

MINUTES OF THE 287TH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS HELD IN THE  
BOROUGH FIREHOUSE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1970

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The meeting was called to order by President Smitheman, with all members present. November 1970's minutes were read and approved, all correspondence was handled and the following receipts were reported:

Crompton-Townsend Inc.-Sale of Ordinance-	\$2.00	Joe L. Frank- 1970 Taxes-	\$55.25
H. J. Silva	- Fines	- 30.00	H. J. Silva - Fines - 50.00
Joe Crews Inc.	- Rent Reimbursement-	50.00	Sam Ward -Bldg. Permit- 12.00

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

1. Phila. Elec. Co.- Electricity- \$72.00; 2. Del. Co. Daily Times- Advertising - \$17.90 (Community Concepts Public Hearing Request - \$11.95; Advertising proposed 1971 Borough Budget - \$5.95;)
3. John J. Kelly Sr. - Mayor's Fee - \$100.00;
4. Carol G. Tucker- Treasurer's Fee- \$250.00;
5. John S. J. Brooks- Solicitor's Fee- \$300.00;
6. J. J. Minker- Postage- \$6.00;
7. J. J. Minker - Secretary's Fee, October, November and December 1970- \$100.00;
8. Pa. State Assoc. of Boroughs- Dues- \$55.00;
9. E. W. Pahl- Bldg. Inspector's Fee- \$130.25;
10. Jos. L. Frank- Tax Collector's Fee- \$404.67;
11. Jarratt W. Martin- Court Stenographer's Fee- \$35.00;
12. Edward J. Laska- Court Stenographer's Fee and copy of transcript- \$113.00;
13. J. W. DeCampi - Publication of Zoning Ordinance- \$100.00; Philadelphia Savings Fund Society-transfer of surplus monies from Highway Aid Fund checking account to Highway Aid Fund Savings Account- \$2,000.00

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Tucker reported \$8,754.60 in the General Fund checking account; \$1,000.00 General Fund P.S.F.S. savings account, and \$2,658.11 in the Highway Aid Fund checking account.

Public Safety Committee: Mr. Salusto reported he checked into the possibility of having an electric light installed at Mattson and Valleybrook Road but felt it would not remedy the hazardous condition existing there; however, a motion was made, seconded and approved to have a light installed at this intersection.

Building Inspector's Report: The Secretary reported the Building Inspector felt that perhaps our building permit fee is too low in comparison with other neighboring Townships and Boroughs. President Smitheman asked the Secretary to have the Building Inspector check into this.

Planning Commission: Mr. Kerns reported the following: a meeting was held Thursday, November 19 with representatives from Del-Chesco re the possibility of having a joint regional planning commission, with Mrs. DeCampi acting as coordinator; Miss Dickson accepted the Chairmanship of Borough Historical Sites; the Planning Commission would like to keep the two unfilled -positions on the Commission vacant at this time, and after careful consideration and comparison of Community Concept's model proposal of a planned residential development ordinance, the Planning Commission feels they can improve on it and tailor one to the needs of the Borough which will be submitted in preliminary form for Council's consideration by February 1, 1971.

Building Committee: Messrs. Moyman and Shisler have drained the Borough Building pipes as the tenant refuses to pay for heat in the building. In addition the tenant owes two (2) months rent. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have Mr. Moyman contact Borough Solicitor and have the lease canceled and the Building Committee was authorized to handle the rental of the building.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the proposed 1971 budget which was previously presented at the November 2, 1970 meeting. The budget calls for expenditures of \$11,611.00 and a tax rate of nine (9) mills. In addition motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt a one-half of one-percent (1/2 of 1%) Real Estate Transfer tax.

President Smitheman referred to a letter from the Borough Planning Commission Secretary in regards to their ultimate recommendation re a planned residential development and questioned Mr. Kerns in detail as to how this was progressing. Mr. Kerns replied a joint Council-Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night, Tuesday, December 8 and felt that more time is needed to thoroughly study various "P.R.D.'s", etc. Mr. Smitheman replied in fairness to Community Concepts he would like to see a final decision made by Borough Council at the next Council meeting.

Mr. DeCampi reported the Historic Sites Committee met at Miss Dickson's home and will visit various parts of the Borough, looking for and at architecturally unique houses.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. J. Minker  
Secretary.