

COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2002

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

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

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

Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the October 15 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Tracey Sheffer and Mike Tusher with the Adams County SPCA, voiced their concern that the Borough should have contacted their organization before approving the cat ordinance. The shelter is already filled to capacity.

Mr. Streeter noted that the ordinance may or may not be approved but she should go to the safety committee for further discussion. Council is not insensitive to the SPCA's concerns. Mr. Monahan pointed out that healthy cats or well cared for cats would not fall under this ordinance.

Suzanne and Les Merkey, 131 S. Washington St., also concerned about the cat ordinance. She noted that squirrels cause more damage to property than the cats.

Mr. Streeter encouraged everyone with concerns to attend the next safety committee meeting on Monday, November 18 at 3:00.

John Kachur, Sheetz, Inc., attended to answer questions concerning alterations to their Baltimore Street store during HARB's report

Eric Mains, J.R. Crushong and Dawn Johnson, Adams County Housing Authority, attended to request Council's approval of their Chapel Fields Project.

Solicitor Eastman gave a brief review on the Housing Authority-Chapel Fields Project. The Planning Commission approved the project with a few provisions. He noted that the engineers and Code Enforcement Officer have reviewed and approved the plan.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to approve with conditions application of Adams County Housing Authority for a planned residential development at 60 North Fifth Street under the Flexible Residential Development Option of the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association would meet on Monday, November 18.

Mr. Fleet reporting for the College Relations Committee recommended Urban Research and Development Corporation (URDC) prepare a study in the North End of the Borough. This will determine if a non-saturation ordinance is necessary.

Mr. Fleet said the committee agreed to host a landlord meeting of the College students on Tuesday, December 10 in Council Chambers.

Mr. Eline reporting for the Community Development Committee noted the Wills House Historic Structures Report is complete and will remain at the Borough office if anyone would like to review it.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the Wills House Historic Structures Report as prepared by John Bowie Associates and ICON architecture. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter will schedule a Council workshop in January and include the Wills House on the agenda for further discussion.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an ordinance amending the code of the ordinances, Chapter 2, "animals" by adding part 5, "cat regulations. YEA: Mr. Fleet, Mr. Streeter, Ms. Giles, Mr. Eline, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Monahan and Mr. Allen. NAY: Ms. Smith.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the December meeting, an ordinance authorizing entry into a joint municipal agreement for law enforcement services with Straban Township for the year. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles announced the holiday free parking would begin November 29 through January 1, 2003.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to advertise that the 2003 proposed budget is available for public inspection beginning November 13 through December 9 and that the Borough Secretary publish such notice in the Gettysburg Times. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the December meeting, an ordinance setting the real estate tax rate at 12.38 mills and the occupation tax rate at 30 mills for the year 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Sterner, in response to Mr. Eline's inquiry, reported that there were only two bids submitted for garbage hauling however one did not include the required bid bond. A meeting with the consortiums of townships has been scheduled to discuss the options.

Managers report:

He is assembling a list for the annual Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund.

Officer Charles Fritz announced his retirement effective March 1, 2003.

Interim Chief Grissom will be hiring a new officer using the existing Civil Service list which is valid through December 1, 2002.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2000 and 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to reappoint Susan Yingling, representing Cumberland Township, to the Recreation Board for another five-year term. This term will expire in September 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull noted that Eldridge Moses Franklin Township did not renew his term.

Mr. Trostle reported the annual Main Street meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18 from 7-9 PM at the Dobbin House. Dr. Walter Powell will be the guest speaker.

Interim Chief Grissom reported that the police department would need to replace Officer Fritz as soon as possible. She also gave Council a brief overview of her work the

past month; continues to meet with the midnight shift, serving as secretary for the police chiefs association meetings, will be meeting with the carriage companies plus numerous other committees and meetings.

At the request of Vice President Fleet, Mr. Streeter convened a brief executive session. At the conclusion, Mr. Streeter invited the press to return and announced that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss labor and real estate issues.

With no further business, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara L. Stull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary