

MINUTES OF THE 297TH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS, HELD IN THE  
BOROUGH FIREHOUSE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1971.

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The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Lohr Kerns, with all members present except Messrs. Smitheman and Salusto.

Present: Lohr Kerns, John Moyman, Ray Shisler, Richard Wood and John DeCampi.

September 1971's minutes were read and approved, all corrections were noted, and the following correspondence was handled:

1. The Chairman of Delaware County Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse asked Borough's approval and financial support on a Comprehensive Drug Plan. Under New Business a motion was made, seconded and approved to propose \$200.00 be set aside in the 1972 budget to support this drug plan.
2. A letter was received from Delaware County Planning Commission stating the U.S. Census Bureau has revised Chester Heights population from 1,277 to 597 and housing units from 334 to 153.
3. The District Traffic Engineer advised that the Secretary of Transportation has approved a "No Parking" zone on Valley Brook Road. This was referred to Highway Committee Chairman Ray Shisler for further action. In addition the Secretary was directed to write Mr. George Wilson, Auctioneer, advising him that there will be No Parking signs placed on Valley Brook Road and that this No Parking zone will be enforced.
4. There will be a public meeting October 20 in the auditorium of the Delaware County Bar Association, Front & Lemon Sts., Media, on preventing future floods.
5. Permit S-1041 was issued by the Department of Transportation authorizing the operation of flashing school warning signs on Valleybrook Road at the entrance to St. Thomas The Apostle School.
6. Mr. Grahamme Wood stated in a letter that there is still a water accumulation problem on Wawa Road and a section of the road was damaged due to the recent flood. Borough Solicitor Brooks will write District Traffic Engineer Mr. Seiboth of the Department of Transportation about this as well as the land erosion along a section of Valley Brook Road.

The following receipts were reported: Jan's Flea Market - Rent - \$150.00; Jos. L. Frank - 1971 Taxes - \$75.60; Jos. L. Frank - 1971 Taxes - \$29.11

The following bills were reported and ordered paid: Philadelphia Electric Company- Street Lighting - \$91.75; J. J. Minker - Postage - \$14.00

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Tucker reported \$5,426.54 in the General Fund Checking Account; \$7,043.56 General Fund P.S.F.S. Savings Account; \$1,627.80 in the Highway Aid Fund Checking Account and \$4,000.82 Highway Aid Fund P.S.F.S. Savings Account.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelly reported in detail on various meetings he has attended and his involvement in the recent flood's aftermath. He reported that Disaster funds are available to those who sustained losses providing they can prove such losses. Mr. & Mrs. Martin on Lenni Road had their basement two-thirds filled with silt and debris as well as other serious damages. In the light of their unfortunate situation, the Borough declared their house a health hazard and Mr. Mitchell of Lenni removed this silt and debris from the basement. Mr. Kindt also received help in removing mud, etc., from his premises and Mr. & Mrs. Fritz were able to have the water removed from their basement by a neighbor, and Mr. Alibert also had a water problem. Borough Solicitor Brooks advised Mr. Alibert to go through the Bar Association who are coordinating with the Disaster Office.

Mayor's Report (Continued:) Mayor Kelly asked if he had the authority to declare a health hazard in emergencies. It was the consensus of Borough Council that he does.

Mayor Kelly also said Mattson Road was in particularly bad shape after the flood and Mr. Shisler had filled out an application for Federal Funds to reimburse the Borough for highway work done to the road.

Highway Committee: Mr. Shisler reported in detail on the flood's aftermath and said he had posted a sign that Mattson Road was closed to trucks as it was felt the bridge over the creek was not able to handle heavy trucks. This was during the closing of the bridge on Route 261.

Planning Commission: Met September 27, 1971 and finalized the proposed Comprehensive Plan, which was then formally submitted to Borough Council. Under Unfinished Business a motion was made, seconded and approved to hold a public hearing Wednesday, October 27 at 8:00 PM, in Chester Heights Fire House on the proposed Comprehensive Plan. In addition Mr. Kerns reported that the Planning Commission has been working from some time on control of flood plains as well as flood insurance.

Unfinished Business: Borough Solicitor Brooks said Mr. Richardson had contacted him and said he will talk with Mr. Machem to check further on the disturbances at Mr. Richardson's property. If the alleged disturbances are correct, Mr. Richardson will advise his tenants they must vacate the property.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and approved to declare the Borough of Chester Heights a disaster area due to the September 13, 1971 flood. There were no abstaining votes.

An Aston Township Commissioner asked if something further could be done to help Mr. & Mrs. Martin as there is still a lot of debris on the property.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. J. Minker  
Secretary