

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 19, 2015**

ATTENDED BY:

COUNCIL:

L. Eric Bernier, Chair
Lynn B. Herman, Vice-Chair
Carla Stilson
D. Richard Francke
William H. Sharp

STAFF:

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer
Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director
John J. Franek, Jr., Management Analyst
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

ABSENT:

Michael Heath, Zoning Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bernier called to order the February 19, 2015, Regular College Township Council Meeting at 7:11 PM, following a public hearing on proposed Ordinance O-15-02, Permitted Building Heights in the Gateway Commercial Zoning District.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. Craig Colombero, Mountainview Avenue, requested Council's consideration of improvements to unsafe conditions on Mountainview Avenue and Manor Drive, both private roads, and suggested that College Township make a connection from Mountainview Avenue to Ivy Hill Lane. The inadequate winter maintenance of Manor Drive, owned by Old Island Hotels, is placing residents of private residences on these roads at risk, particularly during ice and snow events.

Ms. Terri Lukens-Gable, Mountainview Avenue, advised that, since the ownership of Old Island Hotels changed hands, the year-round maintenance of Mountainview Avenue and Manor Drive is deficient and in an unsafe condition. This would be alleviated by a connecting road to Ivy Hill Lane.

Mr. Cabas Dewey, Mountainview Avenue, added that the current road condition during winter snow and ice events makes Manor Drive inaccessible to emergency response vehicles and has caused some vehicles exiting Manor Drive to unavoidably slide out onto E. College Avenue.

Ms. Christina Hodges, Mountainview Avenue, stated that she is an Old Island Hotels tenant and explained that, when discussing winter road maintenance, the new property owner is at the mercy of his property manager and that individual's schedule. She supported an Ivy Hill connection and making Manor Drive a Township road.

Mr. Bernie Oravec, Mountainview Avenue, stressed the need for another access point and offered support for an Ivy Hill Lane, or any other, connection. In the meantime, Mr. Oravec stated that the residents could deal temporarily with Mountainview Avenue as it is but that Manor Drive, in its unsafe condition, must be dealt with immediately.

In discussion, Council recognized that this has become a public safety issue due to the inadequate road maintenance; considered possible Township exposure to liability as a result of providing any maintenance assistance; directed staff to 1) develop a short- and long-term solution, 2) evaluate deed requirements relative to whether or not Old Island Hotels is required to maintain the roads, 3) determine what role the Township could play in working with the property owner to improve maintenance, and 4) schedule a meeting with residents on this matter.

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, stated that, for safety reasons, the Township has been providing a stockpile of road salt, which Mr. Dorsey Houtz, prior resident, used for a number of years in maintaining these roads. The salt pile is still there, but it is not being used. The salt will be moved to a location more easily accessible to the residents, and they should feel free to use it as needed. The Township is now salting the first 15 to 20 feet of Manor Drive off E. College Avenue and will attempt to salt as far up as it is safe for crew members to do, as a temporary emergency measure.

This matter will return to Council at a future meeting.

MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Mr. Brumbaugh presented the February 19, 2015, Manager's Update, highlighting correspondence from the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) regarding plans to expand the bus wrap program to 12 CATA buses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- CA-1 Minutes:**
- a. Feb. 5, 2015, Public Hearing on O-15-04, Chapter 139 Amendments (Parks – Firearms)
 - b. Feb. 5, 2015, Regular Council Meeting
- CA-2 Correspondence:** /1: Letter from Centre County Commissioners, dtd Jan. 20, 2015, regarding Mr. Brumbaugh's SEDA-COG Board appointment

- /2: Email from Mr. and Mrs. Colombero, dtd Feb. 9, 2015, concerning safety issues at Mountainview Ave./Manor Dr.
- /3: Letter from Windstream, dtd. Feb. 6, 2015, regarding channel changes
- /4: Letter from Sen. Jake Corman, dtd Feb. 6, 2015, regarding DCNR Grants
- /5: Letter from CCRRA, dtd Feb. 10, 2015, regarding truck washing facilities
- /6: Email from Mr. Bernard Oravec, dtd Feb. 17, 2015, regarding improvements needed at Mt. View Ave./Manor Dr.
- /7: Email from Mr. Scott Irvin, dtd Feb. 18, 2015, supporting connecting Mountainview Ave. to Ivy Hill Drive
- /8: Email from Mr. Dustin Caso, dtd Feb. 18, 2015, regarding hazardous road conditions on Mountainview Avenue
- /9: Email from Megan and Cabas Dewey, dtd Feb. 18, 2015, regarding road conditions at Mountainview Ave. and Manor Dr.
- /10: Email from Ms. Angela Dubensky, dtd Feb. 18, 2015, regarding road conditions at Mountainview Ave. and Manor Dr.

Council requested that Items CA-2/4 and CA-2/5 be pulled for discussion.

Ms. Stilson moved to approve the February 19, 2015, Consent Agenda, minus Items CA-2/4 and CA-2/5.

Mr. Herman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

CA-2/4: Mr. Francke inquired as to whether or not College Township would be pursuing any of the DCNR grants. Mr. Brumbaugh advised that this matter was being forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee for review.

CA-2/5: Council discussed CCRRA's request for a truck wash facility in the Industrial Zone and concurred with the concept based on the facility being for trucks only, as per the CCRRA request.

Mr. Francke moved to remand the CCRRA truck wash facility to Planning Commission.

Mr. Herman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Francke moved to receive Consent Agenda Items CA-2/4 and CA-2/5.

Ms. Stilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 Ordinance O-15-02, Permitted Building Heights in the Gateway Commercial Zoning District

Proposed Ordinance O-15-02, Permitted Building Heights in the Gateway Commercial Zoning District, proposes to amend the subject zoning district to restrict buildings to no more than 35 feet in height within 150 feet of a single-family home within the zoning district. A public hearing on this ordinance was duly advertised and held earlier this date.

Agreeing with Mr. Sweetland's comments made during the public hearing, Ms. Stilson voiced concern about the building heights also being restricted within 300 feet of R-1 Zoning District and expressed a willingness to look at this portion of the ordinance again.

**Ms. Stilson moved to adopt Ordinance O-15-02, Permitted Building Heights in the Gateway Commercial Zoning District.
Mr. Francke seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

OB-2 Ordinance O-15-06, PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust; Public Comment and Adoption of

Mr. Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director, presented proposed Ordinance O-15-06, PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust. This ordinance would authorize College Township's continued participation in the subject Group Trust in accordance with the terms of the Restated Trust Agreement and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. This Ordinance was open to public comment, but no public comments were offered.

**Mr. Herman moved to adopt Ordinance O-15-06, PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust.
Mr. Sharp seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 PennDOT Green Light Go Grant Application; Township Match Authorization

Mr. John Franek, Jr., Management Analyst, offered a presentation on PennDOT's Green Light Go Grant, which could provide financial assistance to planned upgrades to existing traffic control infrastructure. This grant would require the Township to commit to a fifty percent match.

Following discussion of current Township projects in the 2015 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and impacts associated with additional, PennDOT-required engineering and erosion and sedimentation costs, staff recommended that action be deferred

until the Township sees if any land development activity along the E. College Avenue corridor comes forward, which could assume some of the costs of signal improvements.

Council agreed to authorize staff to submit the Green Light Go grant application for 2015 CIP Items #4 – detection equipment, and #5 and #6, installation of Wavetronix Radar Systems on Mt. Nittany Expressway ramps.

**Ms. Stilson moved to authorize staff to complete the Green Light Go Grant application for CIP items #4, detection equipment, and #5 and #6, installation of Wavetronix Radar systems on Mt. Nittany Expressway ramps.
Mr. Sharp seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

In response to Ms. Stilson's request, Mr. Brumbaugh agreed that, if development does not occur along E. College Avenue within the next year, the Township will address the need for signal and crosswalk improvements at E. College Avenue and Elmwood Street. These items will be placed in the 2016 Proposed CIP.

Staff was directed to add this to the 2016 CIP.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:

No *Staff Informatives* were pulled for discussion.

OTHER MATTERS:

Chair Bernier invited Council and staff to an open house and tour of the Emergency Operations Center at Beaver Stadium on February 24th at 12:00 Noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee, February 12, 2015: In written correspondence, dated February 15, 2015, Mr. Francke reported that he and Mr. Long attended the Finance Committee Meeting. The Committee 1) discussed the need for a fund balance policy; 2) heard CATA's thoughts on their anticipated 2016 budget format; 3) approved CRPA's approaching the County regarding the 33-year-old Agreement of Relationship that governs funding for the Centre Regional Planning Agency; 4) reviewed vehicle maintenance reports; and 5) discussed an Oak Hall Regional Park legal matter.

Parks Capital Committee, February 12, 2015: In written correspondence, dated February 16, 2015, Ms. Stilson reported that the Parks Capital Committee 1) received an update on Whitehall Road Regional Park and associated grant details; 2) determined that the Hess Softball Fields

driveway project completion date should be in April or May 2015; and 3) discussed Oak Hall Regional Park matters.

Public Safety Committee, February 5, 2015: In written correspondence, dated February 5, 2015, Mr. Sharp reported that the Public Safety Committee 1) reviewed a draft customer service survey for the Centre Region Code Administration; 2) discussed ongoing issues involving the aerial ladder fire truck and the future of this equipment; and 3) received a satisfactory report from Dr. W. Schneider, CRCA Director, on Code services being provided to Bellefonte Borough. Following this meeting, Mr. Sharp was given a tour of two Alpha substations and given a briefing on the organization and operations.

Executive Committee, February 17, 2015: Chair Bernier reported that the Executive Committee set the agenda for the February General Forum Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing of no further business, Chair Bernier called for a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Stilson so moved. Chair Bernier adjourned the February 19, 2015, Regular Council Meeting at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam T. Brumbaugh

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