

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 1007

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Bill Monahan, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Marty Qually and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director, Mona Overton, Rec Director Beth Corson and Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage.

Others present included Ronald Hankey, Adams County National Bank, Norris Flowers, Gettysburg Convention and Business Bureau, Phillip Murray, Gettysburg Hotel, Pegg Gardner and Sharon Strike, American Heart Association, Terri Hamrick Kessel, Survivors Inc., Darlene Brown and Laura Northup, Adams County Housing Authority, Peggy Gustafson, Elwood Christ and Dave and Jane English representing HARB, Matt Callery, Gene and Debi Golden, Borough Vent, and Susan Naugle, resident, 650 Red Patch Avenue.

Representing the press were John Messeder of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Meg Bernhardt of the *Evening Sun*

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Gene Golden read a prepared statement to council addressing issues he has had with Walt Powell, whom he hoped would be here tonight since it would be his last council meeting.

Peggy Gustafson, HARB Member, distributed pictures of homes on Breckenridge Street to Council for review. HARB denied the demolition of 62 Breckenridge Street stating the structure indicates that it was built between 1872-1888 and they would like to see it preserved. They would like to preserve as many homes as possible on Breckenridge Street.

Elwood Christ and Dave and Jane English reiterated Peggy's assessment of HARB's decision on 62 Breckenridge Street.

Dave English expressed his gratitude for all of Walt Powell's hard work and dedication he has given to the Gettysburg Borough. He had his shortcomings and strength and will be missed by many.

Pat Naugle expressed her appreciation to council for discussing the possibility of hosting the 2008 PLCM conference.

Pat Naugle asked for an explanation of the Sunshine Act, she was concerned that council met in executive session to discuss the Train Station Operation Plan. Solicitor Eastman explained that council cannot make decisions or make motions during an executive session but can discuss personnel and real estate issues. The operation plan was referred to the Community Development committee for review.

Mayor Troxell presented Ronald Hankey, President Adams County National Bank in honor of their 150th Anniversary.

Mr. Streeter pointed out council has had many calls concerning COMCAST Cable TV rate and channel changes, but that council has no control over this. Mr. Monahan noted the only recourse would be if other cable companies would come to Gettysburg.

Mr. Streeter pointed out the letter he received from Bill Knough, Main Street Board Chairman, referencing them moving out of the Train Station, mentioned Council gave them a 30 day notice to move which was not accurate.

Mr. Streeter announced that this is Marty Quallys' last council meeting. He received a letter from Michael Birkner who is interested in the vacant seat in the First Ward to fulfill Marty's term. A special council meeting will be held on April 23rd at 4:00 PM to hear presentations from parties interested in the First Ward vacancy.

Mr. Monahan wished Marty well in his new endeavors, he brought a breath of fresh air to Council in the short term that he served.

Mr. Qually responded it has been a pleasure serving on council and thanked everyone for their help and kind words.

Ms. Smith reported the College Community Committee held their meeting on April 3rd and it was noted they are pleased to see the police have been visible throughout town. The college had garbage clean up which they picked up 80 bags.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to amend Chapter 10, Part 1 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances regarding nuisances and adding Part 1B regarding storage of motor vehicle nuisances. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve cost of living increase of 4.79% for retired police pensioner, Charles Fritz effective March 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt an ordinance of the Borough of Gettysburg relative to the establishment and maintenance of police employees' pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or funds, amending certain provisions of the pension plan or program applicable to the police employees of said Borough, effective January 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt an ordinance of the Borough of Gettysburg amending the Borough of Gettysburg non-uniformed employees' pension plan and trust, as amended and restated, effective January 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve a resolution supporting the proposal to designate a portion of Pennsylvania Business Route 15 as a Pennsylvania byway in Gettysburg Borough, Adams County, Pennsylvania. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve a resolution supporting the proposal of the Journey through Hallowed Ground to designate a portion of Pennsylvania Business Route 15 as a National Scenic Byway. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported the Finance Committee will be cancelled in April; the next meeting will be on May 16, 2007.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Qually to approve resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to submit an application on behalf of the Borough to the PA Department of community and Economic Development for \$139,153 in Fiscal year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Funds to be allocated as follows: \$25,048 for the Borough to administer the program, \$20,000 to Gettysburg Borough for the Biser Fitness Trail, \$40,000 to Gettysburg Borough for Code Enforcement, \$23,232 to Survivors for Shelter repairs, \$10,000 to Adams County Habitat for Humanity for infrastructure at 264-266 South Washington Street, \$10,437 to Adams County Housing Authority for public service to help support a financial counselor, \$10,436 to South Central Community Action Programs for public service for Circles of Support. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported Main Street and the National Park Service will apply for a Preserve America Grant for \$300,000 to be used for way finding/signage. The Grant will need to be processed through the Borough.

Mr. Murphy asked when the Train Station would be open. Ms. Smith responded the Gettysburg International Arts Festival is interested in renting the 2nd floor. They would pay \$350 a month and would like to move in May, this wouldn't affect the tourist visiting on the 1st floor. The Community Development Committee will need direction as to Council's wishes.

Mr. Peterson asked if this would be a standard lease agreement. Ms. Smith responded it is up to Council, they requested a six month lease but that is negotiable.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to except leasing the 2nd Floor of the Train Station to the Gettysburg International Arts Festival for \$350 per month, conditional upon agreement between both parties. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan pointed out this is just for the 2nd floor, Council will send RFP's to groups interested in renting the 1st floor.

Ms. Smith noted they still need to have volunteers to open the Train Station, the committee will continue to proceed with this.

Ms. Smith reported the committee plans to present the Elm Street project to Council at the May council meeting.

Ms. Smith reported Harley Davidson will produce charms to sell using the Borough emblem (designed by Bob McIlhenny); \$1.00 would go to the Train Station and \$1.00 would go to Adams County Land Conservancy.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Borough of Gettysburg to enter into cooperative memorandum of agreement for multi-jurisdictional signal system. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller reported brush pick up will begin on Monday, May 14th.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to reappoint Michael Kessler to the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term, expiring in May 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Qually to appoint Beatrice Savage as the Borough's Fair Housing Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint Patrick Andrews to the Shade Tree Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Caroline Smith, term to expire October 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson reported a letter was received by Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation requesting the matter of 62 Breckenridge Street be postponed until Council meets in May; giving them more time for a structural study and address any additional concerns. HARB recommended the application for demolition be denied.

Solicitor Eastman responded it is not detrimental to Council to wait until May.

Mr. Murphy pointed out Council can act on HARB's recommendation or table it; both would go back to HARB for review.

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

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to approve HARB, item A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Qually noted he would be attending the Hanover Trail workshop on May 8th as a private citizen, it doesn't require it to be a member of Council.

Mr. Lawver reported we will be working on the 2010 census in the near future.

Mr. Streeter reported he and the Mayor have been working with Norris Flowers, CVB and Phillip Murray, Gettysburg Hotel, on the 2008 PLCM Conference the Borough has been asked to host. The Borough would need approximately \$10,000 to host this event.

Mr. Monahan responded he is thrilled to host the event but doesn't want any cost to the tax payers.

Mr. Flowers and Mr. Murray both offered support and want to help make this event a success for Gettysburg. Mr. Streeter announced he has received pledges to date totaling approximately \$10,000.

Mr. Flowers noted Borough Council would need to sign the PLCM contract in order to proceed.

Mr. Monahan suggested Solicitor Eastman prepare an agreement for PLCM, noting what the Hotel and CVB would be providing.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Qually to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an agreement and proceed with PLCM 2008 event. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bush reported the Planning Commission met with Tom Comitta and have recommendations on the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance ready for Council to review.

Mr. Streeter announced Council will meet at 6:30 PM before the Council meeting on May 14th to discuss the zoning ordinance revisions.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Mr. Monahan to appoint Jamie Fleet as the voting delegate representing the Borough of Gettysburg at the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to accept Councilman Marty Quallys' resignation with deep regret. Motion carried unanimously.

After a brief executive session, Solicitor Eastman announced it was to discuss two personnel issues.

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Qually to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary