COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2002

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM 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 due to surgery. Staff present included Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Interim Police Chief Grissom, Code Enforcement officer Weikert, Historical Preservation Officer Powell, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Corson and Admin. Assistant Powell.

Representing the press was Beth Kanagy of the *Gettysburg Times* and Rob Jordan of the *Evening Sun.*

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Allen to approve the November 12 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter announced a Council workshop would be scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30 PM at the Gettysburg Hotel. The items on the agenda will be Gettysburg Municipal Authority, police selection process, Wills House and Ms. Giles has one item.

Citizens in attendance:

Mike and Alix McCown, Aesthetic Images, were here to discuss the possibility of street art. He would like to build a prototype, which would be sponsored by a local business owner. If all goes well, he is estimating the project will materialize in 2-3 years. They could draw from sponsorships worldwide with the historical connection to Gettysburg. Looking for suggestions of what type of art to use such as an apple, dog, horse etc.

Mr. Streeter reported he sent a letter to Senator Punt on Senate Bill #1539, which prohibits the requirements for police officers to reside in the municipality in which they are employed It was reported that the legislature has tabled this issue for this session.

Mr. Fleet reported he sent a letter to Phi Delta Corporation to discuss their property on Lincoln Avenue. They did attend the College Relations Committee meeting and informed us they would make a decision about their property by January 1, 2003. A landlord meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 PM in Council chambers.

Moved Mr. Eline seconded, Mr. Allen to proceed with a prototype of the street art with no obligation to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported that the Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) has been answering questions of potential investors for phase 1 of the REDDI program.

Mr. Eline reported Main Street continues to work on their 2003 budget. They recently added three new board members. The College and Seminary each gave a $5,000 donation to Main Street.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an ordinance authorizing entry into a joint municipal agreement for law enforcement services with Straban Township for the year 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to rescind the action of June 10, 2002 whereby Council directed the Administration to pay all police overtime in money rather than comp time. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Allen to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the January meeting an ordinance to remove the RPP from the first 4 parking spaces on the south side of Springs Avenue, and further, to include those spaces in the Snow Emergency Route. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy; seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt the 2003 proposed budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt 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. Fleet to re-allocate $5,336.34 in FY 1996 CDBG funds and $5,999.00 in FY 1997 CDBG funds for the Recreation Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Allen to approve the $500,000 Community Revitalization budget in the following manner: $125,000 to the Train Station, $50,000 for a Residential Façade Program, $25,000 to Lincoln Cemetery for improvements, $50,000 to the High Street School for a Historic Structures Report and $250,000 for Steinwehr Avenue Improvements.

Mr. Monahan asked for further discussion on the Steinwehr Avenue improvements before giving $250,000. Discussion centered on time line, meetings with businesses and other uses of the funds.

After the discussion, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Allen both agreed to amend the motion as follows: $125,000 to the Train Station, $50,000 for a Residential Façade Program, $25,000 to Lincoln Cemetery for improvements, $50,000 to the High Street School for a Historic Structures Report and $250,000 for General Historic Pathways Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Monahan reported the Legislative Committee met with Representative Todd Platts.

Ms. Smith noted there would be no Human Relations Committee meeting this month.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Giles to reject the solid waste hauling bid submission of IESI Inc. due to a failure to submit the required bid bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to award the solid waste hauling bid to Waste Management Inc., and to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law relative to Chapel Field planned residential development of the Adams County Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to instruct solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the January meeting an ordinance setting forth a policy regarding requests for public record pursuit to the right to know law. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman answered questions regarding his report, in particular those concerning 40 East High Street, Giant building, medical building tax appeal and lead paint issues.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund list of recipients as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt a resolution increasing the fee for Residential Rental Units to $25 per unit and return inspection fee of $25. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize solicitor to prepare for adoption at the January meeting an ordinance increasing parking garage fees to $0.50 per hour and $35 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to re-appoint Allen McDonnell and Craig Showvaker to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board for another 2 year term. This term will expire in December 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration report for tax year 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell reported that Straban Township is the location for a new Wal-Mart super store. Included in the proposal is a 14 acre site that was deeded to the Township for recreation. That use (recreation) is controlled by the NPS. Dr. Powell asked Council if there was interest in discussing the project with the NPS. Council directed Dr. Powell to prepare a report on this for the Council workshop.

Interim Chief Grissom reported that she is preparing to hire a new officer to replace Officer Charles Fritz.

With no further business, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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