

February 17, 1969

The Board of Supervisors of College Township met with the Centre Regional Council of Governments in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. on February 17, 1969. See pages 2 and 3, Section on White hall Road of the attached minutes of the Council of Government meeting for items discussed.

Respectfully submitted

*Lester M. Weaver*

Lester M. Weaver, Secretary

Centre Regional Council of Governments Minutes

February 17, 1969

The Centre Regional Council of Governments meeting was held at the College Township Municipal Building on February 17th at 7:30 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:

Philip J. Freed	Borough of State College
Ferry Smith	Borough of State College
Lawrence Perez	Borough of State College
William H. Hewitt	Borough of State College
Arnold Addison	Borough of State College
Dr. D. R. L. Robison	Borough of State College
S. Benjamin Swanson	Borough of State College
C. P. Lang	Borough of State College
Donald R. Dorneman	Borough of State College
L. R. Robb	Patton Township
William Rogers, Jr.	Patton Township
David C. Kradel	Patton Township
Elwood G. Williams	College Township
Lester M. Weaver	College Township
Howard Levine	College Township
Frank Maury	Ferguson Township
Ken Johnson	Ferguson Township
R. E. Zindler	Harris Township
Donald McKenna	Harris Township
Harold T. Breon	Harris Township
Bill Power	Centre Regional Planning Commission
Bob Ayer	Director, Parks and Recreation
Fred Mays	WRSC Radio Station
John A. Brutzman	Centre Daily Times

Regional Law Enforcement Committee

Mr. Lue Robb, reporting for the Regional Law Enforcement Committee, stated that the committee had met and they were making the following report for COG's consideration.

Mr. Robb said that after conferring with Mr. Hewitt, the committee felt that they would need to add three extra men to the Borough police force to give full-time coverage to the townships. Under the proposal, each township would turn over the amounts they have budgeted for police protection to the Borough. The townships also would commit their cruisers to the Borough force for use of the regional police force. A Regional Public Safety Commission would be created. The commission would consist of the three men on the Public Safety Committee of Borough Council and

one man from each of the townships. The present part-time police officers in the townships could go through the normal hiring procedure of the Borough for police officers if they wished to be considered for the proposed vacancies. Mr. Robb said that they would like to get the program started by July 1.

Mr. Hewitt discussed the concept of a regional police force and stated that there were monies available from the Highway Safety Bill and Safe Streets Act for a 50% funding of a communications system, a record system and for the training of officers. Mr. Hewitt stated that he felt there could be a 10 to 15 minute response time to any point in the townships. The members at the meeting discussed various aspects of the proposed plan. Mr. Hewitt stated that he would like a letter of intent from COG authorizing him to negotiate for funds for a regional police force. Mr. Hewitt is to write the letter and have it checked with Mr. Levine and Mr. Perez prior to doing any work on negotiations.

#### Regional Dog Catcher

Mayor Lang stated that the Borough at present has a dog catcher but it is not a satisfactory arrangement inasmuch as it is a part-time job. The township representatives stated that at present they do not have what they considered a bad dog problem. No action taken on the proposal for a regional dog catcher.

#### Report on Whitehall Road

Mr. William Power reported on the status of Whitehall Road. He said that the Regional Planning Commission is now recommending that Whitehall Road tie directly into University Drive. The Highway Department has agreed to (1) a 35 mph speed limit on the road, (2) it would not be necessary to have an 80 foot right of way, and (3) where necessary, the road would be curbed to control flooding.

The State also informed Mr. Power that it would be necessary to allow trucks to use the road, and they did not feel that the road could be turned back to the township once it is constructed. Mr. Power stated that the Highway Department must soon have an answer as to whether or not the trades will be considered by the Borough and the townships, the reason being that the Highway Department is ready to begin design. The Highway Department will not begin any preliminary design unless College Township gives its approval. If an answer is soon not forthcoming, the Highway Department will begin work on the improvement of Branch Road.

Sign Ordinance

Mr. Power stated that the amendments as proposed by Borough Council to the Sign Ordinance have been sent out to the various municipalities. The Borough Council informed COG that they intended to pass the ordinance at a special meeting on February 24th. The township representatives discussed whether there could be one advertisement in the paper advertising the ordinance showing that each of the townships have approved the ordinance and thus saving the costs of each township advertising individually.

Industrial Sites

No report

Engineering Services

Mr. Kradel stated that he felt that the engineering services being performed for the townships were costing too much and that he would like COG to think about setting up a regional engineering service or office.

Mr. Kradel also discussed authority representation at COG meetings. COG decided to invite a representative of the University Area Joint Authority to attend their meetings.

**Tax Relief for the Elderly**

A brief discussion was held on the need for tax relief for the elderly. There was a concensus of opinion that the councilmen and supervisors should discuss this with the State officials of the State Boroughs' Association and the Township Supervisors' Association.

**Nominating Committee**

No report

**By-Laws**

Mr. Zindler stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Kistler concerning the by-laws for COG. It now appears that it will be necessary for each municipality to pass an ordinance concerning the formation of COG. Mr. Zindler stated that he would like this item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting at which time he will have a full report.

**Code Enforcement**

Mr. Lue Robb reported that on February 15th the Townships of College, Ferguson and Patton and the Borough of State College had instituted a Regional Code Enforcement Program.

**Correspondence from Regional Planning Commission**

The following letter was received from the Regional Planning Commission:

"February 17, 1969

Centre Regional Council of Governments  
State College  
Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

The Centre Regional Planning Commission held a special meeting on February 11, 1969 to discuss the three proposals which the Highway Department submitted at a meeting in January, 1969. The Commission felt that Alternate #3, as referred to in its January 8, 1969 minutes, would be the most acceptable to the Region and, as a result, passed the following motion:

"That the Centre Regional Planning Commission accept the proposal which would locate the new Highway 64 north of Houserville, which will have the large interchange at the hospital site and which was referred to as Alternate #3 in the January 8, 1969 minutes of the Commission."

It would be appropriate for the Council of Governments to endorse this recommendation if it felt that this is the best route for the area.

Sincerely,

William J. Power  
Director"

Mr. Power showed the Council where the interchange and new routing was proposed to be located. After discussing the proposal, Mr. Rogers moved that the Council of Governments endorse the action of the Centre Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Ken Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Donald R. Dorneman, Acting Secretary  
Centre Regional Council of  
Governments