

**MINUTES OF
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 1977**

A meeting of the College Township Council was held Thursday, September 8, 1977, in the Township Municipal Building 1481 East College Avenue, State College, PA.

PRESENT Donald E. Bailey

J. Carroll Dean

Dolores A. Taricani

John H. Ziegler

ABSENT: Clarence E. Grotter

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

Treasurer Robert A. Frederick

Stan Hoy from Triangle Engineering Co., Lloyd Niemann

from the Parks and Recreation Committee, Claire Brown

and Ron Weis from the Township Planning Commission

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. by Ziegler.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Two corrections were noted for the August 11, 1977 minutes:

Page 2, first paragraph, fourth line to read:

"Harris Township" instead of "Bellefonte"

Page 2, third line from bottom to read:

"....the Commissioners wish to establish an unspecified
discount...."

Dean moved to approve the August 11, 1977 minutes as modified. Taricani seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the four Council members present.

UPDATE INFORMATION

Mr. Williams reported that the Bellefonte Borough Water Authority is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974.

Pedestrian push buttons for the traffic signal at Elmwood Street and East College Avenue will soon be installed.

Estimates have been received for the paving of Thompson Street - only two of the estimates meet Township specifications. Discussion followed on the legal ramifications of the Thompson Street repair. (Re: memorandum from McCormick to Council dated 9/8/77). Council decided to meet with McCormick to word a Resolution that would differentiate between existing conditions (such as Thompson Street) and new developments. Most of all, the Council wishes the Resolution to provide lee-way for Council's decision without effecting basic Township road policy. No date was set for the meeting.

Two letters about the water problem at the Bollman property on Panorama Drive were noted: letter from Mr. Williams to Ruth Kistler, Harris Township Manager, dated 8/15/77; and a letter from Ray Hendrick, Harris Township Supervisor, to Mr. Williams dated 8/29/77. Since the two letters were written, a leak has been found in the main line near the Bollman property.

A letter of transmittal confirming the Tax Collection Agreement has been sent to Mr. Ralph Moyer. The letter includes a statement about the audit as well as the changes agreed upon by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report, which has been made part of these minutes, was unanimously accepted by Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Letter from B. Kenneth Greider, Executive Director of Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, to Ziegler dated 9/1/77 thanking the Council and Staff for the August Visitation Day and commending Mr. Williams for an outstanding job of planning and coordination.

(2) Letter from William H. Lyman, Chairman of East Brandywine Township, to Ziegler dated 8/23/77, also thanking the Township Staff for the Visitation Day.

(3) Letter of appreciation for the August Visitation Day from Donald W. Sheeler, Chief of Police of Manor Township, to Ziegler dated 8/25/77.

(4) Letter from Clarke E. George, Secretary of the Centre Hills Realty, Inc., to the Council dated 8/30/77 asking that the firm be considered for a zoning change sometime in the future.

(5) Letter from David Allison, Chairman of the U.A.J.A., to the Council dated 8/16/77 concerning the new building under consideration and the engineering economics study being done.

(6) Letter from Jack Branigan, Administrator of the Mountainview Unit of the Centre Community Hospital, to Mr. Williams dated 8/15/77 thanking him for the painted lines on the road to the Hospital's Mountainview Unit.

(7) Letter from Loraine Peters to the Council dated 7/25/77 making the Council aware of a private water line being tapped by the Lemont Water Company. Mr. Williams was instructed to verify the information in the letter and then contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see what can be done.

(8) Letter of Resignation from Robert A. Frederick to Mr. Williams dated 8/31/77. Dean moved to adopt the Resolution that Council commend Mr. Frederick for the excellent service and loyalty he has shown in his almost two years of Township employment. Taricani seconded the motion which unanimously passed by the four Council members present. Briefly discussed

was the need for a longer "notice of resignation". (The Code requires only two weeks.) Taricani offered to pursue the matter to see whether the Code might be changed -- particularly for certain job classifications.

(9) Mrs. Jean Toombs in a letter to Robert A. Frederick dated 8/31/77 also submitted her resignation, effective October 28, 1977. According to Williams, she has verbally agreed to stay on the job until the middle of December.

(10) A rezoning request from Robert K. Kistler of Miller, Kistler and Campbell, Inc. to the Council dated 9/8/77.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL

(1) Stan Hoy, Engineer, came before Council with the Block 2, Nittany Orchards Subdivision Preliminary Plan. Before discussion began, Ziegler noted that since the vice-chairman was absent, an acting vice-chairman needed to be approved. Dean moved, Bailey seconded, the motion that Taricani be made acting vice-chairman. The motion was carried unanimously by the four Council members present.

After review and discussion, Dean moved that the Block 2, Nittany Orchards Subdivision Preliminary Plan be approved. Bailey seconded the motion. After discussion of the motion, Dean amended his motion to include the following: that ^{NCH} ~~item~~ number 10 refer to the current standing agreement of the Highland Associates and Township Council relative to Block 1, and that notice of that agreement appear on the Final Plan. The motion was unanimously approved by the four Council members present. The Plan was signed by Ziegler and Taricani.

(2) Also presented by Stan Hoy was the Edwin R. Fitzgerald Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plans. After review and discussion, Dean moved that the Preliminary Plans of the Edwin F. Fitzgerald Subdivision, drawing dated 7/14/77,

be approved—contingent on the addition of a Note 13 subjecting the two lots to the existing agreement (which concerns the improvement of Whitehill Street) between the Township and Highland Associates. Taricani seconded the motion which was unanimously passed by the four Council members present. The plans were signed by Taricani and Ziegler.

Dean then moved to approve the Final Plans of the Edwin F. Fitzgerald Subdivision, drawing date 7/14/77, without signature, and note requirements as listed in the Planning Commission Minutes of 8/17/77, Page 6:

- (1) execution of agreement for guarantee or bond for completion of sewer, street, storm sewer, and water construction;
- (2) Council's obtaining a signature on Certificate of Ownership from Mr. Fitzgerald.
- (3) No one was present to discuss Phase I, Nittany View Subdivision.
- (4) The Carpenter Subdivision Final Plan was incorrectly placed on the Agenda. The Plan was approved by Council in August.
- (5) The Thora Hardy Subdivision Sketch Plan was presented by Stan Hoy along with a Letter of Intent. Taricani moved to accept the Sketch Plan of the Proposed Thora Hardy Subdivision dated 8/7/77 subject to a Final Plan. Bailey seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the four Council members present.

BUSINESS

Dean moved to adopt Zoning Ordinance No. 59 and Map as submitted on 9/8/77. The motion was seconded by Bailey. Taricani then reviewed the areas of zoning change which included: the Benner Development land, the Stewart property, the Abramson's Salvage Yard, the Millbrook Area, the Hubbard Property, the Meyer

and Witmer Tract and the Garver Estate.

Ziegler opened the motion to discussion. With no further comments, the motion was passed unanimously by the four Council members present.

(2) Dean questioned whether all ^{proposed ordinance changes} ~~zoning changes~~ had been appropriately covered at the Public Hearing. The concensus of the other Council members was that all legal requirements had been met. Taricani then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 60 which amends certain sections of the College Township Planned Residential District, Mobile Home, and Sign Ordinances. Bailey seconded the motion which was unanimously passed by the four Council members present.

(3) Bailey moved to adopt Resolution No. 39 which classifies the streets of College Township by function. Dean seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried by the four Council members present.

(4) Taricani moved and Bailey seconded the motion that Resolution No. 40 be adopted, which appoints the Special School Police for the present School Year. The motion was unanimously passed by the four Council members present.

(5) A request for a reduced speed limit on Boalsburg Road between Lemont and Oak Hall was noted by Council. RE: letter from Eric Steindl to the Council dated 8/30/77. The Manager was instructed to inform Mr. Steindl that a petition needs to be circulated before Council action may be taken.

(6) Lloyd Niemann reported on the Parks and Recreation design plans for the Harris Acres Parkland. Mr. Niemann will advise Tom Willson, Representative of Harris Township Parks and Recreation Committee, to present the idea of the Plan to the Harris Township Supervisors. Mr. Willson could inform the Supervisors that College Township will be contacting them for a meeting. The subject: the shared development of the Harris Acres Playlot.

Taricani moved to approve the Harris Acres Playlot, Alternative II, in concept. Dean seconded the motion which was unanimously passed by the four Council members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates for Riff-Raff Collection will be October 10, 11 & 12, 1977.

In other announcements and open discussion:

- * Dean reported on a general information meeting he attended sponsored by the State College Borough Water Authority.
- * Ziegler discussed a Finance Committee meeting where a proposal was received from the Regional Tax Collectors on the creation of a standard Act 511 Tax regulation.

* A Resolution pertaining to a railroad crossing was discussed. Dean moved to accept the Application for Approval of the Construction of a Crossing at Grade. Bailey seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the four Council members present.

Taricani then moved to adopt Resolution No. 41 in the matter of the railroad crossing on Whitehill Street. Dean seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the four Council members present.

* Claire Brown, Secretary of the Planning Commission, mentioned the resignation of Kay Cowher and the need to appoint a new person on the Commission. Ziegler instructed the Manager to check possible names. Mrs. Brown also mentioned the need to make sure plans were processed and a decision given within 90 days of submission.

* A viewing of "Small Town Repair Kit" will be held at the Mitchell Building at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 9/13/77.

* Ziegler made announcements relevant to subjects of possible interest to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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