

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2007

President Ted 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. Dick Peterson, Mr. Marty Qually and Mayor William Troxell. Ms. Caroline Smith was out of town and Mr. Jamie Fleet and Mr. Bob Miller were both sick. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harry Eastman, Chief Joe Dougherty, Director of Planning Walter Powell and Finance Director Mona Overton.

Others present included Darlene Brown and Laura Northup, representing the Adams County Interfaith Housing, Tim Braband and Ken Kime Jr., representing the Gettysburg Fire Department, John Angstadt representing GARMA, John and Judie Butterfield and Chuck Lewis.

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

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of January 8, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter announced former councilman John Eline had a heart attack over the weekend and asked that everyone keep him in their prayers.

Citizens in attendance:

Chuck Lewis, 824 Highland Avenue, expressed his concerns about the sidewalk obstruction due to an over grown bush at the Wax Museum and asked that this be remedied. Mr. Lewis asked who regulates sidewalk ramps and are they necessary in certain areas when no one uses them. Mr. Monahan responded due to ADA regulations we must have them. He noted there have been several lawsuits filed by a citizen in regard to handicapped ramp accessibility.

Tim Braband and Ken Kime, Gettysburg Fire Department, gave a presentation of the overall usage of the fire department. They announced that in 2008 they will celebrate their 200 year bicentennial and are planning special events. They thanked Council for their continued support of the fire department.

Mayor Troxell announced PLCM will be holding an event in June 2008 and they have requested the Borough to host it. Mr. Lawver reported he referred them to contact the CVB to discuss since the Borough wouldn't have the funding for such an event.

Mr. Monahan reported the operations plan for the Historic Gettysburg Railroad Station would need a more detailed review by council. Mr. Streeter referred this to the Community Development Committee in February for further review and discussion.

Ms. Giles reported John and Judie Butterfield are making great progress with researching license/event ordinances in other municipalities and will submit their findings at the next safety committee meeting.

Ms. Giles reported the committee continues to work on the ghost tour ordinance in hopes to finalize this spring. The solicitor was asked to review if the Borough could require liability insurance.

Ms. Giles asked Chief Dougherty for an update on meter bag usage. Chief Dougherty responded they are informing citizens to return unused bags or report how many bags they are using. The department ordered red bags since there are so many white bags being used that aren't accounted for. They also have canvas bags with locks they will rent to citizens.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to enact an ordinance repealing in part ordinance no. 1292-04 adopting the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act and the regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry for the purpose of ceasing the borough's administration and enforcement of the act. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Qually reported the Community Development Committee held a hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant request. A second hearing is scheduled for February 26th to receive final grant request. Recommendations will be made to council at the March 12th council meeting.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Mr. Monahan rescinded himself from the vote due to his personal affiliation with an application. YEA: Mr. Streeter, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Giles, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Qually.

Ms. Giles asked the solicitor for the regulations of a citizens running for a council seat and their specific Ward. Solicitor Eastman responded they must be a borough resident for 1 year. If appointed by council they must be a resident of their Ward for 1 year.

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

Dr. Powell gave a brief report on the Train Station exhibits and noted Gallagher & Associates will need to finalize prices. The project team will hold another meeting to finalize the text to be used on the panels. Mr. Monahan noted Gallagher & Associates were paid \$28,000 to prepare and suggested the project team should continue moving forward with the project.

Mr. Monahan commended Chief Dougherty for maintaining police foot patrol and business checks throughout town.

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

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary