

COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2002

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

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of *The Gettysburg Times*, and Erin Negley of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the September 9 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Sharon Michaels, Gettysburg Committees that Care, was representing the Skate Park Organization.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Eline to adopt the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan Resolution of Gettysburg Borough authorizing and directing the emergency succession of Municipal Officers and the continuity of Municipal Government. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles indicated that she would like to serve on the Green Ribbon Commission to assist in the identification of program elements and funding approaches to meet Adams County's future parks, recreation, and open space conservation needs. The Adams County Board of Commissioners intends to appoint citizen volunteers and representatives of county-based organizations.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Eline to appoint Holly Giles to the Green Ribbon Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Ms. Giles to promote Officer Sharon Gelwicks to Patrolwoman First Class. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell presented Officer Gelwicks with stripes for her promotion to patrolwoman first class.

Mayor Troxell announced that Thursday, October 31 would be Trick-or-Treat from 6-8 PM.

Mr. Streeter noted that the next College Relations Committee meeting would be on Thursday, October 24 at the College Science Building in room 300.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the REDDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative) project for the initial development of phase I to begin on Stratton Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported that Ed Jenkins of the Housing Authority attended the Community Development Committee meeting along with Alix and Michael McCown to present a fundraising proposal involving street art. Their proposal centered on local businesses and individuals sponsoring the street art program to generate income as well as tourist to the downtown area. The sculptures would be on display and then auctioned off. There is no cost to the Borough. As further information is received Council will be updated.

Mr. Eline reported Main Street held a strategic planning session on October 7. Linda Harper, a consultant from the Washington DC area served as facilitator. Once the findings are complete Council will receive copies.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the November meeting an ordinance regulating cats. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Monahan asked that a thank you letter be sent to Representative Platts for the Save America Grant.

Mr. Streeter reported on that the County Commissioners have decided to distribute \$20,000 of the hotel tax to the Borough. He noted that this is much lower than what we had expected. He will schedule a meeting with the Commissioners on Thursday, October 17 to discuss this issue. He asked that other Councilors attend if available.

Mr. Streeter reported on the CRIS (Comprehensive Road Improvement Study). The discussion then centered on the manner in which the current system works. Most agreed that timing should be changed to limit movement on Route 30.



Mr. Lawver reported that PennDOT controls the signals through a permit issued to the Borough. He indicated that we can provide input but there is no guarantee that PennDOT will accept it.

Ms. Smith reported that the Human Relations Committee has been studying employee salaries. Their recommendations will go to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to PA DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) in the amount of \$43,600 for costs associated with the proposed Skate Park and authorize the Manager to execute the application. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan asked when the Wills House Historic Structures report would be ready for examination. Dr. Powell reported that it is ready and they are planning to present it to Council at the next Community Development meeting.

Solicitor Eastman reported that he met with CEO Weikert to discuss the Adams County Interfaith Housing application for construction of its 5<sup>th</sup> Street project under the Borough's Flexible Residential Development Option. The proposed project consists of the construction of fourteen semi-detached housing units at 60 North Fifth Street. The Housing Authority will attend the Planning Commission meeting on October 21 for its review. Council will need to schedule a Public Hearing prior to the November Council meeting.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize the Solicitor to schedule a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation Chapel Fields Project on Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00PM at the Recreation Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution appointing James S. Sanders as the Assistant Treasurer (a part time position) replacing John D. Lawver, Jr. bond at \$100,000, the Borough to pay premium. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve a 1.5% COLA for retired police pensioners Ashman and Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager report:

A Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to review the 2003 budget proposal.

Moved Mr. Street, seconded Mr. Miller to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1999 and 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Trostle pointed out the pencil sketch of the Train Station prepared by Bill Aldridge. The sketch depicts what the appearance of the Train Station as best we can tell from evidence located at the site.

Mr. Little reported the crane at the parking garage will be removed this week. All noted the great size of that equipment and how ell the erection proceeded. The garage project is still on schedule for completion in mid December.

Interim Chief Grissom gave Council a brief overview of her activities of the past month. She noted it's been an interesting learning experience for her. She's attended several committee meetings, P.A.C.T, Hazel Alley Group, Police Chiefs meeting, Crime Stoppers just to mention a few. She also held meetings with the midnight shift as she continues to work as their shift sergeant.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society has funding available for projects that assist to educate folks about Ike. That group must provide a certain level of funding each year, however a request must be made with details on the proposals.

With no further business moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Eline to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull,  
Borough Secretary