

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLLEGE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS HELD
ON JANUARY 6, 1970

The regular meeting of the College Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. All supervisors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$26,431.69, leaving a balance on January 1st of \$30,001.61. (See attached listing)

Old Business

Adoption of the 1970 budget: -- Mr. Knepp raised some objections to the adoption of the budget at this meeting. He stated that he did not approve the appropriation for the Schlow Library, and he felt that some time on Saturday or evenings should be provided for persons who wished to see the budget and who could not come in during regular office hours or during the noon hour when the office is also open.

Mr. Levine stated that the majority of the people in the township felt that the Schlow library should be supported because they used it. He said that all legal requirements for the advertising of the budget and the inspection period had been met. Members of the Board stated that if Mr. Knepp had called them they would have made arrangements for him to see the budget on an evening or on Saturday. However, next year the Board will keep his suggestions in mind and try to make some special provision for persons who cannot come during office hours.

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the proposed budget for 1970 in the amount of \$266,130.00 be adopted. The motion was passed.

The proposed tax rate for the township was set at 4 mills on real estate, two mills for the general fund, and one mill each for parks and recreation and equipment. Also proposed was the one-half percent wage tax and 10 cents front footage for street lights and 5 cents front footage for fire hydrants. It was moved by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Williams that the proposed tax rates be adopted. The motion was passed.

New Business

Appointments: The Board re-appointed Mr. Dolores A. Taricani to a three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board and appointed Mr. Gale Dargitz to the Planning Commission and Mr. Ronald Smith to the Building Board of Appeals.

A letter from Mr. Allan Derzak concerning an open culvert and an abrupt dropping off of the sidewalk at Willow Road and Spring Lea Drive was read. Corrective measures will be taken as soon as weather permits.

A letter from American Telesystems Corporation of Bethesda, Maryland inquiring about a possible franchise to operate a CATV system in the township was discussed. The Board decided to refer the letter to COG for discussion with the other townships and the borough. Mr. Levine stated that perhaps COG should formulate some policy regarding franchises and the region could start to charge for these franchises as is normally done in most communities.

A letter from Eugene Guydosik requesting approval of a change in the electrical code to permit one inspection of electrical installations before energizing rather than the two inspections now required to be made, one before the work is started and one before the system is energized. The supervisors approved the suggested change.

The Board considered the adoption of an Ordinance to organize a joint recreation authority for swimming pools with the other municipalities in the Centre Region. Mr. Levine stated that the solicitor for the Parks and Recreation Board said that ordinances establishing an authority need not be advertised before passage, but only after approval had been given. He stated that by organizing an authority, it would be possible to borrow money for the new swimming pool at a lower interest rate. The Board approved passage of the ordinance and named Mrs. Harold B. White, the township representative on the State College Parks and Recreation Board, to be the township member on the authority.

Mr. Jack Mitchell and Miss Lillian Raycroft, his attorney, were at the meeting to present the final plan for the resubdivision of Branch Road and Centre Hills Village. The changes made in the plan were discussed with the Board and with Mr. Reed McCormick, Township Solicitor. Miss Raycroft stated that, after investigation with Mr. Willard, attorney for Dr. Keithan and Mr. VanGorder, it was determined that a drainage easement did in fact exist on the VanGorder property, but not on the Keithan property. Accordingly, the plan had been changed to show the entire drainage easement on the Van Gorder property. The lots on Charles Street next to Mr. Trufant's property had been made larger, and reportedly, he is now satisfied with the result.

Mr. McCormick said the question of the drainage easement had been cleared up legally to his satisfaction. With respect to Section 2.9111 of the Subdivision Ordinance, which stated that no smaller lots can be created, he stated that on the total acreage, it would appear that 16 more lots had been added to the original subdivision plan. He stated that Section 2.90 did state "these regulations shall not be construed to require the subdivider to comply with resubdivision procedures in each and every case for minor shifts in lot lines because of excessive topography or similar types of development problems." This would seem to provide some latitude, in his opinion, in interpreting the ordinance. While the resubdivision plan did not comply with the exact letter of the ordinance, Mr. McCormick felt that it complied with the spirit of the ordinance. All changes required by the bypass route through the property had been made on the plan as agreed to at the court hearing before Judge Campbell.

Mr. Mitchell contended that it would not be possible for him to use the old 1960 subdivision plan in any event, because the street pattern as originally laid out contained a steeper grade than that permitted in the present subdivision ordinance.

The Board decided that the final plan should be returned to the Planning Commission for their review again since they had not seen the plan since the changes with respect to the drainage easement and the lot sizes had been made. After the Planning Commission recommendation, the Board indicated that it would be willing to hold a special meeting to act on the plan to prevent further delay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester M. Weaver

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EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER, 1969

Park & Recreation Account	\$15,000.00
Borough of State College	3,700.00
Payroll	2,140.09
School Guards	618.51
Frank Glenn	759.57
First National Bank (Withholding)	394.80
Bradco Supply Company	1,260.33
C & W. Construction Company	317.60
H. A. (Cappy) Thompson	375.00
Nationwide Insurance	224.30
Bell Telephone	231.26
Nittany Gas & Oil	180.99
Miscellaneous	<u>1,229.24</u>
Total Expenditures	\$26,431.69
Balance, Dec. 31	\$30,001.61

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