

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 1998

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

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Tim Lambert of WGET, Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association, and John McAndrew representing the Gettysburg College.

Ms. Giles requested the agenda be changed to move the Ad Hoc Committee report from Mr. Streeter to Ms. Giles.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the agenda after making the requested change. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the Council meeting minutes of June 8 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline congratulated Jay and Catherine Schmitt on their 65th wedding anniversary on July 10. Council received Solicitor Donald Oyler's resignation which will be acted on later in the meeting. He noted the Brass Band Festival that was held recently at various locations throughout the community was very nice. He hopes that Main Street is able to organize another festival.

Mr. Eline invited the Crimestoppers/PACT representatives to proceed with their presentation honoring Gary Shaffer.

Milton Moyer and Jim Baumgardner, representing the Adams County Crimestoppers, District Attorney Michael George, and Peggy Severeal, state Crimestoppers rep, presented Gary Shaffer with awards for his actions in assisting in apprehending a bank robber on Chambersburg Street. DA George gave a brief presentation of the bank incident in which Gary helped to apprehend the suspect. He thanked Gary for his effort and concerns for his community. Doris Selby, Chrystal Baker and John Strevig of Financial Trust Bank were also on hand to thank Gary.

Citizens in attendance:

Gary Shaffer and his family were here for the award presentation.

Victor Macri, intern working with Walter Powell.

Sam Mudd, Hazel Alley representative, in support of the nuisance ordinance.

John Murphy, Lawrence and Angela Eckert, Tammy Myers and Eric Uberman attended to hear the NPS Ad Hoc reports.

Bea Savage and Mary Stojic were observing the meeting.

Ralph Oyler attended on behalf of his mother and family. Mr. Oyler was solicitor for the Borough for over 36 years and regrets having to resign due to illness.

Mayor Troxell noted the recent riots at State College. He hopes that the efforts now aimed at controlling local student behavior will prevent similar incidents in Gettysburg.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve the US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Study. The Borough is responsible for one half the cost, estimated to be \$60,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher reported that Public Works has been working with Dave English in order to ordain a portion of Race Horse Alley East near Fourth Street, and to claim a small portion of "no man's land" at the rear of his property to widen our alley. Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Wiley to authorize the solicitor to proceed with Race Horse Alley ordination and action to quiet title. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher reported that at last month's meeting, new sidewalk specs were approved by Council, however the fee for a sidewalk permit was not set. Public Works Committee has recommended that a flat fee of \$25 be set to cover the cost of administering the application and inspection of the work.

Mrs. Gustafson asked if the fee could be waived for those persons who receive notice from the Borough to repair walks. After some discussion, Mr. Eline directed the Public Works Committee review this request.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt a resolution setting the sidewalk permit fee at \$25. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported that Senator Punt attended the Legislative Committee meeting to discuss options for funding the train station. A ceremony will be planned later for the Olinger family in recognition of their gift to the Borough.

Mr. Eline added that a Train Station Committee will be named to proceed with the planning and rehab of the building. The committee will be composed of the Main Street Director, a member of Borough Council, the Historic Preservation Officer, a member of the National Park Service and a representative of Adams County.

Mr. Streeter requested that a member of Council be appointed to work with the County Commissioners on the CRIS Study.

Mr. Eline reported that the Council workshop held on June 29 was very successful. Two new committees were established as follows: National Park Service (NPS) Committee will be chaired by Holly Giles, and include John Eline, Ted Streeter, John Wiley and Mayor Troxell. A Town Gown Committee will be chaired by John Eline and include Holly Giles, Ted Streeter, Charlie Woodward, Rich Kreisher and Mayor Troxell.

Mr. Eline reported that the Town & Gown Committee will meet on July 30 at 3:00, and as always everyone is welcome to attend.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Nuisance Ordinance for adoption at the August meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt to reappoint Sterling Musselman to the Civil Service Commission for another six year term. This term will expire in May 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported that the Safety Committee recommended that the Borough lease twelve parking spaces from the Trinity Church Parking Lot for Borough employee parking. The cost would be \$10.00 per space. Parking meters would be placed in the current employee parking on East Middle Street. The Library will also be renting spaces from the Church for their employees. This will make available additional parking for shoppers and library users.

Ms. Giles reported that the Landlord /Tenant Ordinance may take 2-3 months to complete. The Safety Committee will continue working on the ordinance their meeting on July 20.

Ms. Giles reported that the Ad Hoc Committee recommended sending letters to Representative Goodling and Senator Santorum indicating Council's concern on the limitation of 60 days GMP review. A longer time will be required for the Borough to establish mutually agreeable goals. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet on July 22.

Mrs. Gustafson gave a brief summary of the HARB Minutes. Mr. Wiley asked what low wattage light fixtures would be for item # A. Mrs. Gustafson reported that the owners didn't want to have bright lights and agreed not to use halogen lamps.

Mr. Eline asked what the plans are for 104 Carlisle Street, item # E. Dr. Powell reported that they are renovating this building and plan to replace the roof, spouting and soffit. They will return to HARB with a detailed drawing of the proposed front awning and lighting when completed.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve HARB "consent agenda" Items A-G with the following stipulations: Item A, wattage of light fixture will be evaluated by Dr. Powell and item E, HARB will follow carefully. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that a masonry restoration workshop will be held later this fall for HARB members. The cost will be approximately \$8,000, with the costs to be defrayed through donations. The Board asks that the Borough commit to the workshop and release the 20 per cent of the costs necessary to contract with the firm U.S. Heritage Group of Chicago.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Borough release the 20% necessary to set up a contract with U.S. Heritage Group. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles inquired as to the status of the revised sign ordinance. Dr. Powell reported that the draft ordinance is ready and waiting for direction from Council. HARB and the Planning Commission have reviewed the ordinance and it is now ready for public review and comment. He further stated that we are seeing many flags and sandwich boards, causing some enforcement issues. A public hearing should be scheduled to begin the public comment period.

Mr. Woodward reported that the Rec Board toured the park last month as a part of their monthly meeting. All were very pleased and impressed with the park. The bench and plantings placed in dedication to Mrs. Hanson for her generous donation are beautiful.

Mr. Woodward asked about the possibility of putting lights on the girls softball fields. Mr. Eline instructed that this be discussed with the Rec Board and report to Council.

Mr. Woodward reported that he had witnessed one of our employees picking up debris on the square, possibly from a restaurant. Mr. Sterner noted that our custodian does keep the center square cleaned on a daily basis but will not clean private property.

Mr. Wiley reporting for the Community Development Committee that the Adams County Housing Authority is considering purchasing property on North Stratton Street. The Housing Authority has requested that Council re-allocate some of the CDBG funds to assist in the acquiring and renovating of these properties.

Dr. Powell reported that Council would need to hold a Public Hearing before next months meeting to consider this budget change.

Mrs. Gustafson asked why the Borough should pay relocate these dislocated persons as a result of this project. She recalled a large sum of money was used to move the people at the Brandon trailer park.

Dr. Powell responded that federal regulations which are a part of CDBG requires that dislocated persons be assisted as a result of using federal dollars.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Andrews to recommend continuing with a public hearing to hear public comment on the CDBG re-allocations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Schmitt to establish a Train Station Committee to be comprised of the Main Street Director, the Historic Preservation Officer, a member of Borough Council, a member of the National Park Service, and a representative of Adams County. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Kreisher to accept, with deepest regret, the resignation of Solicitor Donald Oyler. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the Resolution honoring Solicitor Donald G. Oyler, Esquire, for his 36 years of dedicated, wise and dignified service to the Borough and its citizens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson asked if the ADA handicapped curb ramps are complete. Mr. Sterner reported that they are complete with but two or three exceptions at alleys.

Dr. Powell gave a brief report on the Digges-Monroe Phase I Archeology dig. Council will need to give their approval for the dig to continue to its final phase. The estimated cost for this final phase is \$35,000 which will bring the total cost to \$54,000. The budgeted amount for this project was \$58,000.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Wiley to authorize the firm of John Milner Associates to move forward with phase three of the archeological dig at a cost of \$34,980. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson asked about the progress of the complaint forms. Mr. Sterner reported that we have processed approximately 100-150 forms to date. Most of these are not complaints, rather requests for service.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that the Human Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, August 13.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

