

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 16, 2014

ATTENDED BY:

COUNCIL: Mary C. Shoemaker, Vice-Chair
Lynn B. Herman
D. Richard Francke

STAFF: Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer
Michael W. Heath, Zoning Officer
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

ABSENT: L. Eric Bernier, Chair
Carla Stilson, Council member
Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Shoemaker called to order at 7:00 PM the October 16, 2014, College Township Council Regular Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

No Open Discussion matters were forthcoming.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

SP-1 College Police Department Proposed Budget

a. 2013 – 2014 Police Services Report

Chief of Police Thomas R. King reported that the SCPD has been providing police services to College Township for the past 38 years. Chief King presented an annual services review and took Council questions before presenting the proposed budget for 2015 police services.

Police services provided in College Township from September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014, reflected the following:

- Calls for Service – 3,995 (3,661 in 2013);
- A decrease in Traffic Citations – 1,019 (1,104 in 2013);
- A decrease in DUI Arrests – 39 (49 in 2013);
- A decrease in Adult Arrests – 249 (252 in 2013);
- An increase in Juvenile Arrests – 21 (15 in 2013);
- A decrease in Disorderly Conduct – 128 (140 in 2013);
- An increase in Part 1 Crime – 185 (159 in 2012);
- A decrease in Part 2 Crime – 362 (380 in 2013);
- An increase in Total Crashes – 377 (348 in 2013);
- An increase in Reportable Crashes – 121 with 0 fatalities (113 in 2013);
- An increase in Assaults – 15 (13 in 2013); and
- A decrease in Burglaries – 8 (16 in 2013).

Chief King provided College Township with a chart reflecting the roads experiencing the highest number of crashes. The top six are as follows:

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| - | East College Avenue | 98 crashes | 20 injuries/0 fatalities; |
| - | Benner Pike | 56 crashes | 10 injuries/0 fatalities; |
| - | Park Avenue | 53 crashes | 11 injuries; |
| - | South Atherton Street: | 31 crashes | 14 injuries; |
| - | Mt. Nittany Expressway | 25 crashes | 6 injuries; and |
| - | Rolling Ridge Drive | 11 crashes | 0 injuries. |

b. 2014 Recommended Police Service Hours Budget

Chief T. King presented the Proposed 2015 Police Services Budget, reflecting a total of 262 police service hours per week for 2015. This level of police services represents a three-hour-per-week decrease over 2014's budgeted hours and is broken down as follows:

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| Scheduled Patrol | - | 156 hours; |
| Special Traffic Enforcement | - | 15 hours; |
| Complaint Response and
Specific Assignments | - | 56 hours; and |
| Det. & Community
Relations/Crime Prevention
(CR/CP) Services | - | 35 hours. |

The hourly cost to College Township for police services in 2015 will be \$104.44 per hour for regular contracted hours of service and \$126.97 for all hours in excess of the regularly contracted hours. This latter rate reflects all departmental overhead and indirect costs of providing police services.

Chief King advised that notification of College Township's acceptance of the above 2015 hours and rates is due by November 7, 2014.

Council thanked Chief King for the report and agreed to place this budgetary item on the next Council meeting agenda for action.

PLAN:

P-1 Penn State University HFS Warehouse and Bakery Expansion Preliminary/Final Land Development

In written correspondence to Council, dated October 9, 2014, Mr. Baker, Township Engineer, advised that the PSU HFS Warehouse and Bakery Expansion Land Development Plan reflected a warehouse expansion at a quarter-acre site located near the Dickenson School of Law. The expansion will entail an 8,000-square-foot, one-floor addition. The parking area will be modified to adjust for a new truck loading bay.

Mr. Steve Kirsch, Sweetland Engineering, introduced Mr. Richard O'Donald, PSU Facilities Manager, before presenting the subject plan. Mr. O'Donald clarified that this expansion will allow for the consolidation of services, such as dining halls, athletics, and child care facilities.

Mr. Francke moved to approve the Pennsylvania State University HFS Warehouse and Bakery Expansion Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan, dated August 18, 2014, last revised September 30, 2014, with the following conditions:

- 1. Obtain all required signatures; and**
- 2. Pay all outstanding plan review fees.**

Mr. Herman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S UPDATE:

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, presented the October 16, 2014, Manager's Update, highlighting the 1) acceptable level of operation of recently installed stormwater controls at the Oak Hall Regional Park; and 2) results of the latest PennDOT design meeting on the proposed Oak Hall interchange.

Mr. Francke referenced the correspondence from Mr. Ron Woodhead, Director of Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR), requesting extending the CRPR park pavilion reservation system to Slab Cabin Park and offered a motion. Mr. Francke also requested that the Manager review correspondence received from the Centre county Tax Assessor, Mr. Mark Kellerman, regarding impacts on taxes as a result of rezoning. Mr. Kellerman confirmed that

substantive impacts to taxes of any rezoning property would not be evident until an updated County-wide reassessment would be undertaken.

Mr. Francke moved to remand to the Parks and Recreation Committee the September 30, 2014, CRPR correspondence on the Slab Cabin Park pavilions for review and comment. Mr. Herman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- CA-1** Minutes: October 2, 2014, Regular Council Meeting
CA-2 Correspondence: /1: Letter from USEPA, dtd Sept. 30, 2014, re: Centre County
Kepone Superfund Site: Five-Year Review Report
/2: Letter from PennDOT, dtd Oct. 6, 2014, providing a
change of address
/3: Letter from PennDOT, dtd Oct. 6, 2014, regarding PA
Federal Surplus Property Program
CA-3 ABC Matters: Resignation of Mr. Edward Book from the College Township
Industrial Development Authority, effective 12/31/2014;
Acceptance of
CA-4 Resolution: R-14-18, Thompson Street Stop Sign at Mt. Nittany Road;
Approval of

Mr. Francke pulled item CA-3 for discussion.

Mr. Herman moved to approve the October 16, 2014, Consent Agenda, minus CA-3. Mr. Francke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CA-3: Mr. Francke expressed Council's appreciation to Mr. Ned Book for the years of volunteer service on the College Township Industrial Development Authority.

Mr. Francke moved to accept Consent Agenda CA-3. Vice-Chair Shoemaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 University Planned District (UPD) Rezoning; Set Public Hearing

In written correspondence to Council, dated October 8, 2014, Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, introduced a request to amend the UPD District Plan to reflect a rezoning of a 4.5-

acre portion of Penn State University property from UPD Subdistrict 7 to UPD Subdistrict 8. This parcel is located at the intersection of Tower and Big Hollow Roads and includes an area known as the mushroom test facility. An approval would allow the University to construct a new water treatment plant, which is not a permitted use in UPD Subdistrict 7. Mr. Holdren offered staff's recommendation in support of the request, as staff finds that the proposed amendment to the UPD District Plan will continue to promote the efficient development and preservation of the UPD without having any adverse impact on lands abutting the UPD.

Mr. Steve Watson, Penn State University, advised that the University's mushroom facility will be removed to allow for the water treatment plant to be constructed without impact to the Arboretum.

Mr. Francke moved to set a public hearing date of November 20, 2014, on Ordinance O-14-16, Rezoning of a 4.5-acre parcel of University property at the intersection of Tower and Big Hollow Roads from UPD Subdistrict 7 to UPD Subdistrict 8.
Mr. Herman seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-Chair Shoemaker brought forward item NB-3, Mt. Nittany Road Parking, for the convenience of those in attendance.

NB-3 Mt. Nittany Road Parking

At their September 18, 2014, Regular Meeting, Council received and discussed a new-resident complaint regarding a high volume of disruptive and unsafe traffic, both vehicular and foot, at the head of Mt. Nittany hiking trail on Mt. Nittany Road. Staff was directed to investigate and return to Council with some recommendations on this matter.

In correspondence to Council, dated October 6, 2014, Mr. Baker, Township Engineer, reported that staff met with Mt. Nittany Conservancy on this matter. Mr. Baker suggested that College Township could allow weekend-only parking on the nearby, Township-owned shale pit area, which could accommodate at least 20 cars.

Mr. Ruth Bell, 19-year resident on Mt. Nittany Road, stated that weather drove the level of usage the trail receives and asked Council not to pave or grade Mt. Nittany Road. Long-time residents accept that vehicles drive, sometimes quickly, up the road and recognize it is part of life on Mt. Nittany Road.

Mr. Herb Williams, Mt. Nittany Road, spoke in strong opposition to a return to allowing parking in the shale pit area, as it brought new problems with it when previously permitted.

Ms. Amanda Kunkle, Mt. Nittany Road, expressed concern for her safety walking along her road but felt that allowing parking in the shale pit areas was not the solution. Ms. Kunkle suggested that no-parking signs be installed on W. Mt. Nittany Road and the roadway be treated to control the dust kicked up from vehicles.

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, pointed out that the Township also owns a parcel near the curve on Mt. Nittany Road, which held the old Lemont Water Company's chlorine contact tank. Once filled in, this area could be utilized as an overflow parking area. Mr. Brumbaugh added that staff would alert the police department of this traffic situation.

Following discussion, Council determined that a one-year trial period should be initiated by adding signage to limit parking along Mt. Nittany Road; and Mr. Baker stated that the Township could start implementing this next year.

Mr. Steve Lyncha, Planning Commission-Council liaison, wishing to avoid disrupting residents with open parking at the shale pit, suggested that it be determined whether or not any Mt. Nittany Conservancy activities are drawing large crowds to the mountain on occasion. If that is the case, College Township may want to coordinate with the Conservancy and allow parking at the shale pit, on a limited basis, for such Conservancy events.

Mr. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, advised that other Township parks are signed as being open from dawn to dusk.

Council directed staff to return to Council with recommended signage indicating shale pit parking on weekends only, closed dusk to dawn, and no parking on the curve.

Vice-Chair Shoemaker brought forward agenda item NB-2 for the convenience of the presenter.

NB-2 Transfer Road Signal Study; Trans Associates

Mr. Nick Schaefer, Trans Associates, offered a report on the Transfer Road Signal Study to determine whether or not a traffic signal was warranted at the intersection with E. College Avenue. After evaluating numbers of crashes, performing a capacity analysis, and taking traffic counts, the area was determined to be rated at a Level of Service B. None of the current volume counts meet PennDOT's warrants, which require 100 exiting cars per hour.

NB-1 Long-Term Projects Map

Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, facilitated a presentation on 16 long-range projects in College Township that are being considered, which were generated through either the Centre County Long-Range Transportation Plan or College Township's Capital Improvement Plan. Council asked to see where other Centre Region municipalities' items stood on these 16 projects and directed staff to produce a separate bikeway map, sidewalk map, and stormwater

map in time for Council to consider as part of the budget review process. This matter will return to a future Regular Council Meeting.

At Council's request, staff agreed to make the Long-Term Projects part of the appendix to the 2015 Budget.

NB-4 Ordinance O-14-17, Open Space Recreation Conservation (OSR) Zoning District Amendment; Set Public Hearing

In correspondence to Council, dated October 10, 2014, Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Planner, offered an overview of proposed Ordinance O-14-17, Open Space Recreation Conservation Zoning District Amendment. This proposed ordinance follows public hearing discussions on the Hilltop Area Rezoning, which noted that the current OSR District allows for recreational uses, such as pools, basketball/tennis courts, sports fields, and other similar activities. As Council was opposed to seeing any of these types of active uses placed in the OSR District in the Hilltop area, preferring passive uses, and directed staff to develop ordinance language that would redefine the list of permitted uses to reflect the overall intent of this zoning district. This proposed ordinance was then scheduled for a public hearing, as amended.

Mr. Francke moved to set a public hearing date of November 20, 2014, for Ordinance O-14-17, Open Space Recreation Conservation (OSR) Zoning District Amendment.

Mr. Herman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF AND ABC INFORMATIVES:

SI-1: Mr. Francke inquired about quarry blasting violations, and staff advised that blasts affecting nearby homes would be referred to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The Township has no governing authority in this regard.

On this same item, Vice-Chair Shoemaker inquired about open burn violations, asking what residents may legally burn in their own backyards. Staff reported that residents may initiate private, recreational types of fires, such as in a charcoal grill; however, the burn ordinance does not allow for the disposition of unwanted material by way of open fires.

COUNCIL/STAFF OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Brumbaugh reported that, in response to Centre Hills Village residents' requests for traffic calming measures along Oak Ridge Avenue, the Township has now completed centerline and walkway line striping. This changes the perspective of the roadway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee, October 8, 2014: In written communication, Mr. Francke advised Council that the Public Safety Committee received agency updates from the Code Administration Director and the Fire Director and heard a report from Messrs. Boyer and Steff regarding the Centre County Public Safety Training Center.

Joint Meeting of Parks Capital Committee and the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Board, October 9, 2014: In written communication, Mr. Francke advised Council that the subject joint meeting received an update on the Whitehall Road Regional Park Phase 1 and Toll Bros. development relative to the developer providing roadway access to the park, utilities to the park, and related transportation improvements. The attendees also received an informational update on the Oak Hall Regional Park Phase 1, noting that a grand opening will be held in the Spring of 2015.

Finance Committee, October 9, 2014: Vice-Chair Shoemaker reported that the Finance Committee completed its preliminary review of the COG agency budgets, which will be forwarded to the General Forum for referral to the municipalities for comment. Council will review the Proposed 2015 COG Budget at their November 6, 2014, Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no other matters for discussion, Vice-Chair Shoemaker called for a motion to adjourn.

**Mr. Francke moved to adjourn the October 16, 2014,
Regular Council Meeting.
Mr. Herman seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chair Shoemaker adjourned the October 16, 2014, Regular Meeting of the College Township Council at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam T. Brumbaugh

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Township Manager/Secretary