

Meeting Minutes
Borough of State College
Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Hearing
May 9, 2005

The Borough of State College held a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2005 in the State College Municipal Building Council Chambers, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA, at 1:30 p.m. According to the Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 in relation to revenue bond financing, the Borough of State College is required to hold a public hearing to consider use of the Beaver Avenue parking garage.

Present at the hearing were: Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Michael S. Groff, Finance Director; and Cynthia S. Hanscom, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Groff called the hearing to order at 1:30 p.m. He noted the hearing was properly advertised to receive input according to the Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1982.

Mr. Groff noted the hearing is being conducted in regards to the issuance of tax-exempt debt in the amount of \$9,995,000 in conjunction with the construction of a new parking garage. The new garage will have a capacity of 525 spaces and a total cost is \$16,055,678. The garage will be funded primarily by bond issues. The 2004 general obligation issue of \$9,995,000 was committed solely to the construction of the garage. The 2005 general obligation issue will fund the following projects through the parking fund:

\$ 6,261,289	to pay the balance on the Beaver Avenue garage;
730,911	for the new parking revenue control equipment;
182,000	for rehabilitation of the McAllister Street parking deck; and
100,000	for the parking wayfinding system.

Other projects funded through general fund include:

\$ 750,000	for the South Fraser Street/West Beaver Avenue intersection improvements;
350,000	for land acquisition for the service building;
340,000	for the Westerly Parkway storm water project
1,050,000	for a portion of the balloon payment on the Allen Realty land lease/purchase for the library; and
230,800	for the estimated issuance cost.

The total amount of the tax-exempt bond will be \$9,995,000.

Potential uses for the garage will be by the general public and, based on interest expressed by two tax-exempt organizations, the Pennsylvania State University Alumni Association and the Downtown State College Improvement District. Both organizations have approached the Borough about reserving spaces in the new garage. No more than 150 spaces may be involved. Current federal regulations allow for tax-exempt organizations to reserve space so long as a hearing is held to obtain comments.

There were no members of the public present at the hearing. There being no input either for or against the proposal, Mr. Groff closed the hearing at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary