

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 1998

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, Margaret Gustafson, Charles Woodward, Jay Schmitt, Leonard Andrews, Richard Kreisher, John Wiley, Theodore Streeter and Mayor Troxell. Staff Present included Manager Sterner, Solicitor Oyler, Chief Gantz, Main Street Director Trostle, Preservation Officer Powell, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Terry Burger of the Evening Sun, Tim Lambert of WGET, Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association, and Frank Leber of Rhoads & Sinon.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of February 9, 1998 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens attending the meeting were Lloyd Benchoff, Waste Management, Bea Savage, Wes Ayre. Mr. Ayre addressed Council about his concern over the National Park Service proposal and the impact it will have on the Borough. He asked if the Borough was considered a factor in their planning.

Frank Leber presented Council with a draft copy of an ordinance for the proposed Gettysburg Municipal Authority revenue bonds. Approximately 2.2 million dollars will be needed for the purpose of funding additions to the Authority's sewage treatment facilities. The bond sale is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18. Council will need to hold a meeting on Thursday, March 19 to adopt the Ordinance.

Mr. Eline scheduled a special meeting of Council on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 PM to adopt the GMA Ordinance.

Mayor Troxell reported that he would be attending the Summit at the College tomorrow along with John Eline and Ted Streeter. The South Central Assembly for Effective Governance has asked Gettysburg for a donation of \$200.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Wiley to authorize a donation of \$200 to be sent to the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Oyler gave a brief summary of the Train Station. He received a proposed sales agreement from CSX Railroad whereby they will transfer ownership to the Borough for \$1.00. This agreement will be reviewed with Council and signed at a later date. Once this agreement is executed, the Olinger will be able to transfer its rights to the property.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB "consent agenda" as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward reported that Terry Sites has resigned from the Recreation Board. Council will need to appoint a replacement from Cumberland Township.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the recommended allocation of FY 1998 CDBG Funds as presented with the following changes being made to the public service allocation. Assistant Case Manager at Adams County Shelter (SCCAP, Inc.) - \$13,860; El Centro - \$9,520; Total - \$23,380. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough Grants Manager to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$155,909 in Fiscal Year 1998 Community Development Block Grant funds--said application to be submitted no later than March 27, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt the "Statement of Assurances" contained in the Fiscal Year 1998 Community Development Block Grant application, and that Council authorize the Mayor to execute the document as the Borough's chief elected official. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt and duly advertise the attached Fair Housing Resolution, and reappoint Dr. Walter L. Powell as the Borough's Fair Housing Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Schmitt to award the road materials & equipment rental bids to the lowest bidders: Asphalt to Valley Quarries, Inc.; Concrete to Hanover Concrete; and Equipment Rental to C. E. Williams Sons, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize Solicitor Oyler to advertise the Garbage Ordinance amendment limiting times for collection for adoption at next months meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize the sale of surplus equipment and timber at public auction. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize hiring a licensed trapper for skunks and other wild animals in various locations throughout the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported that the Legislative Committee had a productive meeting with Cumberland Township and Straban Township officials. They plan to meet on a quarterly basis with the next meeting scheduled for June 2. The Commissioners will be invited to attend.

Noting safety concerns with students walking along Business Route 15 north to the new high school, Mr. Eline will draft a letter from Council supporting a walking path.

Mr. Andrews reported that Representative Stephen Maitland will be attending the Legislative Committee meeting to be held on March 13 at 4:00.

Superintendent Lawver gave a brief summary of how the traffic signals are designed to work. The traffic light at Middle and Washington Street does not have a left turn lane which appears to be causing traffic back ups.

Parking Manager Little recommended removing the long term meters and replacing them with short term meters on the second block of West Middle Street. This would also be an advantage to the businesses in that area.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize PennDOT to amend the traffic signal permit at W. Middle and S. Washington Streets to provide for left turn lanes; to authorize the replacement of the meters on the second block of W. Middle Street to short term meters; and to remove parking along the west side of S. Washington Street from Chambersburg Street to Legion Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

1997 Audit is complete and ready for approval. Mrs. Gustafson suggested another month to review the audit.

Mgr. Sterner will be attending the PELRAS conference April 1-3 along with Chief Gantz.

Mr. Eline suggested having a Council workshop on a quarterly basis. The next workshop will be scheduled for April.

Mr. Eline reported that 30 citizens attended the P.A.C.T. meeting last month. Other councilors should try and attend these informative meetings

Mr. Kreisher reported that P.A.C.T. and Crimestoppers have been working together. Crimestoppers will be hosting a state meeting to be held on April 23 & 24 at the Holiday Inn.

Mr. Eline reported that a new citizens organization is being formed in the north end to meet with Borough officials and the College.

Mr. Eline noted that the National Park Service proposal will have an impact on the Borough, but little information has been received on that impact. He noted also that the Borough wasn't represented in the NPS selection process. He recommended that Council conduct a public hearing to receive comments from Borough citizens and taxpayers.

Mr. Andrews suggested inviting someone from the National Park to attend the public hearing. Ms. Giles suggested inviting elected state and federal legislators along with John Latschar to attend the meeting.

Mr. Eline set the date for the public hearing for Monday, March 30, at 7:30 PM.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Stull".

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary