

MINUTES OF THE 326th COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS, HELD IN  
THE BOROUGH FIRE HOUSE, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1974.

PRESENT: John W. deCampi, Edouard N. Houtmann, John S. McManus, James E. Miller,  
John G. Moyman, Richard D. Wood, Jr.  
Mayor John J. Kelly and Solicitor John S. J. Brooks

MINUTES of the February meeting were approved by Council as written.

SECRETARY'S REPORT of interim business February 5 to March 4, 1974.

February 7 - Met with Mr. Aslam M. Shah of DER, Division of Dams & Encroachments to aid in conducting the department's field inspection of the Staus pond.

February 16 - Submitted State fund expenditure report Form 965, together with Forms 904, 912, 965 and 965S to the Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

February 26 - Received notification that the Borough's allocation of Highway Aid funds for the year 1974 will amount to \$2,898.86

TREASURER'S REPORT 2/28/74

General Fund checking Account	1766.39
General Fund Savings Account	21271.62
Revenue Sharing Fund	8.00
Highway Aid Checking Account	104.60
Highway Aid Savings Account	10.46

ACTION - Approved

RECEIPTS totaling \$759.00

Rent of Borough Building Feb. & March	\$350.00	GAB's ceramics
Plumbing permits(325 to 336)	324.00	Hammond, Valleybrook project
Plumbing license & Permit	30.00	Country & Town Pl.(Piermont pump & Line)
Building permit#274	5.00	H. H. Breneman tool shed
Fines (January)	50.00	H. J. Silva

BILLS to be paid from General Fund

Tax Collector's Bond	11.00	John J. McClure Agency
Solicitor's Bond	19.00	Theo O. Buckley Agency
Rock Salt	117.20	Salt Service, Inc.
Snow plowing & Salting Feb. 8 & 25	137.50	Sam Jobson
Photo copies minutes	6.55	Media Typewriter Service & Copy Center
Street Lighting (January)	106.60	Philadelphia Electric
Court Stenog	60.00	Public Hearing Geo. P. Weekes
Sec'y-Treas. remuneration Jan.Feb.	250.00	H. Herbert Breneman

to be paid from Highway Aid

Snow plowing & Salting Feb. 3 & 4	100.00	Sam Jobson
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ACTION - Bills approved for payment

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Questionnaire for determining Borough priorities in the proposed studies to be made during 1975 by the DCPC.

ACTION - Held for further study.

2. Questionnaire for determining Borough preference on Alternate Housing Distributions, 1970 - 2000

ACTION - Since this matter had already been subject of considerable study by Council, the two preferences noted were for Alternate Plan #1; incorporating growth units, vacancy units, replacement units and estimated need... and for Method A: which includes the factors of population growth and current housing need.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

3. DCPC staff comments and recommendations on the application of Charles N. Smitheman, Jr., for a land subdivision.

ACTION - Since staff comments do not constitute official approval by DCPC. Council action on the matter must be held over until such official approval has been granted.

3. Report of a field inspection of the pond on the Staus property, made by Mr. Aslam M. Shah, Hydraulic Engineer of the Department of Environmental Resources.

ACTION - Council found the report acceptable and agreed that questions relating to flooding hazards raised by the Borough in a letter dated February 14, 1974 had been answered in a satisfactory manner.

Mrs. Alibert requested copies of the correspondence between the Borough and DER on this matter. The Secretary was directed to make copies available at the cost of reproducing them.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Mayor Kelly reported that a meeting is scheduled for March 13 in the Concordville Fire House, to be attended by representatives of Bethel, Birmingham and Thornbury Townships and Chester Heights Borough. This meeting is under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs. Topics of discussion will cover what the 5 communities have in common as to providing basic services.

ACTION - The Secretary was directed to inform John W. Cornell that 4 representatives of the Borough will attend.

2. Letter from the Corps of Engineers relative to the Metropolitan Chester Creek Study.

ACTION - As an input to this study, the Secretary was directed to request the following:

(a) A determination of the possibility of re-constructing the dam on the main stem of Chester Creek near Lenni Road.

(b) Investigation of the flooding of Ivy Lane at the western end of the Borough, caused by a small tributary of the west branch of Chester Creek.

(c) Investigation of measures that might prevent further road and bridge damage in the areas where the west branch of Chester Creek crosses Matson Road and where it crosses Valleybrook Road.

(d) Investigation of measures that might prevent flood damage on Station Road, near the Wawa Railroad Station, where the main stem of Chester Creek has been a persistent trouble-maker.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mr. Gersom, the tenant, indicated he would offer no serious objection to a rise in rental to \$200.00 monthly provided that several specified repairs were made to the building.

ACTION - By Council action, the Committee Chairman was directed to complete the requested repairs, and the Solicitor to supply an amendment to the existing lease, raising the rental to \$200.00 monthly.

NEW CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE: In an effort to save several large trees threatened by construction of the Valleybrook project, two members of the Committee, together with representatives of the Builders inspected the site and identified trees that should be preserved. It was decided that salvage was possible only by the re-location of the adjoining buildings. However, such re-location would be in violation of a set-back requirement of the controlling ordinance. Subsequently, the Planning Commission met to discuss this problem and recommended to Council that necessary measures be taken to release the Builders from set-back requirement in this specific instance.

ACTION - The Solicitor recommended that any such variations in the development plan be referred to the Zoning Hearing Board, by the Builder.

PLANNING COMMISSION: A meeting was held on February 28 for discussion of Cluster Housing.

Members who attended the Seminar of the Brandywine Conservancy on February 16th accepted delivery of six copies of the model Environmental Ordinance handbook. Four copies to be distributed to Planning Commission and two copies to Council. Council authorized the purchase of this handbook at the November 1973 meeting.

Mr. Houtmann read a letter sent by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry asking about our interest in a proposal of the Bureau to conduct seminars on the subject of Forestry.

ACTION - The Secretary was directed to reply that the proposed seminars would be of general interest to the Borough and that 6 persons may wish to participate.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Annual report of the Borough for 1973.

ACTION - The Secretary was directed to have sufficient copies printed for distribution to each household in the Borough.

2. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 31 (Planned Retirement Community). Action deferred until Council members have had the opportunity to study transcript of minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 7, 1974.

3. Sewerage Feasibility Study.

ACTION - Before acceptance, the report is to be discussed with Pennoni Associates at a meeting scheduled for March 26, 1974.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to adopt the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Plan as the official ten-year plan of the Borough, in compliance with the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act of 1968

ACTION - On a motion of Richard D. Wood, seconded by John S. McManus, this Resolution was unanimously passed by Council.

2. Publication of Revenue Sharing Reports

ACTION - The Secretary was authorized to publish the required Federal Revenue Sharing Reports in "Town Talk" newspapers.

#### SUMMARY OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

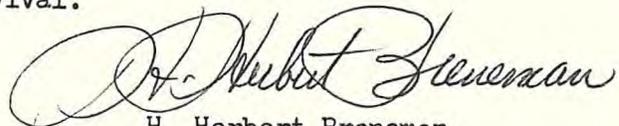
1. Mrs. David Dohan reported increasing amounts of trash-dumping on Darlington Road.

ACTION - The Highway Committee will arrange for more frequent road clean-up.

2. Mrs. Vernon Alibert reported that vandals removed strips of sod from the shoulder of Ivy Lane in front of her property. Also, that the area is subject to extensive littering.

ACTION - Mrs. Alibert was assured that sodding of the shoulder would be repaired as soon as the material becomes available and the onset of the normal growing season offers it a chance for survival.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
H. Herbert Breneman,  
Secretary