

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 10, 1981

Chairman Taricani called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, Gale L. Dargitz,
J. Carroll Dean, Herbert W. Stewart,
and Dolores A. Taricani

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Treasurer Robert L. Hayden

OPEN DISCUSSION

No questions or comments were offered during this portion of the meeting set aside to respond to questions/comments on non-agenda items.

MINUTES

Minutes of November 12, 1981, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on Use of Revenue Sharing Funds.

Corrections as follow:

Page 5, Paragraph 7, Line 3: delete "profitable"; change to read "in regard to efficient land use. He pointed...".

Page 6, Paragraph 1: delete first sentence; begin paragraph with "Chairman Taricani indicated she felt the property could be used..."

Page 7, Paragraph 7, Line 3: correct spelling of "Township Engineer".

Page 10, Mr. Dean questioned the amount indicated as the Township's portion of the C.O.G. Budget for the "1% Contingency Fund" pointing out the number indicated was not 1% of the Budget. Mr. Williams explained the amount indicated was College Township's share of the Contingency Fund which is 1% of the total C.O.G. Budget.

Mr. Dean moved the Minutes of November 12, 1981, be approved as corrected. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Minutes of November 23, 1981, Special Meeting.

Mr. Bailey moved the Minutes of November 23, 1981, be approved as distributed; Mr. Dargitz seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

UPDATE

1. Mr. Williams reported he had met with Hugh Manchester in regard to the Bookmobile stops in College Township. Mr. Manchester reported the Bookmobile makes 4 stops in College Township: Houserville, 2 Lemont, 1 Dalevue, plus a stop in Harris Acres which is charged to Harris Township; approximately 250 people use the service in the Township; Dalevue is their chief stop; approximately 18 families use it in Dalevue; circulation in the Township is 535 books and approximately 100 magazines this year; twenty-six stops a year in the Township; July and August are the highest months of circulation.

Mr. Williams indicated Mr. Manchester would be providing additional information in the near future. Council briefly discussed the cost vs. benefit of the Bookmobile service.

2. Mr. Williams reported he had asked Stan Hoy to survey Grant and Liberty Streets in Oak Hall and supply each property owner with the information necessary for their deed of dedication to the Township. As far as upgrading these streets at the present time, Mr. Williams indicated about all the Township could do this year would be to grade the present streets with quarry-fill to make them a little smoother. He indicated he will be working with the Sewer Authority on this.

Mr. Dean asked if there were any legal implications with the Township working on streets that did not belong to the Township. Council briefly discussed this matter. They agreed their intent was to move ahead with upgrading these streets but did want their legal position clarified. Chairman Taricani asked Mr. Williams to check with the Township Solicitor on this matter.

3. Mr. Williams indicated a letter from the Township indicating the traffic control device for Pike Street in Lemont had been discussed with Council at a public meeting and Council endorsed the concept and were willing to help pursue it if feasible was prepared the day after Council's last regular meeting. The letter was to be included as part of the package sent or handcarried by Mr. Hornbein to PennDOT. To date, the letter has not been picked up.

Council suggested that Mr. Williams contact Mr. Hornbein at his office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Robert L. Hayden reviewed the information included in the November 1981 Treasurer's Report for Council.

Mr. Bailey asked if there would be sufficient funds to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. Mr. Hayden indicated he felt there would be.

Mr. Dargitz moved the Treasurer's Report for November 1981 be received. Mr. Dean seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. November 20, 1981, letter from Stuart E. Kehler, Parks & Recreation Advisor, Department of Community Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to Elwood G. Williams, Sr., regarding Spring Creek Park informing the Township DCA would be unable to provide recreation funding assistance for the referred project.

2. December 1, 1981, letter from Gregg Cunningham to Mr. Williams, regarding the invitation extended to Mr. Cunningham to attend the Open House of the new Post Office Building in Lemont.

3. November 17, 1981, letter from Henry G. Hager, Pennsylvania Senator, to Elected Officials relative to publication of a regulation exempting vehicles belonging to local municipalities from weight restrictions of the Motor Vehicle Code when they are being employed for purposes of road maintenance or construction.

PLANS

1. Resubdivision of Lots 70, 72, and 74, Nittany Orchards Subdivision, Preliminary and Final. Tom Songer presented the plans to Council explaining this resubdivision involved four lots off Cortland Circle with some parkland being resubdivided into five lots. He indicated the Final Plan for the subdivision had been approved some time ago. Mr. Songer referred to comments by John Anthony of the Regional Planning Commission who was concerned about the parkland this resubdivision would be taking. Mr. Songer indicated the parkland was offered for dedication to the Township at the time the final plan was presented but the title for the parkland had not been transferred to the Township as yet. Mr. Williams said the land was designated on the final plan as parkland with the indication that it would be deeded to the Township.

Mr. Songer pointed out that the acreage of parkland currently designated is adequate for the amount of land now developed and reviewed with Council the plans for the overall subdivision.

Mr. Dean clarified the question about the offer of dedication of the parkland explaining that when the final plan was signed that in effect was acceptance by the Township of the offer. The transfer of title can be done by the owner at an appropriate time.

Mr. Songer referred to the drawing and explained how this resubdivision would be accomplished pointing out there would still be the required easement for access to the parkland.

Mr. Williams questioned why the Centre Region Planning Commission had suggested that the area shown as park easement be changed to "Park".

Mr. Dean explained with an "easement" the property owners retained ownership and are responsible for the upkeep of the land. If it is "park", it is part of the parkland and is maintained by those maintaining the park.

Council suggested to Mr. Songer that "Park Easement" be changed to "Park Access".

Mr. Dean moved the Preliminary and Final Plan of Resubdivision of Lots 70, 72, and 74 of Nittany Orchards Subdivision be approved, Plan dated October 27, 1981. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dean suggested Council follow the recommendation of the College Township Planning Commission and refer to the College Township Parks & Recreation Committee for study the needs of parkland in the Nittany Orchards Subdivision.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Sewer Service to Persia Subdivision and Surrounding Areas with Property Owners. It was brought to the attention of Council that not all of the property owners in the area of this proposed sewer project had been notified; Larry Auman indicated he had not received any notification. Mr. Williams explained he had sent notification to all property owners in the area of this sewer project following a list which had been furnished by the Sewer Authority.

Chairman Taricani expressed her concern that not all property owners had been notified.

David Allison, of the College-Harris Joint Authority, explained the Authority had received a request from one of the property owners in the area of the Persia Subdivision for sewer service. The Authority consequently had a preliminary engineering study done to determine any problems that may be associated with the project and the costs of the project. Mr. Allison pointed out that the project would be expensive, in his opinion is needed, and Corning Glass Works would not be serviced by the project because they have a properly approved on-site system. He indicated all property owners had been notified that the engineering study had been undertaken. Mr. Allison outlined the path the proposed sewer project would follow. He also provided the cost of the proposed project: using July 1981 prices, \$177,380 for the project; \$53,200 for development costs; \$230,600 for an approximately total cost. Mr. Allison reported the Authority has historically assessed 5/8 of the assessable costs. If this was done in this project, the per foot front cost would be \$35. Mr. Allison indicated one of the problems currently is that there is no government money available to support this type of project. He indicated the Authority had the money for the project. He outlined the various

factors that could influence the final costs to the property owners and explained assessing costs by the benefit rule.

Chairman Taricani explained that several complaints had been received regarding the soil conditions and other problems in the area of this proposed project. She indicated Council's decision on this project would have to be in the best interest of everyone despite the problems the present economic conditions have created.

Mr. Dean indicated that Lot 36 off Margaret Street had been subdivided and asked Mr. Allison if providing service to these lots would reduce the front foot cost. Mr. Allison indicated it would reduce it very little if any because there would be additional pipe, construction costs, etc. involved.

Mr. Bailey asked if the recent "clean water" legislation would have any effect on this project. Mr. Allison indicated that legislation only applied to dams, water systems, and port facilities.

Mr. Dargitz asked: If any other wells in the area of the proposed sewer project had been tested and if there had been any problems with water in the wells; if the Lemont Water Company had any plans to extend service into the area; clarification on the situation cited by Mr. Allison when he mentioned a house that could not be sold.

Mr. Songer - Engineer, representative of the Lemont Water Company, indicated the Board of the Lemont Water Company has made no official decision to extend water to the area. Tom Songer pointed out that it has been shown that more water is used when public water is available, which could aggravate a troubled septic system.

Mr. Allison explained the problems with the house that couldn't be sold was the septic system was not on the property occupied by the house.

The question on the wells was delayed until later in the meeting.

Mr. Stewart asked how far the present sewer goes down Route 26? Mr. Allison indicated it goes about 1/2 way between the corners of the Centre Daily Times Building.

Mr. Allison explained for Mr. Stewart the route of the proposed sewer on Summit Road and indicated the Authority had received no responses from any of the property owners in the area of the proposed project.

Mr. Dargitz asked the property owners present if any of them had had their wells tested and if the quality of the water had been affected. David Talmas, Mr. Kline, Don Hastings, and Phil Persia

indicated they had their wells tested and have had no problems with the quality of water.

Mr. Dargitz asked if DER had any problems with this area. Mr. Allison indicated not that he knew about.

Mr. Talmas indicated he did not want the sewer installed, that he had a new septic system installed in recent years which was operating satisfactorily.

Mr. Kline asked about the \$4,000 per lot figure mentioned in the letter to property owners. Mr. Allison explained this was an average and explained how it was arrived at.

Chairman Taricani pointed out that projects of this nature are expensive but will not become any less expensive. She asked if there were any property owners present who needed/wanted the sewer service. There was no response.

William Kline explained in recent years he had installed a new septic system which has solved his sewerage problems and has had his well tested and found the quality of water to be satisfactory. He asked about the further development of this area as it relates to installation of the sewer.

Chairman Taricani indicated that Council's decision on sewer projects are usually based on the needs of the residents and not on future development.

Council asked who had originally brought this issue before Council. Mr. Allison explained the Authority has brought it before Council after a request for service was received from Mrs. Stover who has the problem of the septic system being on another lot.

Property Owners present indicated they had invested money to replace or improve their septic systems because they were told it would be several years before the sewer would be installed in the area.

Mr. Dargitz moved that Council not consider sewer service for this portion of the Township in view of the costs and the fact that at the moment there appears to be no problems and there appears to be no development of any significance in the area and that if the construction of the sewer should be reconsidered in the future by the Council that the property owners again be notified and asked to attend the meeting. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

Mr. Dean offered the following amendment to the motion: "100% of those attending the meeting indicated no desire or need for public sewer." The amendment was satisfactory to Messrs. Dargitz and Stewart.

Mr. Allison pointed out that if there was further development in the area and sewer service was requested, the preliminary engineering study for that development may try to integrate the area covered in this proposed project.

The motion not to consider sewer service for the Persia Subdivision at this time carried.

2. Adoption of Ordinance indicating Township's intention to join Centre Area Transportation Authority. Council questioned whether or not all the legal requirements had been met to hold a public hearing necessary to adopt the ordinance. In order to be certain they were complying fully with the law, Council agreed to delay action on the adoption of this ordinance until the public hearing scheduled for December 23, 1981. Chairman Taricani asked Mr. Williams to assure that all proper legal notices and advertisements were made for this item to be considered on December 23 and to convey to those responsible for providing Council with the information on this matter Council's dissatisfaction that they had not been given thorough guidance on procedures necessary.

3. Participation in the 1982 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program. Mr. Williams reported he had talked with Dan Pennick who had explained the reason the assessed evaluation was used to determine the municipal cost of the spraying program was because the more densely populated areas required more administrative overhead. Mr. Pennick also indicated the areas on the spraying maps would be refined and felt that \$2,000 would cover the Township's portion of the spraying program.

Council briefly discussed the fairness of using the assessed evaluation as a method of determining costs.

A member of the audience suggested that Council use the County mailing list for College Township for the spraying program and request donations for the spraying program to help offset the cost to the Township. Chairman Taricani indicated she felt the Township should pay for the County spraying program and outlined the plans that have been discussed for the Township to coordinate a spraying service for those residents wanting it.

Mr. Dean moved that the Township send a letter to the County indicating their intent to participate in the 1982 Gypsy Moth Spray Program. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

4. Proposed Increase in Residential Trash Collection Rates for 1982.

Mr. Stewart, College Township's Representative on the Public Services Committee, indicated he was in favor of the increase in the trash hauling rates but expressed his feeling that local government should not be setting rates.

Council discussed the authority which permits Council to establish these maximum rates, whether or not haulers should be permitted to . . . rates without any controls, situations that could occur without controls, advantages/disadvantages of having controls on rates.

Mr. Stewart moved that Council adopt Resolution # 76 setting the maximum rates and fees applicable for the collection of garbage, rubbish, and refuse in College Township to \$78 per year (\$6.50 per month). Mr. Dargitz seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chairman Taricani asked Mr. Stewart to provide a follow-up report when the Public Services Committee has completed their study of eliminating the maximum rate setting.

5. Purchase/Lease-Back of Buses #10-14. Chairman Taricani indicated that Mr. Oversier had offered to be at the meeting but she had indicated she didn't feel it would be necessary.

Mr. Dean offered his opinion that in view of the other financial commitments the Township has undertaken that it not become involved in this agreement at this time, unless it appears to be a matter of emergency for Centre Area Transportation Authority and is the best financial solution for the Region in support of Centre Area Transportation Authority.

Mr. Dean moved that College Township decline with thanks the offer to buy one or more buses at this time. Mr. Dargitz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Traffic Signal Agreement, East College Avenue - Struble Road - Gerald Street. Council reviewed the November 23, 1981 letter from Reed McCormick regarding the traffic signal agreement and including points Council should consider. Mr. Williams indicated the difference in the LR Numbers has been corrected. Mr. Williams also commented on the other points raised by Mr. McCormick. Mr. Williams indicated he had talked with PennDOT about the Solicitor's suggestions. PennDOT indicated that the agreement was a standard one but the suggestion could be incorporated but it would take several months to prepare a revised agreement. Council felt it was important that this signal be installed as soon as possible. Although Council felt the points raised by the Solicitor were valid, they did not feel they justified delaying the installation of this traffic signal.

Council asked Mr. Williams to send PennDOT a copy of Mr. McCormick's November 23 letter so they are aware of the concerns pointed out in the letter.

Council discussed having the property owners benefitting by this traffic signal contributing to the costs of the signal not covered by General or State money. Chairman Taricani suggested that Council meet with these people to discuss the situation. Mr. Dean suggested that a formula be developed establishing a method for determining equitable shares for the cost of this light and suggesting the Centre Region Planning Commission be asked to provide assistance in establishing such a formula.

Council asked Mr. Williams to contact the Centre Regional Planning Commission requesting this information on a formula establishing equitable shares be to Council so that they can consider it before meeting with the property owners on December 23. Council also asked Mr. Williams to notify the businesses and private property owners benefitting from the proposed traffic signal of the December 23 meeting to discuss this matter with Council.

7. Mr. Williams indicated the Architect had presented the third payment for the post office building which included:

\$7,413.12	General
2,171.25	Plumbing
1,067.49	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
532.88	Electrical
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\$11,185.74	
360.00	Architect
1,253.28	Legal Fees
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\$12,799.00	TOTAL

Mr. Bailey moved that Council approve payment of bills in regard to the Lemont Post Office Building as read by the Manager and signed by the Architect. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Dean moved that Council adopt a Resolution of Appreciation and offer to Barbara Brueggebers Honorary Citizenship in College Township for her good service over the past year. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chairman Taricani offered her thanks and appreciate for the assistance Mrs. Brueggebers and the Centre Daily Times have given Council and the Township during the past year.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dean moved and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER, 1981

DESCRIPTION

General Funds - Receipts & Expenditures

Township Funds - Cash & Investments

REFERENCE

Schedule I

Schedule II

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT
GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
NOVEMBER, 1981

	<u>NOVEMBER '81</u>	<u>OCTOBER '81</u>
Check Book Balance - Beginning of the Month.....	\$ <u>372</u>	\$ <u>330</u>
Receipts During the Month.....	<u>35,838</u>	<u>51,722</u>
Net Transfers from Savings.....	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Transfers from Other Funds - Revenue Sharing.....	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>\$36,210</u>	<u>\$62,052</u>
Expenditures for the Month.....	\$ <u>9,351</u>	\$ <u>55,231</u>
Net Transfers to Savings.....	<u>26,593</u>	<u>6,449</u>
Check Book Balance - End of the Month.....	\$ <u>266</u>	\$ <u>372</u>

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH & INVESTMENTS

NOVEMBER, 1981

	GENERAL	STREET LIGHT	EQUIPMENT	PARKS & REC.	STATE	VENUE FARE	SPEC. RD. CONST. FUND
I. CASH:							
Checking Account	\$ 269 ^a	\$ 318	\$ 365	\$ 305	\$ 370	\$ 336	\$ 363
II. INVESTED:							
A. Daily Interest 5.25%	37,967	4,359	7,969	4,883	9,077	4,446	5,766
B. 90 Day Certificate 5.5% Annual	10,000 ^b		10,000 ^b		10,000 ^b		
C. 6 Month Money Market Cert.							
TOTAL FUNDS NOVEMBER 1981	\$ 48,236	\$ 4,677	\$ 18,334	\$ 5,188	\$ 19,447	\$ 4,782	\$ 6,129
PREVIOUS MONTH	\$ 21,649	\$ 4,582	\$ 18,068	\$ 4,954	\$ 21,518	\$ 4,732	\$ 6,155
CASH	\$ 2,326						
INVESTED	\$ 104,467						
TOTAL	\$ 106,793						
PREVIOUS MONTH	\$ 81,708						

NOTES:

- General Fund Checking
 - Includes \$100.00 in Payroll Account
- Maturity dates of certificates of deposits:
 - December 1, 1981 - Interest Rate 14.74%