

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 10, 2002

Vice-President Fleet called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: John Eline, Holly Giles, John Murphy, Bill Monahan, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller, Brian Allen and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Parking Manager Little, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Main Street Director Trostle and Administrative Assistant Powell.

Citizens in attendance were Ms. Michelle Booker, Ms. Cassie Pickens. Pfc. Ms. Dawn Gartrell, Sgt. Craig Staley, and Ptm. Matt Harvey observed the meeting representing the Gettysburg Police Union.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, and Stacey Ward of the Hanover Evening Sun.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the May 13 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleet welcomed all to the meeting and asked for comments from citizens.

No comments were heard from the citizens in attendance.

Mr. Fleet asked Mr. Sterner to open the bids for highway materials and equipment rentals. The Borough received one bid for highway materials from Valley Quarry's. It was properly signed, included a non-collusion statement and a bid bond. Manager Sterner read the bids for asphalt materials to council. The Borough received one bid for equipment rental from C.E. Williams. It was also properly signed, included a non-collusion statement and a bid bond. Manager Sterner read the bid prices to council and turned both bids over to highway superintendent Lawver to review during the meeting.

Mayor Troxell welcomed Ms. Giles back to council from a leave of absence.

Mr. Fleet recognized that the Economic Development Corporation has reached their goal of \$30,000 for the REDDI program.

Mr. Fleet commented on his attendance in Pittsburgh on May 29th testifying on House Bill 1744.

Mr. Fleet spoke briefly on the College Relations special meeting on May 29th to discuss a spacing ordinance or non-saturation ordinance regulating the proximity of off-

campus student housing originally brought to the committee by the Hazel Alley Association.

Mr. Fleet added that he along with Manager Sterner will be attending a Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities (PLCM) conference next week.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance changing various lot requirements. Council agreed unanimously.

Mr. Eline commented that Mr. Russell Sweeney has been appointed to the Main Street Board filling one of the at large positions. Moonhouse Media will document the progress of the Train Station.

Mr. Trostle was congratulated on receiving the "Townie Award" for organizational excellence by the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

Mr. Sterner commented that a presentation on the Train Station should be ready by July. Mr. Trostle added that if councilors would like a tour of the Train Station that they should contact Dr. Powell or himself and they would be glad to do so.

No timeline was given on when the Borough should expect the \$80,000 grant for parking meter replacement work.

Ms. Giles turned to Mr. Monahan for a report on the Safety Committee that was held in her absence. Mr. Monahan noted that a letter has been sent and received by Mark Nesbett about bus idling on Baltimore Street. He added that the safety committee will be looking at the parking problem on Long lane next month.

Mr. Monahan commented that the arbitrators have met an agreement with the police union and the Borough. One provision in the contract allows for the Borough to exercise the right to pay officers in money instead of compensatory time for overtime. Mr. Monahan made the following motion:

"To direct the administration (Manager and Chief of Police) to routinely exercise its option created under the 2002 Act 111 police interest arbitration award, to compensate police officers in money rather than in time for work defined as overtime work under the police collective bargaining agreement. This preference to pay overtime earnings in money rather than in compensable time reflects Council's belief that this approach will, in the long run, be more cost effective, better enable the Borough to staff its needs, and reduce the complexities in police scheduling. It is the sense of this motion that the Administration should not agree to an officers' request to be paid in compensable time for overtime worked without prior approval of council to do so."

The motion was seconded by Ms. Giles and passed unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the HARB May 15 meeting consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith reported that the Human Relations Committee did not meet this past month.

Ms. Smith added that the Shade Tree Commission was able to place flowers in Lincoln Square with the help of John Lawver, Charlie Sterner, and local property owners on the square. The planter that was destroyed by a passing motorist has been replaced.

Mr. Miller thanked Recreation Director Weikert for her work with the 20th year celebration of the "Concert in the Park" program.

Manager's report:

After the review of highway bids by Highway Superintendent Lawver, Manager Sterner recommended awarding bids to the low bidders (Actually only bidders) Valley Quarries and C. E. Williams.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan to award highway materials to Valley Quarries and equipment rental to C. E. Williams.

Manager Sterner reported that the Auditor General's office recently completed the fieldwork of auditing the two pension funds for the years 2000 and 2001. He was pleased to report that no comments or findings were issued. We can expect the final report from the AG in 6 months.

The USS Gettysburg crew will be in the area on Friday and Saturday. Council and staff are welcome to attend a picnic at the recreation park at 1:30 P.M. on Friday June 14th and Saturday, June 15th.

Manager Sterner reported that GAIDA recommends re-appointing Dick Guise to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority (GAIDA) Board as suggested by their letter dated June 3.

Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan to reappoint Dick Guise to the Board of Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority.

Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Miller to accept the tax exoneration report for tax years 1995, 1996, 2000 and 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

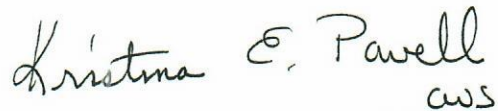
Ms. Weikert reported that there will be an open house from 12-3 on Sunday, June 16 for the new community building. Tours will be given and the Gettysburg Fire Department who will be preparing meals in the new kitchen facilities. She invited all to attend.

Mr. Eline mentioned that the Mayor of Leon Nicaragua will be visiting Gettysburg from June 22nd until June 25th. Although there are no public events, he will be given a tour of Gettysburg and Adams County and speak to Manager Sterner about local government. The Leon Minister for Foreign Affairs will be accompanying the mayor on his visit.

Mr. Eline added that the Borough should have a "Sister City" plan and will be working on the provisions of such.

With no further business, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Allen to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristina E. Powell". Below the signature, the initials "cws" are written in a smaller, simpler script.

Kristina E. Powell
Administrative Assistant