz explained, was to determine its position on the turnback program.

Taricani said that she believed a commitment had been made to the Township residents to take back Branch Road as a locally-controlled road. Many people are affected by that road, she stated, and she saw it as an issue relating to "the quality of life" and the cohesiveness of neighborhoods.

Taricani added that she was "reasonably well convinced" that the bridges in question were in good condition and should remain so in the foreseeable future; whatever risk may be present must be considered a "trade-off" for returning local control to Branch Road.

Although Dean would also like to return Branch Road to local control, he said he is troubled by the risks presented by the three bridges. He suggested that the Township Engineer examine the bridges to determine the probability of encountering future major problems.

Bailey said he was in favor of taking over Branch Road, despite the question of legality presented by that road's crossing over a portion of Borough land. Should the Township not accept the turnback program, he believes that PennDOT will not only not resurface Branch Road this summer, "they will not do anything to that road -- ever".

Dargitz agreed with Taricani that a commitment had been made to the Township residents to take over Branch Road; however, that commitment did not include or even address the issue of acceptance of the three bridges.

In addition, Dargitz stated, acceptance of Branch Road and the three bridges would constitute a "bad financial deal". The 1.89 miles of road the Township would pick up for liquid fuels purposes would bring in \$2,079 in additional revenue; however, the Township would lose \$1,780 for plowing services while gaining the responsibility of maintenance and repair of the roads and bridges.

Dargitz concluded by saying that he does not believe the Township should accept Branch Road at this time but would like to leave the door open for future acceptance in anticipation of a later softening of PennDOT's position.

In response to his call for action, Taricani made a motion that the Council, in consideration of taking over the 1.89 miles of Branch Road, instruct the Township Engineer to inspect the bridges and advise the Township as to the type of repairs expected within the next 10 years. Dean seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION WITH THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.

In an effort to improve communication and resolve some problems, a work session was held for the members of Council and the Township Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chairman Ron Weis and Member George Borosque attended for the Planning Commission and outlined to Council the two main areas wherein it is felt that additional Council attention is warranted.

FIRST, the Commission is upset that so many of its recommendations have been seemingly ignored or passed over by Council. Weis commented that recommendations have been pending for years that have gone without any Council action or endorsement. Taricani replied that in January of this year, she collected all Planning Commission recommendations as well as Council and Zoning Office recommendations, and hand-delivered them to the Centre Regional Planning Commission.

Bob Watkins, Senior Planner for the C.R.P.C., noted that he had made a list of all those suggestions dating back to 1979, along with the C.R.P.C.'s own recommendations on the individual proposals.

SECONDLY, the Commission is uncomfortable with the procedure followed for the Subdivision approval under the Township Subdivision Ordinance, Section 3.3. As now written, the Commission is allotted only 45 days, or one meeting, to pass on plans presented for approval under the Ordinance. This amount of time is insufficient, Weis protested, to allow for an adequate review. Dargitz agreed and suggested that the Ordinance be amended to provide for at least a two-meeting Planning Commission review period.

Methods for improving communication between the Council and the Planning Commission were next discussed. Weis said that a form devised by Lechner for use by the Planning Commission to summarize its meetings' proceedings might be effective; Borosque suggested that the form be expanded to include room for Council's response.

Taricani commented that the Minutes of each other's meetings are a most thorough means of communication. She suggested that each member of the Planning Commission receive a copy of the Council's Minutes. Weis replied that two copies of the Minutes are regularly made available to the Planning Commission Members and that is enough.

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Dargitz next addressed the issue of mutual representation at each other's meetings. The consensus was that this would not be necessary unless specifically requested. Weis added that more frequent informal sessions might be beneficial, to which Dargitz commented that the Commission Members are always welcome to attend Council's afternoon meetings.

RENTAL HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR 1983

Bailey's motion and Taricani's second that Roger Johnson be reappointed to the Rental Housing Advisory Committee was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Taricani's motion and Bailey's second that the meeting be adjourned met with unanimous approval at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Thomas Lechner
Secretary

CTL:ss:bh

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET AND ACTUAL APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS for the 3 months ended 3/31 1983

AC	CLASSIFICATION	1982		1983					
		BUDGET 1982	ACTUAL Y-T-D	BUDGET 1983	ACTUAL MONTH	ACTUAL Y-T-D	BUDGET REMAIN. for '83	PROJECT. REMAIN. for '83	ACTUAL ± to '83 BUDGET
	ASSETS								
100	Beginning Cash	\$ 52,394	\$ 52,394	\$ 31,485	\$ N/A	\$ 31,485	\$ 4,609	\$	\$
	REVENUES								
300	Taxes:								
	Property Tax	102,108	11,923	152,304	6,765	7,657	144,647		
	Local Enabling	283,000	73,686	312,000	8,466	87,942	224,058		
320	Licenses & Permits	150	210	190	-0-	-0-	190		
330	Fines & Forfeits	41,000	10,575	41,000	3,351	9,879	31,121		
340	Interest & Rents:								
	Interest	13,724	1,462	7,500	100	1,145	6,355		
	Rents	16,500	1,800	18,400	1,375	4,125	14,275		
350	Intergovern. Revenues	149,397	15,006	137,659	600	14,989	122,670		
360	Charges for Services	25,850	3,944	28,788	1,175	7,135	21,653		
380	Miscellaneous	12,720	2,168	7,022	36	264	6,758		
	Total Revenues	\$ 644,449	\$ 120,774	\$ 704,863	\$ 21,868	\$ 133,136	\$ 571,727	\$	\$
	TOTAL AVAILABLE for APPROPRIATION	\$ 696,843	\$ 173,168	\$ 736,348	\$ N/A	\$ 164,621	\$ 576,336	\$	\$
	EXPENDITURES								
400	General Government:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Administration	112,442	26,356	109,880	7,140	29,921	79,959		
	Tax Collection	33,094	11,592	41,355	2,849	11,794	29,561		
410	Public Safety:								
	Police	177,014	16,468	178,003	14,538	43,360	134,643		
	Fire	27,744	6,797	26,865	-0-	6,609	20,256		
	Planning & Zoning	20,000	6,664	27,225	649	6,786	20,439		
420	Health & Welfare:								
	Sanitation	1,500	2	1,000	3	65	935		
430	Highways:								
	General Maintenance	10,000	3,537	45,000	4,538	15,793	29,207		
	Snow Removal	23,000	17,768	24,770	1,458	6,715	18,055		
	Traffic Signals	3,500	935	5,800	240	634	5,166		
	Street Lights	7,800	1,935	8,760	714	2,151	6,609		
	Highway Maintenance	109,672	15,075	50,300	567	1,076	49,224		
	Construction Projects	27,000	-0-	40,790	(1,315)*	3,803	36,987		
440	Transportation:								
	Transit System	11,000	5,189	18,168	-0-	7,613	10,555		
450	Culture Recreation:								
	Parks & Recreation	44,790	9,626	41,625	-0-	10,156	31,469		
	Libraries	22,172	5,418	24,889	-0-	6,097	18,792		
	Senior Citizens	5,000	969	6,171	-0-	766	5,405		
470	Debt Service:								
	Principal & Interest	17,077	1,545	17,262	1,073	3,163	14,099		
480	Miscellaneous:								
	Employee Benefits	32,843	3,431	37,000	812	3,510	33,490		
	Total Expenditures	\$ 685,648	\$ 133,307	\$ 704,863	\$ 33,266	\$ 160,012	\$ 544,851	\$	\$
	REMAINDER for APPROPRIATION	\$ 11,195	\$ 39,861	\$ 31,485	\$ N/A	\$ 4,609	\$ 31,485	\$	\$

*Includes only voluntary contributions on Struble Rd. Traffic Signal as a reduction of the expense not a revenue.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

MARCH 10, 1983 MEETING

1. Advertise for Public Hearing the Recommendations of the Centre Regional Planning Commission re the Phased Subdivisions; Flood Plain Ordinance Amendments, and the Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Lots. The date was set for April 14.

Advertising in the Centre Daily Times was set for

March 23, 30, and April 6, 1983.

2. Draft Resolution to permanent remove the NO TURN ON RED Signs at Intersection of University Drive and Curtin Road.

Resolution # 93 was drafted and signed by Council

on March 24, 1983.

3. See that Zoning Officer researches the minutes to ascertain that all rezoning has been recorded on the Zoning Map and that all necessary signatures are affixed to the pertinent documents.

* Change U to U-R has no ordinance number but will be shown

on new Zoning Map. Reed McCormick will prepare an ordinance

and address the change which was omitted from the previous ordinance.

4. Advertise Public Hearing to consider Mercantile License and Business Privilege Tax Ordinance. The date is set for May 12, 1983.

Advertising in the Centre Daily Times was set for April 18,

25, and May 2, 1983.

- * REZONING:
- 1) Darlington A to C-1
 - 2) Garver Tract U to C-1
 - 3) Walker Tract R-1 to Tentative Approval PRD
 -) Lots adjacent to Garver Mansion
U to new University-Residential (not yet adopted)

MANAGER'S UPDATE

MEETING OF MARCH 24, 1983

1. Request the Planning Commission to provide a recommendation on the Borough's engineering study for the possible extension of University Drive.

This request was made to the Planning Commission and
subsequently they are requesting Mr. Dombrosky to talk
to their members at their regular scheduled meeting.

2. Instruct the Township Engineer to inspect the bridges on East Branch Road and advise the Township as to the type of repairs expected within the next 10 years.

This was requested to Dave Sweetland who suggested
that we obtain a copy of PennDOT's engineering
surveyed reports on the three bridges and then he'll
make cursory inspections of the bridges and cartway
before offering his recommendations.

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Cash Position for the 3 months ended 3/31, 1983

BEGINNING:		<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Cash	<u>(6,895*)</u>		
Investments	<u>19,202</u>		
Accounts Receivable	<u>15,442</u>		
Accounts Payable	<u>(10,215)</u>		
Fund Equity		<u>17,534</u>	
Revenues		<u>21,868</u>	<u>133,136</u>
Total Available for Appropriation		<u>39,402</u>	
Expenditures		<u>(33,266)</u>	<u>160,012</u>
ENDING:			
Cash	<u>(8,793*)</u>		
Investments	<u>9,702</u>		
Accounts Receivable	<u>15,442</u>		
Accounts Payable	<u>(10,215)</u>		
<i>Unappropriated Fund Equity</i>		<u>6,136</u>	

* Checks written to record expenditures in the month but held passed the last day of the month.

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