

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2006

President Ted Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holly Giles, Mr. Bill Monahan, Mr. Marty Qually, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Bob Miller, Mr. Dick Peterson and Mayor Bill Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff present included Manager Charlie Sterner, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Highway Superintendent John Lawver, Finance Director Mona Overton, Sgt Larry Runk, Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage and Merry Bush, Planning Department. Chief Garcia is out of town on training and Rec Director Beth Corson is on maternity leave.

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 Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the council minutes of April 10th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Qually, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of April 17th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman announced that Council held an executive session on April 24th at 4:30 concerning the application on a Flexible Residential Development submitted by Glenn Simpson.

Solicitor Eastman announced that Council held an executive session on Monday, May 1st to discuss a personnel matter.

Citizens in attendance:

Carol Miller, 47 North Hay Street stressed her concerns about the newspaper article referencing members of Council reporting the police should not be in Straban Township. The incident involved 2 teenage boys who shot at a store owner in which the Gettysburg Police Department helped with the apprehension of these boys. Police are sworn to protect citizens. Suggested the Safety Committee familiarize themselves with state laws concerning police department. She asked that an apology be sent to the families and Chief Garcia and the police department.

Ms. Smith asked where she heard about the incident. Ms. Miller answered she read about it in the newspaper. Mr. Streeter referred this to the Safety Committee for further review.

Ms. Cate Magennis Wyatt gave a presentation on The Journey Through Hallowed Ground which is a public-private partnership dedicated to raising national awareness of the cultural and historic resources throughout the 175-mile long region centered on the Rt. 15/231/20 corridor.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt a resolution to support Journey Through Hallowed Ground. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell recognized Ozzie Colon for his generous volunteer work with the Special Olympics.

Mayor Troxell announced the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting would be held on Monday, May 15th at the Pike Restaurant. The scheduled speaker is State Representative Steven Nickol. If anyone is interested in attending contact Sara.

Mr. Streeter thanked everyone who attended the employee evaluation. This was very successful and informative for everyone.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution to approve a request to designate Gettysburg a “Preserve America Community”. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution for the Gettysburg Community Pool Feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported a meeting with Congressman Todd Platts is being planned for the near future.

Ms. Smith announced the Brass Band Festival is scheduled for June 16-18.

Ms. Smith reported a committee is being formed to proceed with plans for the interior design of the train station.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Smith to award the asphalt contract to Valley Quarries, Inc. and to award the equipment rental contract to C.E. Williams Sons, Inc. and further to authorize the Manager and Secretary to execute the documents upon receipt of the proper performance bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Qually to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption an amendment to the ordinance regulating bridges over alleys. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Qually reported the Borough Planning Commission discussed the need to hire a planning consultant to review the comprehensive plan/zoning ordinance. They decided not to hire a consultant at this time.

Mr. Qually read a letter to council and staff of his intent to formerly submit his resume for the borough manager position. He asked to recuse himself from the selection of the new manager.

Solicitor Eastman reported he reviewed the proposal to expedite processing of signs to be erected in the Historic District. He recommended that the Borough Council consider amending its Historical District Ordinance and its Sign Ordinance in order to authorize its Historic District Officer to issue a temporary sign permit following a HARB recommendation of approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to recommend Solicitor Eastman to proceed with amending the Historic District Ordinance and Sign Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Giles to exonerate the tax collector for collection of Occupation Taxes for Jean Odom and John Maus (their assessment changed to zero due to retirement). Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned to an executive session.

After a brief executive session, Solicitor Eastman announced the executive session was to discuss real estate matters.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of 34 East Middle Street property to the County of Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Giles to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary