

**COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2002**

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: John Eline, Holly Giles, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Bill Monahan, Bob Miller, Brian Allen and Mayor Troxell. Jamie Fleet was absent. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Interim Police Chief Grissom, Rec Director Corson, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Main Street President Trostle and Administrative Assistant Powell.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the August 12 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Jon Muller, 65 Steinwehr Avenue, Ross Hetrick, 65 W. Middle Street and Patty Lawson, Gettysburg College attended to observe the meeting.

Mr. Streeter read letters of resignation from Councilwoman Caroline Smith and Councilman Brian Allen. Ms. Smith will be relocating to the 2nd ward and Mr. Allen will be relocating to the 3rd ward. They asked Council to reappoint them to fill the vacancy left by each other.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to accept a letter of resignation from Caroline Smith as a 3rd ward council member effective September 9, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to accept a letter of resignation from Brian Allen as a 2nd ward council member effective September 9, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution appointing Caroline Smith as a member of Borough Council to fill the vacancy in the 2nd ward created by the resignation of Brian Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution appointing Brian Allen as a member of Borough Council to fill the vacancy in the 3rd ward created by the resignation of Caroline Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell reported the schedule of events for the 9 11 commemoration with the gathering in the square at 7:45 PM.

Mr. Streeter reported the Council workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 at the Gettysburg Hotel. Agenda items to include HARB, Zoning, Police Chief process and Gettysburg Municipal Authority Task Force. If Council has any additions please call.

Mr. Eline reported the Community Development Committee would meet on Monday, September 23 at 3:00.

Mr. Eline reported the Main Street Board is scheduling a planning session to establish priorities.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Eline to add a handicapped parking space in the SW quadrant of Lincoln Square and add a handicapped parking space on the south side of York Street by the Elks building at 49 York Street. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to sponsor the Lutheran Seminary TEA grant with the stipulation that the Seminary will process all of the administrative paperwork associated with the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the HARB August 21 meeting consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith noted she would prepare for the council workshop shirts/logo and prices for council members.

Mr. Monahan pointed out the skate park article that appeared in the Gettysburg Times. He will respond to this letter.

Mr. Allen reported the Heritage Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 from 12-5 at the Rec Park.

Council members in reviewing the Solicitor's report asked for an update on item #2, the Phi Delta Theta property at 109 West Lincoln Avenue. Solicitor Eastman reported that Phi Delta Theta fraternity is currently involved in discussions with Gettysburg College relative to re-colonization of the house. Patty Lawson, College representative encouraged Council to do something since the College has not received a response from the fraternity whenever they contacted them.

Mr. Monahan noted the property has rats and groundhogs living there and seriously needs cleaned up. CEO Weikert responded he could enter the building to

inspect for rats and if found could then condemn the property for habitation, but the building is vacant anyway. Ms. Lawson noted that the inside of the building is heavily damaged.

Mr. Streeter referred this to the College Relations committee meeting on Thursday, October 24 at 3:00 at the College. He asked that the Solicitor, Manager Sterner and any members of Council attend this meeting.

Mr. Monahan asked the Solicitor to send a "serious" letter to the fraternity and to invite their Attorney Jeffrey Cook to attend the College Relations Committee meeting.

Mr. Allen asked for an update on the Lincoln Cemetery Project Association relative to the possible conveyance of the Lincoln Cemetery to the Borough. Dr. Powell said he would add this to the agenda for the next Lincoln Cemetery meeting but to date they have not determined their course of action.

Ms. Giles asked the Solicitor for an update on the Giant Store property regarding the eminent domain options. Mr. Eastman responded that the County might have more control over this process. He spoke with the County Solicitor John Hartzell and they are still discussing the issues.

Managers report:

The crane is schedule to arrive at the parking garage on September 16 to begin work. No parking will be permitted during this time with the exception of the flea market on September 28.

The County Commissioners will hold another forum with all county municipalities on Monday, September 30 at 6:30 PM at the County Ag Center on the Harrisburg Road.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15 due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Mrs. Stull reported the Boroughs Association meeting would be held on Monday, September 16 at the Gettysburg Family Restaurant. Shelley Houk of PSAB will be the guest speaker.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Allen, to reappoint Caroline Smith to the Shade Tree Commission for another five-year term. This term will expire in October 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Allen, to reappoint Gareth Biser to the Regulated Rental Unit Appeals Board for another five-year term. This term will expire in October 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Allen, to reappoint Ken Kime as an alternate to the Regulated Rental Unit Appeals Board for another three-year term. This term will expire in October 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weikert updated Council with the new requirements on the storm water regulations. The Watershed Alliance of Adams County (WACC) will develop a new comprehensive watershed management plan and assist us in the development of the required ordinance. A Council member should be named as our representative along with the Borough engineer.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Allen to appoint Jamie Fleet as the Borough representative and Stephen Loss, C.S. Davidson to the Watershed Alliance of Adams County. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weikert reported the Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, September 16 at 7:30 PM. C.S. Davidson will be attending to discuss storm water management.

Mr. Monahan asked about weeds. Mr. Weikert reported he sent out 15 letters to problem areas 2 weeks ago.

Ms. Giles asked Acting Chief Grissom how things are progressing in the police department. She also asked about any problems at the College since the students are back. Chief Grissom responded that the College area has been busy on the weekends but with no major incidents.

With no further business moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary