

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 5, 2013**

**ATTENDED BY:**

**COUNCIL:** David P. Fryer, Chair  
David W. Koll, Vice-Chair  
Mary C. Shoemaker  
L. Eric Bernier  
D. Richard Francke

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

**ABSENT:** Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director  
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fryer called to order the December 5, 2013, College Township Council Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

None.

**MANAGER'S UPDATE:**

Mr. Adam Brumbaugh, Township Manager, presented the December 5, 2013, Manager's Update. Regarding the Township letter sent to Ms. Morris, dated November 18, 2013, subj: Safety Concerns on Dreibelbis Road, Council suggested that elements of the Homewood Suites Hotel land development plan may address some of the safety concerns expressed in Ms. Morris's letter.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- CA-1 Minutes:**
- a. Nov. 18 2013, Special Budget Meeting
  - b. Nov. 21, 2013, Public Hearing-1; Lieb Rezoning Request, Ordinance O-13-06
  - c. Nov. 21, 2013, Public Hearing-2; Government Offices Ordinance O-13-07
  - d. Nov. 21, 2013, Regular Council Meeting
  - e. Nov. 25, 2013, COG Special Meeting
- CA-2 Correspondence:**
- /1: Email from Scott Sipple, dtd Nov. 22, 2013, Re: Whitehall Rd Speed Limit.
  - /2: Email from Scott Sipple, dtd Nov. 25, 2013, Re: Whitehall Rd Speed Limit.
  - /3: Ltr from PA Dept. of Agriculture, dtd Nov. 20, 2013, regarding Public Officials Day Brunch at Farm Show.
  - /4: Ltr from Janette and Charlie Meyer, dtd Nov. 12, 2013, requesting deer crossing sign on E. Branch Road.
- CA-3 Report :** Finance Director's; YTD October 31, 2013.
- CA-4 Meeting Schedule:** 2014 College Twp. Council Meeting Schedule; Approval of

Council pulled Consent Agenda Items CA-2/1, CA-2/2, and CA-2/4 for discussion.

**Mr. Koll moved to approve the December 5, 2013, Consent Agenda, minus correspondences CA-2/1, CA-2/2, and CA-2/4.**

**Ms. Shoemaker seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CA-2/1 and CA-2/2:** Following discussion, Council supported forwarding this matter to PennDOT in consideration of lowering the speed limit between Campbell Road and W. Whitehall Road to 35 MPH in both directions.

**CA-2/4:** Council recognized that numerous deer have been hit in the E. Branch Road vicinity, as well as other areas of the Township, but believed signage in this area was not going to prevent vehicle-deer collisions. No action was taken.

**Mr. Koll moved to approve Consent Agenda Items CA-2/1, CA-2/2, and CA-2/4.**

**Ms. Shoemaker seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OB-1 The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) - College Township Turn Lane Agreement on Park Avenue**

In correspondence to Council, dated November 27, 2013, Mr. Kent Baker, Township Engineer, reported that Penn State University (PSU) had requested a modification to a Feb. 2, 2007, Traffic Improvement Agreement between PSU and College Township. The agreement, initiated during the construction of the Dickenson School of Law on Park Avenue, delayed the installment of two specific turn lane additions, as PSU anticipated the widening of Park Avenue. That widening would have negated the need for a right turn lane from Park Avenue onto Fox Hollow Road and a southbound left turn lane from University Drive onto Park Avenue. By agreement, if that widening project was not funded by January 1, 2013, Penn State would be required to complete the turn lanes by January 1, 2015. A ten-year traffic study, *The Planned District Transportation Study*, revealed that traffic volumes decreased since 2005. Therefore, the proposed turn lanes are not currently justified by traffic volumes. Penn State University would like to modify the agreement so that it would require PSU to measure and evaluate the referenced intersections at five-year intervals. Township staff recommended that Council agree in concept to the revised agreement and direct the Township's solicitor and engineer to work with PSU on the specific language for Council's approval at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Robert Watts, P.E, McCormick Taylor, Inc., introduced Mr. Samuel Bertolino, PSU OPP Facilities Project Manager, prior to presenting the subject agreement and requesting Council's support for moving this agreement. Agreement modifications would allow the schedule for measuring and evaluating the involved intersections, construction triggers and construction schedules at five-year intervals.

Council stated that the five-year interval was acceptable; however, the measurement and evaluation of these two intersections should begin at five-year intervals starting five years commencing after the last traffic study, not from the date of the agreement, i.e. 2016 for the next study. Council also preferred a 24-month construction period.

**Mr. Francke moved that Council agree in concept to the revised agreement and direct the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer to work with Penn State University on the specific language, indicating starting the first analysis in 2016 and changing the construction period to 24 months, and that staff bring the proposed agreement back to Council for approval.**  
**Mr. Bernier seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Chair Fryer moved forward agenda item NB-2, Limerock Terrace Street Light Removal Request, for the convenience of the presenters.*

**NB-2 Limerock Terrace Street Light Removal Request; Discussion**

In correspondence to Council, dated December 2, 2013, Mr. Baker, Township Engineer, advised that College Township was in receipt of a request from Ms. Grayce Amick, 221 Limerock Terrace, for the removal of the street light at her driveway. Ms. Amick considered the light a hazard due to its location on a curve, causing difficulty in navigating out of her garage; reported that it had been hit by a vehicle in the past year; and was now leaning toward her garage. Mr. Baker stated that West Penn Power agreed that the pole could be removed; however, there would be a charge to the Township of between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Staff advised that lighting at this location is important and requested Council's direction on how to proceed. Staff offered photographs of the street light, driveway, and roadway.

Ms. Grayce Amick was present to reiterate her request for the removal of the referenced street light pole and to answer Council questions. Ms. Amick stated that the pole, one of three on her property, had been hit by motor vehicles on several occasions over the years, and she considered it hazardous.

Ms. Kerry Wiessman, 162 Limerock Terrace, supported the removal of the subject street light pole due to its dangerous position near the roadway and a nearby light pole's ability to provide roadway lighting. Ms. Wiessman noted that the Township's street light policy was not written to address the removal of street lights, only the installations of them.

Mr. Baker advised that the nearby, short pole across the roadway was a temporary pole providing service to Limerock Terrace, an adjacent subdivision under construction. Mr. Baker agreed to talk to the power company about relocating the pole to a better location and to ascertain costs involved.

Council expressed concern for safety issues related to the curve in the road if not lighted and the current lean of the pole. Council directed staff to approach Verizon to straighten the pole; and improve the lighting until after the Limerock Terrace subdivision lighting goes in to see if this light is still needed. Staff will contact the utility company and return to Council with information and costs.

**NB-1 Ordinance O-13-05 – Minor Zoning, Land Development and Subdivision Amendments**

Mr. Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner, presented a draft of Ordinance O-13-05, Minor Zoning, Land Development and Subdivision Amendments, for Council's review and comment. The proposed ordinance amendment would amend regulations pertaining to land development, subdivision, and zoning through numerous minor alterations and grammatical

and technical corrections. If this ordinance is moved forward for 2014 Council action, its ordinance number will become O-14-01.

Council was offered a synopsis of this draft ordinance and commented on defined regulations and changes affecting mobile food vendors and solar energy systems. Following an in-depth review and comment period, Council directed the Township planner to incorporate changes and return with another draft version for Council's consideration.

**STAFF AND ABC INFORMATIVES:**

SI-4: Ms. Shoemaker requested and received clarification relative to the number of annual meetings for the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee. The schedule for Parks and Recreation Committee meetings will be reworded for clarity.

**OTHERS MATTERS:**

No "Other Matters" were presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Services and Environmental Committee, December 4, 2013:** Mr. Francke reported that the PS/E Committee discussed 1) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety on Shared Use Paths and 2) the next contract for the refuse and recycling program.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing no further matters for discussion, Chair Fryer adjourned the December 5, 2013, College Township Council Regular Meeting at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*

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