

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 15, 1979

Chairman Dean called the Special Meeting of the College Township Council to order at 7:40 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

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

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

1. Public Hearing on Use of Revenue Sharing Funds.

Chairman Dean indicated that the first portion of the meeting was a Public Hearing on the disposition of Revenue Sharing Funds in College Township. All proper legal notices and announcements had been made. Chairman Dean indicated that the only testimony that would be received would be sworn testimony. There was no objection to the proceedings of the hearing being recorded.

Council reviewed the Manager's proposed disposition of the Revenue Sharing Funds and information on the disposition of the funds in the last three years, not including the present year. Chairman Dean read a letter from the Concerned Citizens of Lemont suggesting that the monies be spent to resolve the post office issue and if that were not possible to finance a bike path between Lemont-Houserville-State College.

Mr. Williams indicated that information concerning the Hearing and the Revenue Sharing Funds had been sent to the Area Agency on Aging and the Home Health Services but that no input had been received from either agency.

Mr. Williams presented his breakdown of the proposed uses for the Revenue Sharing Funds as follows:

PROPOSED REVENUE SHARING

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PROPOSED USE OF
REVENUE SHARING

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 4,177.00
To be used to provide access to the Township Municipal Building for the handicapped		
PROTECTION TO PERSONS/PROPERTY		32,840.00
Police	\$30,000.00	
Fire Protection	2,840.00	
HEALTH & SANITATION		
HIGHWAYS		22,000.00
Senior Citizen Transportation	\$ 1,400.00	
Centre Area Transportation Auth.	8,781.00	
Bus Terminal	1,324.00	
Streets & Construction (possibly hike-bikeway)	10,495.00	
LIBRARY		1,200.00
RECREATION		4,088.00
Township's share of support for 2 swimming pools		
SPECIAL SERVICES		2,100.00
Senior Citizen Nutrition	\$1,068.00	
Miscellaneous	1,032.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		200.04
Advertising for budget and Revenue Sharing and new Handbook		
	TOTALS:	<u><u>\$66,605.04</u></u>

Discussion followed on various items in the breakdown and the requirement that Revenue Sharing Funds be used within a three-year period.

Chairman Dean responded to the letter from the Concerned Citizens of Lemont indicating that because no definitive plans had been reached on the post office that it would not be realistic to allocate monies for the post office at this time. Mrs. Taricani pointed out that directly appropriating Revenue Sharing Funds for such projects as a post office may not be in compliance with the guidelines on the uses of these funds.

Council explained to Warren Smith, Chairperson, Concerned Citizens of Lemont, that Revenue Sharing Funds were revenue over and above tax revenues with limitations on how they could be used and not just funds to be used for any purpose.

Mr. Smith asked if Council had given any support to bike paths. Council responded outlining the various bike paths that had been proposed, the status of them, and the support Council has provided.

Elvira Meyer indicated that many young people are interested in racing peddle bikes and wondered if there was any possibility of such a course being developed in the Township. Council suggested that those interested in such a course should consider the area across Spring Creek from the developed part of the park or possibly Slab Cabin Park or the park off Matilda Avenue (Mountainside Park) and should be in touch with the Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Mrs. Meyer said she would pass this information along to the people expressing interest in this subject.

Susan Smith asked if there were any plans for providing access to the Township Building for handicapped individuals. Mr. Williams indicated that part of the Revenue Sharing Funds would be used for this purpose.

Mrs. Smith also asked about access to the Nittany Mall for the handicapped. Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to call Crown American and ask if they have wheelchair access to the Nittany Mall in their construction plans.

The Public Hearing on the use of Revenue Sharing Funds was concluded.

2. COG Personnel Policy Review and Approval.

Mr. Ziegler presented the policy for Council's review indicating three areas in which there was lengthy discussion.

1. Educational Opportunities -- tightening of a policy to make the employee make up time taken off for attending classes and making it a requirement that the course be related to the function of the COG employee. Council felt this was restrictive.
2. Holiday Leave -- providing for three personal days. Council was of the opinion that the personal days would be hard to manage and felt that additional vacation time would have been better.
3. Hours of Work -- after January 1, 1980, anybody who is hired will work 40 hours per week.

Council noted some typographical errors and Mr. Trotter pointed out that in the affirmative action section marital status was left out in several places.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Council adopt the Centre Region Council of Government Personnel System recommended by the Personnel Committee dated 11/1/79 with the comment that Council has some serious reservations about the provisions dealing with the three personal days and the tightening of educational benefits. Mr. Trotter seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

3. Trash Hauling -- Proposed 1980 Rates.

Chairman Dean read the November 7, 1979 Memorandum from Tom Kurtz regarding the recommendation of the COG Solid Waste Committee that the maximum residential rate for trash hauling be increased from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per month.

Mrs. Taricani, who serves on the Solid Waste Committee, indicated that with the increase in the Solid Waste Station rate and the increases in oil, gas, and labor, she felt the request for an increase was justified.

Mr. Williams indicated he would have a resolution on this matter ready for Council's next regular meeting.

Mrs. Taricani moved Council support the proposed increase recommended for trash hauling by the Solid Waste Committee from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per month. Mr. Ziegler seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Council explained to the residents present that they did not have to wait until riff-raff time to put out discarded articles, they could be disposed of as accumulated, keeping in mind the limit set by the haulers and the size that could be handled by the trucks.

4. Chairman Dean read the November 7 letter from Cathy Trippi and Cynthia Edvar, of the Area Agency on Aging, providing information on the status of the residents of Dayeview Acres.

Several questions were raised in the letter for Council's response. Mr. Williams had information on the questions regarding the \$500 moving allowance and the management of the trailer park after Crown American takes over. Council felt that the answering of the other questions was not their prerogative.

Council discussed the information provided but felt that it was not a comprehensive report, did not indicate those individuals having problems in relocating, did not indicate efforts by the residents to relocate, and did not indicate efforts by the Agency to assist in the relocations and to investigate the various opportunities that may be available to the residents of Dayeview Acres.

Council felt they needed a better inventory of the situation. Chairman Dean asked Mr. Williams to have the Zoning Officer meet with the personnel from the Area Agency on Aging explaining the answers to the questions the Agency raised and obtaining an inventory of names, specific problems being encountered, efforts the Agency are making and plan to make, and all other pertinent data that the Agency may have. Mr. Williams indicated he would call Mrs. Edvar acknowledging her letter and asking her to come and meet with him and the Zoning Officer.

In the discussion, questions were also raised about the availability of spaces in the Hilltop Trailer Park. Council asked

Mr. Williams to contact Kay Mitchell to obtain specific information on the availability and number of spaces that could be utilized by the Dayeview residents.

5. Update of Sound System.

Chairman Dean reported he had talked with the people from Daveland Company about their not meeting the specifications of the Township for a priority system in the sound system. Chairman Dean requested they reread the specifications and contact Mr. Williams to set up a time to meet with Council and discuss the matter. Chairman Dean suggested that if Daveland indicated they could not install the system as specified that they be paid for the speakers and the labor to install them and another bidder be asked to install the priority system.

Council felt Daveland had entered into a contract for a system with the specifications set forth and that they should honor that contract.

6. Bikeway -- Primary Applicant.

Mr. Trotter reported that in a recent meeting of the Transportation Committee the funds for the bikeway were discussed. Even though there were three municipalities involved, in applying for the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs funding it is necessary to have one sign the application (the primary applicant). The Committee felt that inasmuch as the majority of the mileage of the bikeway is in College Township that it was logical that College Township be the primary applicant.

Chairman Dean was concerned that this would lead to the precedent that College Township should be responsible for the majority of the funds. Mr. Trotter explained that all three municipalities had agreed upon the one-third split for the funding and College Township serving as the primary applicant would not alter that.

Mr. Ziegler moved that College Township be the primary applicant for the State Funds for the bikeway. Mr. Trotter seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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7. Mr. Ziegler reported he had talked with Richard Kurtz, who is a resident of the Township and employed by Applied Science and who is knowledgeable about industrial waste and the handling of it, about serving on the College Township Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Kurtz indicated he would be interested.

Council asked Mr. Williams to pass his name along to the EAC as a prospective member.

Mr. Bailey moved the meeting be adjourned, Mrs. Taricani seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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