



MINUTES OF MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 1979

TIME: 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: The Canal House
25 Calhoun Street
Trenton, New Jersey
DATE: Tuesday, 18 September 1979

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS: Messrs. Kirkland, Jessen, Jones, Sayen, Graham

STAFF: Mr. Amon, Mrs. Perilli

DAG: Mr. Gray

GUESTS: Gen. Whipple, consultant
Mr. Steven Bauer, historic architect
Mr. Eugene Gross, Water Supply Facilities Element (WSFE)
Ms. Joy McClowan, landscape designer, City of Trenton

Mr. Kirkland called the meeting to order and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law had been properly met for the meeting of 18 September 1979.

It was moved by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Sayen to approve the minutes of the meeting of 21 August 1979 as submitted. The motion was carried without dissent.

Salaries

Mr. Amon explained to the Commission that initially the Commission had the authority to set salaries and give promotions. This system served until the employees of the Canal Commission came under the State Treasury Payment Plan, which then allowed the Commission to make a decision concerning employee salaries, but required the approval of the DEP Commissioner and the Treasury Department. The Commission voted last year to approve a 15% raise for Mr. Amon because they felt that his position in the salary range was lower than it should have been and not in proportion to the responsibilities of the job. Mr. Amon is in the third step of A34 range \$27,000 - \$35,000. The 5% cost-of-living raise has been received, but Mr. Hofgesang, the Budget Director, approved only a 5% increment raise for Mr. Amon and nothing was done about a raise for the Administrative Assistant. Mr. Kirkland met with

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Mr. Hofgesang who stated that there was nothing that could be done at that time due to labor problems. He suggested that when the labor dispute was settled, the Canal Commission again submit a recommendation for a promotion for Mr. Amon, to be presented to the Salary Adjustment Committee for approval.

Mr. Graham suggested that Mr. Amon's job description should be updated to reflect the increased responsibilities of the position and to be submitted to the Salary Adjustment Committee for an upgrading of the pay range.

Mr. Amon also recommended that Mrs. Perilli, the Administrative Assistant be given a raise. Mr. Amon said he was under the impression that the Canal Commission had established a procedure that would allow for automatic step increments for the Administrative Assistant position. Mr. Gray stated that the paperwork has been submitted to change the position from unclassified to classified to enable Mrs. Perilli to receive automatic step increases.

Mr. Amon will set up a meeting with Mr. Graham and Mr. Ytkin to discuss the personnel problems.

Leases

Mr. Jessen moved to approve the leases as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graham and carried unanimously.

Mr. Graham left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and at this point an informal report is being rendered due to the loss of a quorum.

Old Business

Capitol Improvements for the Canal Park: At last month's meeting, Mr. Amon told the Commission that \$100,000 had been allotted for design only for FY 81. He met with representatives from Parks to discuss the possibility of using \$25,000 of that money for 25 canoe docks along the canal. Parks responded that, to have private contractors build the canoe docks, detailed drawings for each canoe dock would be needed as well as a topographic map, test borings, an historic site review and State and Federal approval would be required to do the job. The representatives from Parks suggested leaving the \$100,000 for design for FY 81, and when \$300,000 is available during FY 82 and FY 83 more of that money would be used for actual improvements. Mr. Amon concurred.

I-95 Project: Mr. Jessen noted that the I-95 project has been indefinitely postponed.

Boy Scout Camporee: Mr. Amon announced that the Boy Scout Camporee is progressing at an impressive rate; all details are being taken care of. He also announced that on Saturday, 20 October, a breakfast will be served by the Scouts and that all the Commission members are invited. Time and place will be announced at a later date.

Lawrence Township Council: It was announced that the Lawrence Township Council canoe trip will be held on 29 September at 9:30 a.m., starting from Cherry Tree Lane and ending at the Port Mercer Canal House. Refreshments will be served at the Canal House.

Trenton park and parking lot proposal: Mr. Amon introduced Ms. Joy McClowan, a landscape designer with the City of Trenton, who presented a proposal for a small park and parking lot to be located next to the canal on Passaic Street. The principal concern of the Canal Commission is the drainage problem. It was suggested that the City of Trenton check into tying into storm drains on Wilkinson Place or grade towards the canal with a wall and use the park area as a detention basin.

WSFE Report: Mr. Eugene Gross from the Water Supply Facilities Element (formerly Bureau of Water Facilities Operations) addressed the Canal Commission with a report that the filling and grading of the portion of the canal near Roebling Park has been completed. He stated that WSFE requests recognition of satisfactory completion. Mr. Amon will write a letter stating such.

Public Hearing: Mr. Amon reminded the Commission members that the public hearing for the review zone regulations will be held Thursday, 27 September, 8:00 p.m., at the Princeton Township Municipal Building.

Historic Survey Presentation

Mr. Steven Bauer delivered a presentation on the progress of the Historic Survey project. One of the prime goals is to establish local groups along the canal which would create a positive awareness for preservation. An inventory of the canal and historic structures in nine communities is being documented. Mr. Bauer and Mr. Gibson are in the process of setting up a series of meetings with local groups to obtain their help in gathering information. The ultimate outcome of the survey will be the revision of the National Register nominations and the creation of several historic districts along the canal.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Amon distributed copies of the audit report for FY 79.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.