

MINUTES OF THE 298TH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS, HELD IN THE
BOROUGH FIREHOUSE, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1971

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

Present: Nelson Smitheman; Thomas Salusto; John DeCampi; John Moyman and Raymond Shisler.

The minutes of October 1971's meeting were read and approved and the following correspondence was handled:

1. Letters were received from Senator Bell as well as the County Engineer concerning flood insurance. Council President Smitheman said Dr. Wood and his committee had reviewed the U.S. Government's requirements for applying for flood insurance and drew up a model plan; however, the deadline for applying for flood plain insurance has been extended for six months. In light of this extension, Dr. Wood and his committee asked for more time to further review the plan. The Council President said the adoption of flood plain insurance should be passed by Borough Council no later than February 1972's Borough Council meeting.
2. Dr. Colwell, Health Coordinator for Delaware County Commissioners wrote re a uniform milk ordinance to be enacted throughout Delaware County.

The following receipts were reported: 1. Jan's Flea Market - Rent - \$150.00; 2. Treasurer of Delaware County - 1970 Taxes - \$112.31; 3. M. A. Smith - Sale of Ordinance - \$2.16; Jos. L. Frank - 1971 Taxes - \$34.02; Commonwealth of Pa. - Public Utility Real Estate Tax - \$87.00; H. J. Silva - Fines - \$45.00.

The following bills were reported and ordered paid:

1. Philadelphia Electric Company - Street Lighting - \$92.56; 2. Delaware County Daily Times - Advertising Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing - \$29.00; Del-Ches-Co Regional Council - Planning Commission Dues - \$25.00; 3. Delaware County Daily Times - Advertising bids for flashing warning lights - \$31.00; Lenni Construction Company - Repairing Mattson Road - \$768.00 (Highway Aid Fund.)

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Tucker reported \$5,575.50 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 said the problems which occurred during the flood's aftermath are now clearing up. He also reported an accident almost occurred at the entrance to The Church of St. Thomas The Apostle which involved a vehicle and several school children.

Highway Committee: Mr. Shisler reported: 1. He has contacted Mr. Albany to erect 'No Parking' signs on Valley Brook Road as well as pick up trash along the roads. 2. No one submitted a bid for the proposed flashing warning lights at the entrance of St. Thomas The Apostle School. 3. Mr. Sam Jobson submitted a bid for snow removal and cindering of Borough Roads. Under New Business a motion was made, seconded and approved to have Mr. Jobson take care of this service for the 1971 - 1972 winter. 4. The Borough Secretary stated that Mr. & Mrs. Martin of Lenni Road has asked if Chester Creek which runs through their property was going to be dredged. Mr. Shisler said the debris will be cleared but that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers saw no necessity for dredging the creek.

Unfinished Business: Dr. Wood is working on the Sewage Facilities Act. PLAN

New Business: Budget Committee Chairman John DeCampi presented the preliminary 1972 Borough Budget to Borough Council which was turned over to the Secretary for advertising, etc. A motion was made, seconded and approved to amend a previous motion that \$200.00 be set aside in the 1972 budget to support the Delaware County Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. The amendment reads that \$100.00 be set aside in the 1972 budget to support the Delaware County Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse.

Borough resident Mrs. Alibert questioned how much was spent on Surface Drainage last year. Mr. DeCampi replied no funds had been spent. Upon further questioning by Mrs. Alibert; Mr. DeCampi said he did not know about previous years but any expenditures for Surface Drainage would be in the records. The Borough Secretary said he would be glad to show the current and previous years budgets to Mrs. Alibert. She also stated that she and her husband have a flooding problem on their property and that if apartments were built on the land designated for apartments that in their opinion this would create an even larger flooding situation. A discussion then followed between the Council President and Mrs. Alibert re "would apartments be built on land designated for apartments, why various areas were listed as flood plain, etc." Council President Smitheman replied to all questions asked him by Mrs. Alibert, stating among other things that probably apartments would eventually be built on the land in question and that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had designated specific areas as being on the flood plain.

Mr. Machen said it was his understanding that Highway Aid Funds can not be used for the purchase and installation of flashing warning lights. The Council President said he would check with the Borough Solicitor but was of the opinion that Highway Aid Funds can be used for this purpose.

The proposed Borough Comprehensive Plan was reviewed. (The Comprehensive Plan had been previously presented to Borough Council from Borough Planning Commission and a public hearing was held Wednesday, October 27, 1971.) Mrs. Alibert asked what protection will be given on the flood plain. Mr. DeCampi replied that protection currently covered by the Borough ordinance prevents people from building on the flood plain. A motion was then made by John DeCampi, seconded by Ray Shisler and approved that the proposed Comprehensive Plan be adopted with the changes shown. Mrs. Alibert objected to the passing of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. DeCampi asked if she would state her reason but when she did not answer, Mr. DeCampi said, "then you refuse to answer," to which she did not reply.

Mr. Machen ~~also~~ asked what can be done about dead animals on the roads and Mrs. Alibert said the S.P.C.A. would remove them.

Mr. Machen also asked what was being done about an abandoned car on Dr. Kelly's property at Valley Brook and Bodley Roads. Mayor Kelly said the State Police had been contacted and had traced the owner of the car but so far the owner had not removed it.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. J. Minker
Secretary