

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 6, 2011**

**ATTENDED BY -**

**COUNCIL:** Mary C. Shoemaker, Chair  
David P. Fryer, Vice-Chair  
Daniel D. Klees  
David W. Koll

**STAFF:** Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary  
Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director  
John J. Franek, Jr., Zoning Officer  
Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner  
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

**ABSENT:** Forrest J. Remick, Ph.D.  
Kent N. Baker, Township Engineer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Shoemaker called to order the October 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of the College Township Council at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

None.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**SP-1 State College Borough Police Update**

**a. 2011 Police Activities Report**

Chief of Police Thomas R. King, State College Borough Police Department, reported that police services have been provided to College Township for the past 35 years. Chief King gave an overview of police services provided in College Township from September 2010 through August 2011, highlighting:

- Calls for Service – 3,722 (3,491 in 2010),
- A decrease in Traffic Citations – 1,442 (2,051 in 2010),
- An increase in DUI Arrests – 80 (53 in 2010),
- An increase in Adult Arrests – 337 (278 in 2010),
- An increase in Disorderly Conduct – 159 (135 in 2010),
- A decrease in Part 1 Crime – 198 (206 in 2010),
- An increase in Part 2 Crime – 433 (362 in 2010),
- An increase in Total Crashes – 403 (370 in 2010),
- An increase in Reportable Crashes – 112 with no fatalities (105 in 2010 with one fatality),
- A decrease in Assaults – 14 (22 in 2010), and
- An increase in Burglaries – 16 (13 in 2010).

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

- East College Avenue:	119 crashes	36 injuries,
- Benner Pike:	65 crashes	14 injuries,
- Park Avenue:	57 crashes	16 injuries,
- South Atherton Street:	41 crashes	5 injuries,
- Mt. Nittany Expressway:	26 crashes	3 injuries,
- Rolling Ridge Drive	16 crashes	0 injuries, and
- Branch Road	12 crashes	5 injuries.

Chief King noted that there were approximately 500 hours more spent on follow-up investigations than on enforcement, impacted by a series of vehicle break ins in the Houserville area in March 2011 and incidents in the Spring Creek Estates area.

In response to Council inquiry about any obvious causes of accidents in the Rolling Ridge Drive area that could be corrected, Chief King reported that when researched two years ago, no roadway design corrections would have reduced the incident numbers.

Council requested that Chief King provide a report on the locations of traffic citations, showing how many were speed related.

A tractor trailer accident on Mt. Nittany Expressway (Route 322) on September 27, 2011, resulted in no serious injuries. However, Chief King reported that PennDOT's large warning sign, which is set up prior to the curve and is vehicle speed activated, was malfunctioning at the time of this accident. A PennDOT work order had been submitted for its repair, and the sign was repaired on October 3, 2011. Chief King noted that there had been a significant decrease in accidents at that dangerous location since the warning sign was installed several years ago.

Mr. Fryer asked staff to inquire whether or not technologies might now be available that might also allow such warning signs to also be activated according to deteriorating road conditions, such as wet or icy surfaces.

Mr. Klees asked Chief King to do a comparison of current hours and rate and the proposed hours and rate and bring that comparison to the next meeting.

Mr. Koll requested to see the police activities reports or a report that reflects police services trends of the other participating municipalities so that Council could see an expanded view of the Centre Region's overall police services.

**b. 2012 Recommended Service Hours**

Chief King presented the Proposed 2012 Police Services Budget for College Township reflecting a total of 260 police service hours per week for 2012. This level of police services represents an increase of four hours over the levels provided in 2011 and is recommended based on the usage of 262 police service hours in 2011.

Scheduled Patrol – 156 hours  
Special Traffic Enforcement – 15 hours  
Complaint Response and Specific Assignments – 54 hours  
Det. & Community Relations/Crime Prevention (CR/CP) services – 35 hours.

The hourly cost to College Township for police services in 2012 will be \$92.30 per hour for regular contracted hours of service and \$106.19 for all hours in excess of the regularly contracted hours. This latter rate reflects all departmental overhead and indirect costs of providing police services.

Council thanked Chief King for his presentation and directed staff to return this matter to the next Council agenda for action.

**MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Mr. Brumbaugh presented the October 6, 2011, Manager's Update, and advised that 1) the Country Inn and Suites remains approximately four weeks away from opening; 2) PennDOT began the pipe replacement on October 3, 2011, at the South Ridge project location by laying a lateral pipeline aside of the deteriorating line, which will remain in the ground under the roadway; 3) Pike Street Traffic-Calming will be reviewed by Council at their December 1, 2011, Council Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CA-1 Minutes:**

- a. Sep. 6, 2011 Joint Council-PC Meeting
- b. Sep. 15, 2011 Regular Council Meeting

**CA-2 Correspondence:**

- /1: Thank you letter from Central PA 4thFest, dated Sep. 19, 2011, for Township contribution.
- /2: Email from S. Smith, subj: New PA Safe Routes to School Resource Center, dated September 14, 2011.

/3: Letter from PA Dept. of General Services, dated September 22, 2011, regarding Eligibility Number 542697, Federal Surplus Property Program.

**CA-3 Report:**

Finance Director's

**CA-4 Waiver Request:**

Noise Ordinance from 8:00 – 11:00 PM, 10/22/2011

For Private Annual Halloween Party, 1533 Trout Road.

Mr. Klees pulled Consent Agenda Item CA-2/1 for discussion.

**Mr. Klees moved to accept the October 6, 2011,  
Consent Agenda, minus item CA-2/1.  
Mr. Fryer seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**CA-2/1:** Mr. Klees requested clarification that accepting this letter did not obligate the Township to the contribution level mentioned in the letter; and the Township Manager confirmed that action to accept Correspondence simply recognizes receipt of such. Any actions would require Council to pull that item of correspondence for consideration. This funding amount will be included with the Township's 2012 Budget for Council's future discussion and possible action.

**Mr. Klees moved to accept Consent Agenda Item CA-2/1.  
Mr. Fryer seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **OB-1 2012 Schlow Centre Region Library Budget; Discussion**

Mr. Brumbaugh introduced the 2012 Schlow Centre Region Library Budget discussion, advising that the Library Director was hopeful of receiving written comments from all municipal representatives on the Library Board forwarding their municipality's Library budget comments. In particular, comments are being sought relative to Ferguson Township's proposed contribution for 2012. Mr. Brumbaugh distributed a letter to the Centre Region Council of Governments, dated October 4, 2011, from Ferguson Township, regarding Ferguson Township's revised proposed 2012 contribution to the Library. This revised proposal of \$328,245 supersedes funding levels that were previously proposed by Ferguson Township for 2012 but adds conditions on the participating municipalities to cover the balance of the Library's local share funding of \$828,590.

Following extended discussion on the applicability of the COG formula toward Library Budget contributions, Council concluded that it could not forward any comments until such time as Ferguson Township takes a vote on a three-year agreement to fund the Library. Council reiterated that College Township has always supported the Library budget and intends to continue to do so.

Chair Shoemaker announced that the Schlow Centre Region Library is now making available to Library members up to three book downloads per week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NB-1 The Retreat At State College PRD; Waupelani Drive; Set Public Hearing**

In written correspondence dated October 6, 2011, Mr. John Franek, Zoning Officer, advised Council that College Township officially received the application for The Retreat At State College on September 19, 2011. This plan is being reviewed under the Planned Residential District (PRD) ordinance requirements and timelines. Those requirements include the setting of a public hearing to occur within 60 days of receiving the application.

Mr. Franek, Zoning Officer, described the PRD and Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) timeline requirements and advised that setting this required public hearing for November 17, 2011, would meet those timelines.

**Mr. Fryer moved to set a public hearing for The Retreat At State College PRD for November 17, 2011.**

**Mr. Klees seconded the motion.**

Mr. Brumbaugh stated that, at this time, this public hearing would be held at the regular meeting location at the Township Building; however, should it become evident that a larger-than-anticipated number could be in attendance, the location will be moved to another venue. The location will be advertised.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NB-2 Official Map Amendment Request; Pennsylvania Avenue**

Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, advised Council that College Township was in receipt of a request to amend the College Township Official Map to allow for the removal of a proposed street reservation known as the "Pennsylvania Avenue Extension" in the Hilltop Trailer Park area down to Elmwood Street, approximately 300 feet from the E. College Avenue/Elmwood Street intersection. Mr. Matt Cover, Realtor®, Kissinger, Bigatel & Brower, presented this amendment request on behalf of client, Ms. Gloria Licastro and her acting Power of Attorney, Mr. Michael Danneker, regarding Tax Parcel 19-013-051-0000. A successful Official Map Amendment would allow the property owner to sell the parcel of land free of potential future encumbrances.

The purpose of this original street reservation on the Official Map was to provide an additional link from the Hilltop area down to East College Avenue. Due to the severe slope of this lot and the newly installed traffic signal now operational at Squirrel Drive and East College Avenue allowing access, Mr. Holdren suggested that Council may want to consider the removal of this street reservation. Staff recommended that, if College Township wished

to consider this request further, it should be remanded to Planning Commission. Mr. Holdren additionally suggested that, should this move forward, Council may wish to consider any revisions to the Official Map at the same time.

Following some discussion on this request, Council took action to forward this to Planning Commission.

**Mr. Fryer moved to remand the Official Map Amendment Request for Pennsylvania Avenue Extension to the Planning Commission.**

**Mr. Koll seconded the motion.**

Chair Shoemaker stated that having a second access to East College Avenue might be beneficial and was, therefore, unsure about her eventual support of this Official Map Amendment request.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **STAFF AND ABC INFORMATIVES:**

**SI-2, UAJA Executive Director's Report of Sep. 21, 2011:** Mr. Klees referenced Page 2, Action Items, Item 5.2, Swaption Settlement, regarding UAJA's soliciting for quotes for floating rate debt for the exercise of the swaption. Council directed the Township's Finance Director to inquire about this and report back to Council.

#### **OTHER MATTERS:**

Mr. Brumbaugh brought three matters forward under Other Matters.

- a. Prevailing Wage Legislative Reform Package: Mr. Brumbaugh distributed an email from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Grassroots Lobbying Network requesting that township officials contact House members in support of House Bills 1191, 1271, 1329, 1367, 1541, and 1685 proposing Prevailing Wage Law amendments.

Council directed the Township Manager to write a letter in support of all of the referenced legislation related to prevailing wage.

- b. USGS Spring Creek Houserville Gauge: Mr. Brumbaugh distributed an email from Mr. N. Schipanski, dated September 29, 2011, requesting that municipalities consider contributing to a shortage in funding in order to maintain the USGS Spring Creek Houserville Gauge. This gauge is otherwise due to be shut down this month because of a shortfall in funding in the amount of \$5,300 from USGS funding partners for 2012. Annual gauge operation costs are \$17,200.

Council directed staff to contact USGS for further details and suggested that local municipalities should anticipate more of these types of requests for financial support. Council agreed that it would be willing to split the \$5,300 and directed the Township Manager to contact Mr. N. Schipanski, ClearWater Conservancy, regarding other entities that might be willing to participate.

- c. Alpha Fire Company Sign: Mr. Brumbaugh distributed a drawing from the COG Fire Director of the proposed Alpha Fire Company sign for the College Township Fire Station.

Council commented that they envisioned a back-lighted wall sign facing East College Avenue and directed the Township Manager to work with Mr. S. Bair, COG Fire Director on an alternative to that proposed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO), September 27, 2011:** Mr. Klees reported the following.

- The CCMPO discussed Marion Township's request for CCMPO membership. CCMPO received a recommendation to change the bylaws to allow one shared, voting membership to Marion Township, Walker Township, and the Borough of Bellefonte as representing the Nittany Valley Planning District. This would move Bellefonte's non-voting membership to a voting membership.
- An additional proposed change to the bylaws would state that a regional representative must represent at least two municipalities.
- The CCMPO discussed the 2012 Budget relative to Ferguson Township's request to find a more equitable way to share the MPO Budget.
- The CCMPO received a PennDOT District 2 Update highlighting the Atherton Street Drainage Study.

**Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Committee, October 3, 2011:** Mr. Klees reported that the TLU received a presentation from Ms. T. Meek, Centre Regional Planning Agency, on the application for "Bike Friendly Community" status.

**Public Services and Environmental (PS&E) Committee, October 5, 2011:** Mr. Fryer attended the Public Services and Environmental Committee Meeting on behalf of Dr. Remick and reported that the Committee held a discussion on the annual review of the refuse and recycling contract. Veolia Environmental Services is adding a 21-cent fuel adjustment per month per refuse account, which will see a 6-cent offset due to recycling rebates. The monthly increase will, therefore, be 15 cents per customer. Mr. Fryer added that the Committee also received a UAJA Update presentation from Mr. Eric Vorwald on sewage planning in the Centre Region; received a presentation from Mr. Jason Wert on the Act 537 Implementation Plan; and held a discussion on the beneficial reuse water.

**Centre Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) 2012 Budget Hearings, Sept. 26, 28, 29, and Oct. 6, 2011:** Mr. Fryer reported that members of the Finance Committee have held four of the six budget hearings for the review of the COG's proposed 2012 Budget.

**Centre County Assoc. of Township Officials (CCATO) Fall Dinner Convention, September 29, 2011:** Chair Shoemaker reported that members of the CCATO attended their annual convention at the Yearick Center in Howard. The keynote speaker was Mr. David Sanko, Executive Director, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). Three resolutions were unanimously moved forward to PSATS for review prior to its 2012 State Convention in May.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Klees moved to adjourn the October 6, 2011,  
Regular College Township Council Meeting.  
Mr. Fryer seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Shoemaker adjourned the October 6, 2011, Regular Council Meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*

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