

SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY  
COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 17, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ziegler at 4:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Clarence Trotter, Carroll Dean, Donald Bailey, and Dolores Taricani. Also present were: Manager - Elwood Williams, Sr., Treasurer - Robert Frederick, Controller - Thomas Lechner, and members of the press - Centre Daily Times and Pennsylvania Mirror.

The first item on the Agenda was the adoption of Township Ordinance No. 53. Copies were distributed prior to the meeting so the Council members did not have a chance to review it for changes. Mrs. Taricani explained the revisions to the members and added the only change was that "Commonwealth" and "Township" had been added to the list of definitions, at the request of the Chairman. She stated she went through the Ordinance and changed the wording to make it consistent throughout. She also added the definition of "Manager" under "Personnel Rules and Regulations", again at the Chairman's request, for clarification. Clarification was also made of "Permanent Full-Time" and "Permanent Part-Time" positions.

No change was made in substance, just a few typographical errors were corrected. After a short discussion of the definition of "Manager", it was moved by Mr. Dean that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 53 - The Administrative Code of College Township. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. The original copy of the Ordinance was then signed by all members of Council and attested to by Mr. Williams, Secretary.

The next item discussed was Oak Ridge Avenue Extension of Sanitary Sewers, Alternates A, B, and C. A copy of a letter to David Allison from Nancy B. Mawby, Executive Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce, dated February 5, 1976, was included in the correspondence distributed to the members. Also, a letter to Mr. Williams, Manager, from David Allison, College-Harris Joint Authority, dated February 13, 1976, which the Chairman read. The Authority has received a Grant from the State in the amount of \$44,000 or 25% of the project costs, whichever is smaller, to offset the costs of constructing the sanitary sewer to serve the properties on Oak Ridge Avenue. If Council requests the Authority to construct the sewers to serve Oak Ridge Avenue, the following action must be taken before construction can commence:

1. Preparation of contract documents and design drawings.
2. Preparation of required ordinances for enactment by College Township approving the project, the estimated costs thereof and authorizing assessments by either the front foot or benefit rule
3. Advertise the project for bids, opening bids, analyzing bids, and preparing the required recommendation for consideration by the Board of the Authority.

He estimated it would take at least three months to complete these steps, thus indicating the time frame in which they are operating. The Grant offer will be withdrawn if construction is not started on or before July 30, 1976.

Correspondence from Mr. Rcush, College Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, stated they have had problems with at least one house on Oak Ridge Avenue, that is known.

Council felt the first step was to schedule a public hearing since this had been promised to the residents. This was tentatively set for

March 1, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. This will be made definite after the College-Harris Joint Authority holds their regular meeting on February 24, 1976. Notices will then be sent to each property owner on Oak Ridge Avenue who will be affected by this sewer line extension. Advertising will also be done. The question was asked if the Sewer Authority would be prepared by that time with information that might be asked for. Mr. Allison was asked if they could be prepared with enough information to hold a meeting. A discussion of what would be required was held; the cost of assessment per front foot, explanation of three alternatives, etc. He was not sure they could have all the information available by that time but they would try. The Authority has a list of residents on Oak Ridge Avenue who will be affected which can be used for mailing the notices.

The next item discussed was the Tax Collection Agreement between College Township Council and the Centre County Commissioners. The draft copy was received as of "High Noon", February 17, 1976, from the Solicitor. The Council did not have time to read it prior to the meeting so this was done at this time.

Discussion was held on the amount that will be paid by the Commissioners to the Township. This would be approximately 75¢ per parcel. Also, as to who would be supplying the envelopes and stuffing of same. It was finally decided the Township would go ahead and purchase the envelopes and do the stuffing. Also discussed was the collection of School District Taxes.

Mrs. Taricani said she had glanced through the agreement and in essence it seemed to be what was agreed to at the meeting held between the two Council members - John Ziegler, Dolores Taricani; the Township Manager - Mr. Williams; and the County Commissioners. Mr. Ziegler felt Item # 7 was crucial and critical.

Mr. Trotter moved that Council approve the Tax Collector's Agreement, dated February 10, 1976, with the County Commissioners. Mrs. Taricani seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. The Agreement was signed by all Council members and will be taken to the County Commissioners office as soon as possible the next day.

A discussion about designating a depository for all tax monies collected for the Township was held. It was decided it would be more convenient to have the account put in Farmers National Bank & Trust Company since a daily deposit will be made and a night depository is available.

Mrs. Taricani moved that Council designate Farmers National Bank as depository for tax funds of College Township, seconded by Mr. Bailey and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Frederick suggested the Chairman of Council also be designated to sign checks in the absence of either the Secretary or Treasurer on account of sickness, vacation, etc. This would involve just signing a signature card for the Bank.

Mrs. Taricani moved that, in addition to the Treasurer and Secretary, the Chairman of Council also be designated as a signatory on all Township checking accounts. Mr. Trotter seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Taricani moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Dean seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.  
Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: College Township Council  
FROM: College Township Zoning Hearing Board  
DATE: March 9, 1976  
SUBJECT: Summary of College Township Zoning Hearing  
Board Activities during 1975

During 1975, the College Township Zoning Hearing Board met 11 times; seventeen requests for variances were heard; twelve were granted and five were denied. Of those denied, one is being appealed to the Court of Common Pleas. Two appeals to decisions of the College Township Zoning Officer were heard; both were granted. One temporary variance granted in 1974 for one year was extended for an additional year.