

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 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, Richard Kreisher, John Wiley, Theodore Streeter and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Attorney Ralph Oyler, Chief Gantz, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Rec Director Crouse and Main Street Director Trostle.

Also attending the meeting were Terry Burger of the Evening Sun, Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, and Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 13 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Wiley to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 27 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Craig Stark and John Murphy were here to observe the meeting.

Stacey Schmeidel invited all, on behalf of Gettysburg College, to the commencement ceremony to be held on Sunday, May 17. A fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday, May 30 during the College reunion. Stacey noted that the College trustees met over the weekend and approved the residence hall and science complex. When the bond issue is approved by Council they hope to begin the projects and have ready to open by the fall of 2000.

Tammy Myers expressed her concerns with the National Park Service visitor center proposal.

Larry and Angela Eckert, 85 Country Club Lane, were here to observe the meeting.

Jim Entwistle, expressed his concern about the proposal to remove parking on South Washington Street. He asked if it was possible to contact PennDOT officials personally to discuss the issue further and asked that Council table the ordinance for one month. Mr. Lawver reported that when PennDOT measured the minimum requirements for turning lanes, only one parking space would remain, and PennDOT would not advise keeping one parking space for obvious safety reasons.

Bob Monahan, 131 Carlisle Street, commended Council for holding the public hearing with the NPS and community. He noted the management plan would effect Gettysburg for the next 20 years.

Wes Ayre, 1138 Long Lane, indicated that Council should not remain silent on the new visitor center proposal.

Bids were opened for the purchase of a new truck for the highway department.

Fyda Freightliner	\$79,951
Sheets Truck Center	\$77,972

Public Works will review these bids and make a recommendation at next months Council meeting.

Mayor Troxell presented Council with a sculpture given to the Borough by Magic Town. He will display this in his office.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to award the Digges-Monroe Phase II archeological study to Milner Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Office for Aging request to exempt real estate taxes on parcel #9-56. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Wiley to adopt the three new sidewalk specifications to include brick with stone subbase, brick with concrete subbase, and brick driveways. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Gustafson to authorize Solicitor Oyler to make changes to the ordinance requiring a permit and inspection for sidewalk construction to be advertised for adoption at the June meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Ms. Giles to instruct Manager Sterner to prepare a letter of opposition to HB 1864 which would abolish the amusement tax to Senator Punt and Representative Maitland.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt the parking and meter ordinances at S. Washington and W. Middle Streets to provide for left turn lanes on Washington Street in both the north and south directions.

Mr. Woodward's motion to table these ordinance amendments for one month failed due to a lack of a second.

After discussion, the motion to adopt the ordinance amendments was brought to a vote: YEA: Mr. Wiley, Ms. Giles, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Kreisher and Mr. Eline. NAY: Mr. Woodward, Mrs. Gustafson and Mr. Streeter. Motion adopted.

Mr. Streeter gave Council a brief report of the NPS Ad Hoc Committee regarding the feasibility of the Kinsley Proposal and its impact on the Borough. A draft copy was presented to Council for their review and input.

Ms. Giles reported that this draft copy was offered for discussion only at this time, however Council should continue with speed so that its position is conveyed to NPS officials. Another Ad Hoc committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM to finalize the position paper.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve HARB "consent agenda" A-G as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson presented Council with the Preservation Pennsylvania Award. Dave English and Walt Powell accepted the award on behalf of HARB at a ceremony held in Williamsport.

Ralph Oyler updated Council on the train station progress. CSX has executed the agreement of sale, we now await the Olinger family's relinquishment of reversionary rights.

Managers report:

Police negotiations have been going very well. The committee met with GPOA 4 times and hope to ratify the contract prior to the June Council meeting.

USS Gettysburg crew will be arriving on Friday, May 22 and departing on Tuesday, May 26. They will be doing community service work on Saturday at the Rec Park and other locations. Approximately 20 sailors are expected to visit.

The Memorial Day Lincoln Cemetery service will be held on May 30.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve the resolution authorizing the Gettysburg Fire Department financing proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the agreement with the Gettysburg Fire Department, Inc. for fire protection service. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt a Resolution recognizing Robert Heflin, on the occasion of his retirement, for his many years of service. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Schmitt to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1994, 1995, 1996 & 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Gantz reported that Cpl. Cytha Grissom and Ptlm. Dawn Gartrell placed in the Atlantic Coast Police Biathlon held in Ocean City.

Mr. Eline reported that Council will conduct a special meeting and TEFRA hearing on Monday, May 18 at 7:00 PM to receive public comment and consider the College Bonds.

Mr. Eline reported that the Town & Gown committee will meet on Thursday, May 14 at 4:00. Stacey Schmeidel and other College representatives will attend to explain college policies and student behavior.

Mrs. Gustafson announced that the Human Relations Committee meeting on May 14 will be moved to May 28 at 4:00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sara L. Stull".

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

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