

**200TH ANNIVERSARY COUNCIL MEETING
GETTYSBURG HOTEL BALLROOM
MARCH 13, 2006**

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Marty Qually, Mr. Bill Monahan, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff included Manager Charles Sterner, Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Rolf Garcia, Parking Manager Bill Little, Rec Director Beth Corson and Finance Director Overton.

Representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times* and Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*.

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting with the pledge and prayer followed by a brief history of the Borough of Gettysburg. He then led everyone in singing the national anthem.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell introduced Dr. Charles Glatfelter, Adams County historian who gave an outstanding account of the borough's history. "For us, history is the memory of things said and done," said Glatfelter. "Without our memory, we are lost souls indeed."

Mayor Troxell announced the borough held the meeting at the Gettysburg Hotel, recognizing the historical belief that Gettysburg's first ever council also held its initial get-together there. Dignitaries from federal, state and local levels of government attended the celebration honoring the municipality's March 10, 1806 incorporation.

President George W. Bush sent greetings to those gathered, read by Mayor Troxell honoring the 200th anniversary. "This milestone is an opportunity to take pride in the rich heritage of your community. "To fully understand and love our country, we must know its history. Gettysburg's success is a testament to the contributions of its residents, and the hope and promise of our great country" said Mayor Troxell.

Mayor Troxell then introduced Mr. Lance Simmens, Special Assistant to Governor Rendell for Intergovernmental Affairs, who presented Council with a proclamation; Mr. Bob Reilly, with Congressman Platts office presented a flag that was flown over the State Capitol; Ms. Chris Kimple with Representative Stephen Maitland's office read a proclamation and Mr. Christopher Cap with the State Association of Boroughs presented council with a plaque.

Mayor Troxell recognized prior council members that were in attendance; Gerald Shealer, Muriel Rice, and Margaret Gustafson along with Hazel Dillman who served as the Borough Secretary for nearly 20 years. Mayor Troxell acknowledged Robert McIlhenney who designed the borough flag. He then thanked Sara Stull for helping with the preparation and set up for this special event.

Mr. Streeter announced a public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00 PM to hear the proposed planned residential development of Glenn E. Simpson & Son, Inc., for the construction of townhouses located on 5th Street as required pursuant to Chapter 18, Flexible Residential Development.

Mr. Streeter announced a special council meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM to take citizens comments on the casino.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt a resolution to update the Borough's Emergency Management Plan as prepared by David Sanders, Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the succession of municipal officers and the continuity of municipal government in cases of emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported that the safety committee made a motion not to schedule extra police service for the April 5th hearing scheduled at the college on the gaming issues.

Solicitor Eastman will review this but stated that since the college is in the boroughs jurisdiction they may be responsible to supply police coverage if needed. He will prepare his opinion and present to council.

Mr. Monahan noted the borough would not be able to provide 5 officers for this event without charging for reimbursement for officers not regularly scheduled that day.

Ms. Giles suggested inviting neighboring townships to discuss the possibility of regional police service. This will be reviewed further with safety committee.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to pay bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt a resolution increasing the fees for plans examination, building permits, moving or demolition permits and inspections under the Building Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt a resolution increasing fees for all applications and other matters under the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the proposal to Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA) concerning the Antique Show. Ms. Smith and Mr. Murphy both withdrew their motion.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve sending proposed GARMA letter back to Community Development Committee for reconsideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to re-appoint Walter Powell as the Borough's Fair Housing Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually presented Council with a request to create a community-based effort in organizing various clean-up projects in celebration of Earth Day to be held on April 22nd from 7:30 till 12:00. A potluck lunch and entertainment will follow. Anyone interested should meet at the Rec Park Lions Club Pavilion at 7:30 AM.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Monahan for Councils support of Earth Day April 22nd – Community Clean Up at no cost to the borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually presented Council with information on a conference on Reinventing Older Communities to be held in Philadelphia April 5-7 if anyone is interested.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to authorize any member of Council to attend this conference in Philadelphia if they desire. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman reported Council would need to hold an executive session following the public hearing on Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00 PM to make a decision on the proposed planned residential development of Glenn E. Simpson & Son, Inc.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the grant agreement with PA DCED for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for public improvements at the new Kennie's Market. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Qually to award a contract to Paula Reed and Associates for Cultural Resource-Archeological Phase I study on the REDDI Project, and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia asked if the Borough would be liable if we don't supply police service to the college for the Pa Gaming Commission hearing scheduled for April 5th. Solicitor Eastman is reviewing this issue.

Citizens in attendance:

Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs Express Buford Avenue presented the Mayor and Council with a banner recognizing the 200th anniversary of the borough.

Matt Callery, Gettysburg Action Coalition remarked about Mr. Streeter's letter at last months meeting as to who is eligible to speak at Council meetings. Mr. Streeter responded borough residents, property owners and/or taxpayers are given time to speak.

Nell Mathews, Gettysburg Community Pool Committee gave a brief update on the public pool project for the greater Gettysburg and Adams County area.

Paul Kellett was here to address Council about non taxpayers not being allowed to speak at the council meetings and asked for an apology. Solicitor Eastman responded that council follows the Sunshine Act.

Susan Trostle, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association presented Council with a letter addressing her concerns over the antique show that they have held over 30 years. They were appalled to learn that the Community Development Committee is going to recommend a \$5,000 annual permit fee to GARMA to continue operating the antique market.

With no further business, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary