

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 1998

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: 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, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Crouse, Main Street Director Trostle, Historic Preservation Officer Powell and Code Enforcement Officer Weikert.

Also attending the meeting were Terry Burger of the Evening Sun, Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Tim Lambert of WGET, Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association, and Stacey Schmeidel representing the College.

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

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the special Council meeting minutes of May 18 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline thanked the local business people for their support of the Borough. He expressed optimism that through continued cooperation and mutual understanding more could be done to improve the town for citizens and visitors. He noted the National Park visitor center is not the only issue facing our community.

Citizens in attendance:

Craig Stark, non-resident was here to observe the meeting and asked about the NPS technical assistance funds.

Mr. Eline reported that the Borough had requested Cong. Goodling to again seek \$100,000 in the federal budget for technical assistance funding but to date there has been no reply.

Mr. Eline reported that the next Town & Gown meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 PM.

Bob Monahan, 131 Carlisle Street, thanked Council for the support given over the NPS issue. He noted the NPS general management plan would effect the residents and Gettysburg for a long time. He urged continued work with NPS on the plan to provide for a positive affect on the Borough.

Eric Uberman, 297 Steinwehr Avenue, noted that he was very proud of Council for their support and opposition to the new visitor facility.

Sam Mudd, 308 Pine Street, reported the Hazel Alley Residents have scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:00 in the Adams County National Bank meeting room. He invited representatives of the Borough to attend.

Citizens here to observe the meeting included: Paul Witt, Donna Uberman, Tammy Myers, Richard Codori, Larry & Angela Eckert, Pete Monahan, Joyce Jackson, John Murphy, Mary Beth Steinour-Levan, Jon Muller and Wes Ayre.

Mayor Troxell thanked Manager Sterner and his wife Bernadette for their part in the recent USS Gettysburg crew visit.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the amendment to the sidewalk ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to award the bid for a new dump truck to Sheets Truck Center of Hanover in the amount of \$77,972. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported that the next regional meeting of the Borough, Straban and Cumberland Townships will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 PM at the Straban Township Municipal Building.

Mr. Andrews requested that Council send a letter of thanks to the Olinger family for their gift of the Train Station. He also requested a letter to Representative Goodling and Senators Specter and Santorum to support the homeowner tax credit.

Mr. Eline noted that he has received information that the state legislature had modified the Amusement Tax in that Boroughs will not be able to increase total receipts from that tax beyond the level of 1998. He suggested that Representative Maitland be invited to attend the Legislative Committee meeting to discuss this legislation as well as others that might affect the Borough.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the Ad Hoc Committee report on the Kinsley proposal and its impact on the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Kreisher to forward the NPS report with cover letter to Congressman Goodling, Senator Santorum and Senator Specter. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to appoint a member of Council to the working group which will continue negotiations with NPS Superintendent Latschar on development of the NPS general management plan. A member of Council will be announced at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Gustafson noted that the College has been working consistently with HARB. The College placed the new air conditioning units to the rear of the roof at 301 Carlisle Street.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that the complaint forms have been in place on a six month trial basis.

Mr. Eline inquired as to when the forms are to be used such as weeds and parking.

Mr. Andrews reported that these forms were generated because we had no formal system to record the complaint or to respond to the complainant.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that when someone has a problem or something that needs resolved these forms are to be used. Certain issues may not warrant the forms but she suggested we continue with the trial period.

Mrs. Gustafson announced that the highway crew will be permitted to wear shorts on the job except where long trousers are required for safety reasons.

Attorney Ralph Oyler reported that the executed deed for the train station has been returned and will be recorded at the County Courthouse.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to reappoint Cecil Sandoe to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority for a five year term. This term will expire in July 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

A census presentation will be held at the Gettysburg Hospital. He urged Council representation. It is imperative that the census be accurate, that all Gettysburgians are counted. Many state and federal grant programs are based on population, income, and other demographic information.

State Treasurer Barbara Hafer will be visiting Gettysburg on Monday, June 15. She will be at the Borough office at 1:30 to meet with Borough officials and tour the downtown.

Sterner reported that he expects the proposed parking garage rendering by the end of the month at which time a meeting will be scheduled with the churches and county officials to continue talks.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has finally supplied us with a revised scope of work for the flood study. Engineer Andy Brough will attend the Public Works Committee meeting to review it with the committee. The revised cost estimate is \$120,000, of which the Borough will be required to pay half.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Woodward to accept the exoneration report from G.H. Harris for tax years 1996 and 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Stull". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary