

COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2002

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ted Streeter, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Jamie Fleet, Bob Miller, Brian Allen and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Parking Manager Little, Preservation Officer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Highway Superintendent Lawver and Main Street Director Trostle.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Times, Stacey Ward of the Evening Sun and Max Stevens of WGET.

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

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the December 10, 2001 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline thanked all for their hard work and support to him over his term as president of council. He then adjourned this session of Council and presented the gavel to Mayor Troxell who presided over the reorganization of Council.

Mayor Troxell administered the oath of office to the newly elected Councilors: 1st Ward Mr. Eline, 2nd Ward Mr. Allen and 3rd Ward Ms. Smith and Mr. Miller.

Mayor Troxell asked for a motion to elect a president.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to elect Mr. Streeter as president of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to elect Mr. Fleet as Vice President of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

With the election of President and Vice President, Mayor Troxell relinquished the chair and gavel to Mr. Streeter, who proceeded with the re-organizational meeting of Council.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt the resolution approving the various appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to establish the time and place of Council Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, prevailing time, in the Municipal Building and advertise same in the Gettysburg Times. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve all wages as provided in the 2002 budget retroactive to January 1, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to pay certain bills when due such as utilities, insurance, and those offering a discount. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Jon Muller, 65 Steinwehr Avenue, was here to observe the meeting.

Gary Shaffer, HARB Chairman, expressed his concerns with the proposal to wrap window trim with aluminum at 334 S Washington Street. Council sent this back to HARB in November for further review. The owners, Richard and Joanne Musselman have appealed the denial. He reminded Council of HARB guidelines and that they maintain their original decision of this application.

Richard and Joanne Musselman, owners of 334 South Washington Street, attending to answer questions concerning their HARB application.

Debbie Gingrich, Bechtel Communications, Middletown, attending to answer questions concerning HARB applications for cellular tower site.

Judy Johnson, Downtown Deli, 48 Baltimore Street, attending to answer questions concerning HARB application.

Michelle Booker, 7 Buford Avenue, attended to see her brother Brian take the oath of office.

Mayor Troxell thanked Mr. Eline for all his hard work as president of council for so many years.

Mr. Streeter also thanked Mr. Eline. He urged Council to continue the work they have already been doing under Eline's leadership. He hopes that Council continues to work together. He will schedule a Council workshop for the end of January and plans to hold one each quarter. Finally, he will be working on committee assignments and if anyone has any certain interest they should call.

Mr. Fleet thanked everyone for appointing him vice president and indicated that he will do his very best.

Mr. Miller reported that Solicitor Eastman is reviewing the loitering ordinance and will comment at the Safety Committee meeting on January 22.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an amendment to the parking ordinance that will remove parking from the west side of Steinwehr Avenue from south Washington Street to the borough line. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the contract for police services with Straban Township retroactive to January 1, 2002; to authorize the Manager and Secretary to execute the document; and further, to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the February meeting, an ordinance ratifying the action. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline thanked everyone and will continue to work with Council but in a different capacity. Thanked Gary Shaffer for attending the meeting and giving his input on HARB.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy began the HARB discussion by indicating his support of their decision to deny the proposal for window wrap at 334 S Washington Street. The HARB recommended again that this application be denied.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve HARB consent agenda, old business # 4 A , Musselmans as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith noted that HARB plays a important role in Gettysburg but this leaves a bad taste with citizens. We need to educate the citizens of what HARB is doing. Mr. Murphy said that communication between the owners and contractors is a big problem. Mr. Streeter noted that all contractors are to get building permits.

Mrs. Musselman said she honestly didn't know she needed to get a permit until her job was shut down. She distributed pictures to Council of the windows that have been completed.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve HARB consent agenda of December 19 # 5, A-H as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to re-appoint William Parker to the Zoning Hearing Board to a 5 year term. This term will expire in December 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize road building materials bids and equipment rental in cooperation with neighboring townships. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA) to hold the antique market on May 18 and September 21, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

PSAB and PLCM newly elected officials training is available and if interested should make arrangements through the Secretary.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to re-appoint Tim Good to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority for a five year term.. This term will expire in December 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell announced a training session in lead paint for new federal regulations has been scheduled. It is directed at all contractors.

Mr. Trostle reported that Main Street held their reorganizational meeting in December. John Eline will serve as President and Susan Trostle will serve as Vice President. He further reported that Main Street made application to the TEA program for replacement parking meters.

Mr. Eline asked that the Safety or Public Works Committee discuss fireworks on New Year's eve.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary