

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

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

Also Attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun, Tim Lambert of WGET, Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association, John McAndrew representing Gettysburg College and Cpl. Cytha Grissom representing the Gettysburg Police Officers' Association.

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

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve the Council meeting minutes of August 10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline opened the meeting and commented on the September 12 Gettysburg Times article which conveyed his disappointment in Senators Goodling and Santorum not coming forth to hold a NPS meeting in Gettysburg. He clarified his position that he is pleased with the progress NPS has made responding to Borough concerns.

Citizens in attendance:

Richard Kelly, Sam Mudd and Bea Savage were observing the meeting.

Representative Stephen Maitland commended Council for their stance on the GMP/NPS concerns and is unhappy that the Federal Government doesn't show more concern and attend the local meetings. He has had complaints from constituents concerning truck traffic on East Water Street.

Mr. Eline commented that trucks are banned from East Water Street other than making deliveries. Chief Gantz would need to have an officer in that area all the time to regulate all truck traffic.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to appoint Harry Eastman as the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eastman briefed Council on his experience and thanked Council for choosing him to serve as Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Streeter reported that the NPS Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 to hear constituents concerns on the NPS/GMP. The Committee is encouraged to attend so a recommendation can be made to Council in October.

Mr. Eline reported that the Town & Gown Committee met and again worked toward solutions to the college student problems. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 24 at 3:00 PM.

Ms. Giles requested that a special Safety Committee meeting be held to discuss the Landlord Tenant Ordinance. It is too much to discuss at the regular meeting.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the police contract for a three year term -1999-2001. The negotiations were very successful and produced a mutually beneficial agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Cpl. Grissom thanked Council for their time and a successful negotiation process.

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

Mrs. Gustafson reported that a public workshop will be held on October 5th from 7-9 PM to discuss the new sign ordinance.

Mr. Woodward reported that Dianne Auchter does not wish to be reappointed to the Rec Board. She represents Gettysburg Borough.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to reappoint Steve Toddes to the Rec Board representing Cumberland Township. This is a five year term and will expire in September 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiley reporting for the Community Development Committee noted that Ed Jenkins of the Housing Authority gave a presentation and discussed property management of Interfaith Housing Corp.

Mr. Eline asked about further CDBG funding for the Housing Authority in its efforts on North Stratton Street. Dr. Powell responded that they must first report to Council on their plans, at which time a public hearing can be held.

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

Mrs. Gustafson reporting for Public Works in the absence of Mr. Kreisher noted that all interested Councilors are urged to attend the next meeting to offer input on the new design for street name signs. See committee report for further information.

Mr. Andrews reporting for the Legislative Committee met with Representative Maitland. Harry Stokes, County Commissioner spoke at their committee meeting. The next Township meeting with Cumberland, Straban and the Borough will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at Cumberland Township.

Mr. Andrews serves on the Earned Income Agency Board and reported that Tom Gormley is retiring after 30+ years. The agency is currently looking for a replacement.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Woodward to appoint Sam Mudd to the Borough Planning Commission to fill the open seat. This term will expire in December 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the EMA Resolution of Gettysburg Borough authorizing and directing the emergency succession of municipal officers and the continuity of municipal government. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report:

The Housing Authority has purchased an option on the High Street School for an as yet undetermined use. He advises Community Development to study this proposal.

Dedication of the Rec Park Band Shell will be on October 1 at 4:00, all are invited to attend.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the exoneration report for tax year 1995. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull reported that the Adams County Borough's Association will meet on Monday, September 21 at 6:30.

Mr. Andrews asked Kevin Trostle when the Train Station Committee would be holding a meeting. Mr. Trostle reported that the next meeting would be held around Remembrance Day. He will put a Train Station report in Council packets to keep everyone informed.

Mrs. Crouse reported that approximately 400 people attended the Heritage Festival Sunday afternoon.

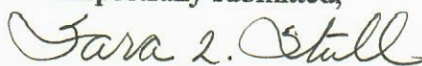
Dr. Powell reported that the Lincoln Cemetery Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Weikert reported that a Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 PM. In the matter of adding social lodge to tourist commercial, Council should hold a public hearing before next months Council meeting so that the Ordinance can be adopted in October.

Mr. Lawver reported that he has arranged to meet quarterly with all local utilities. All have a local representative except for GPU which is out of Reading. The highway crew is currently painting crosswalks throughout town.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

