

**COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Jamie Fleet, 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. Staff included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Garcia, Director of Planning Powell, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Corson and Finance Director Overton.

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

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the minutes after making two amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman announced that council held an executive session on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 4:30 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Citizens in attendance:

Frank Leber, Rhoades & Sinon, gave a brief summary of the general obligation note to be used to provide funds for and toward capital projects. The maximum amount would be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) with a maturity date of February 1, 2008.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to enact an ordinance in the form presented to this meeting authorizing and directing issuance of a general note of this borough to be designated General Obligation Note, Series of 2006, in the maximum amount of \$1million. Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs Express, Buford Avenue read a prepared statement again requesting a meeting between Council and the Gettysburg Action Coalition.

Jerry Michaels and Matt Callery of the Gettysburg Action Coalition addressed Council with concerns the RRU and UCC enforcement is being misused. The assistant Code Enforcement Officer is not authorized to do these inspections. He also challenges Council to meet with their group.

Mr. Monahan noted that Council works through a committee system and everyone is welcome to attend. There are approximately 8 committee meetings each month and no one from GAC attended any of these meetings in January.

Chuck Teague, Peace Officers Association was here to observe the meeting.

Bernadette Sterner was here to observe the meeting.

Chief Garcia introduced Officers Chris Folster and Bill Orth who have been outstanding officers and are here for their promotion to PFC.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Ms. Smith to recommend promoting Officers Christopher Folster and William Orth to Patrolman First Class. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell presented Officers Christopher Folster and Bill Orth with their PFC stripes.

Mr. Streeter read a prepared statement in response to certain issues that have been brought before Council in recent months. The statement was reviewed and approved by all of Council as well as the Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Fleet announced the College Community Committee meeting would be rescheduled for later this month.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to appoint Mr. Robert Neale as the Borough's Fire Code inspector to inspect and enforce the requirements under the PA Uniform Construction Code and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute an agreement with Mr. Neale. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Monahan reported he spoke with Senator Punt in an effort to release funds for the REDDI Project.

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

Ms. Smith reported Main Street presented a Grant Status Report for Council review.

Ms. Smith reporting for the Community Development Committee is working on a timeline with the Solicitor on signs and the procedure it takes when they are approved by HARB until they come before Council for approval.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt a resolution honoring Carl Swinn for his service to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution to appoint Michael Birkner to the Zoning Hearing Board to fulfill the unexpired term of William Parker. The term will expire in December 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually suggested encouraging homeownership that would benefit the taxpayers. Renters could be offered incentives to buy a home.

Ms. Giles asked the Solicitor why items 42 & 43 are still on his monthly report. Solicitor Eastman reported these items have not yet been finalized.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the 2005-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the document with the understanding that the timing error under the grievance provision will be corrected to the satisfaction of both parties. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to approve an agreement with BL Company to perform Phase I Environmental Assessment at the REDDI site and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked that the Chamber of Commerce provide Council with a copy of the income statement from the wine festival that was held in September.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to accept the J.P. Harris Exoneration report with the exception of Rodney Ashman, David Loveless and Timothy Atteberry. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia reported he would be meeting with the PA Gaming Commission to finalize their plans for a hearing scheduled for April 5th at the college.

Ms. Giles noted the Borough would charge for our services if required at the College for this event.

After a brief executive session, Mr. Eastman announced the purpose was to discuss real estate and personnel issues.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Murphy to ratify the hiring of an outside investigator for purposes of investigating and providing a report to the Borough relating to a personnel matter involving a complaint made by an employee of the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner announced his intention to resign after almost 26 years service to the Borough. He indicated that he would stay on for a few months to assist the council in beginning a search for a new manager.

With no further business, moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary