

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 1998

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

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 and John McAndrew representing Gettysburg College.

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

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the Council meeting of September 14 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline opened the meeting with the presentation to Senator Terry Punt for his diligent work in obtaining the historic train station and federal funding for its restoration. Council presented Sen. Punt with a framed portrait of the Train Station.

Senator Punt responded that he was "speechless", however he thanked Council and the Train Station Committee members, Andy Larson, Jackie White and John Murphy and others for their help with the project. He indicated that he was very pleased to be a part of this important project.

Citizens in attendance:

Ed Jenkins and Dan Barbour , representing the Adams County Housing Authority.

Pauline and Dick Peterson, The Conflict, thanked Council for its assistance to the area merchants.

Bea Savage, Gettysburg Carriage Company, delighted that Council was able to get the Train Station. She will donate her November earnings from carriage rides toward the Train Station restoration.

John Murphy, Philip Magaldi, Tammy Myers, Richard Codori, Shirley Nace, Sam Mudd, Andy Larson, Jackie White, Wes Ayre, Joe Sinacori and Denise Carper attended to observe the meeting.

Mayor Troxell reported on upcoming events. Halloween Parade, October 27 at 7:30 PM; Trick-Or-Treat, October 31, 6-8 PM; Train Station Ceremony, November 19; Remembrance Day Parade, November 21 and the Christmas Parade, November 27.

Mr. Eline reported that the comprehensive plan is still being reviewed. The Town & Gown meetings continue to be progressive and will meet again on November 5 at 7:00 PM. On the upcoming PHMC meeting to be held in Gettysburg, we have been granted 5 minutes on their agenda to enter our objections to the NPS GMP. Dr. Powell will contact Brent Glass to see when this will take place. Ms. Giles has volunteered to give the presentation for Council.

Mr. Streeter read the summary of the National Park Service Committee Report, as prepared by the NPS Committee, which concludes that the draft Gettysburg National Military Park General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) is flawed in both substance and procedure.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the NPS committee recommendation and that it be forwarded with a cover letter signed by all Councilors to the National Park Service tomorrow, October 14, with copies distributed.. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter continued by informing Council that he and Dr. Powell were invited to a meeting in Washington, DC to meet with Congressman Ralph Regula of Ohio and Congressman James Hansen, Utah along with Congressman Goodling to discuss our displeasure with the GMP.

Mr. Kreisher reported that the Public Works Committee continues to discuss the proposals for a new Borough logo/flag.

Mr. Andrews reported that Kevin Trostle attended Legislative Committee to update all on the train station committee work. Legislative plans to meet with Senator Punt in the near future.

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

Ms. Giles reported that the Safety Committee approved the Holiday free parking request from the Retail Merchants. Hours will be from noon until 8:00 PM beginning November 27th and ending on January 1st.

Ms. Giles suggested holding a separate meeting of the Safety Committee to discuss the Landlord Tenant Ordinance.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter, to endorse the Letter of Intent with the National Park Service dated September 9, 1998; outlining cooperative efforts in downtown planning, to hire professional interpretive consultant services to assist in developing the interpretive and marketing plan, and acknowledge of Main Street as the leader in this initiative which will take the Gettysburg Historic Pathway Plan to a next level. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB "consent agenda" as presented. YEA: Mrs. Gustafson, Ms. Giles, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Streeter. NAY: Mr. Wiley.

Mr. Wiley asked if all options have been considered by HARB on the alterations at 212 York Street. He does not favor old buildings covered with vinyl siding.

Mrs. Gustafson responded that HARB considered the condition of the wood uncovered by the removal of asphalt siding and the variety of sidings used on that house. She noted an elderly person lives at this residence who could not financially keep the house painted.

Dr. Powell reported that this building has undergone several alterations. Each application is handled separately before any recommendations are given. The Board has considered some form of subsidy to help owners with repairs such as this because of the expense.

Mrs. Gustafson announced that HARB will be sponsoring a Lime Mortar Workshop on November 6-7.

Mrs. Gustafson asked Council to consider nominations for the HARB preservation awards for the year 1998.

Mr. Woodward reported that Kathy Kotula, Cumberland Township representative, has resigned from the Recreation Board. He will contact prior member Terry Sites who may be interested in returning to the Board.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the reallocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds as follows: CDBG funds would be moved from "Housing Rehabilitation--CHORES Program" to "Housing Rehabilitation--Homeownership Program". FY 1996: Reallocate \$35,000; FY 1997: Reallocate \$30,000; FY 1998: Reallocate \$14,000 for Rehab/Homeownership and \$10,469 for Acquisition/Relocation for a total of \$89,469. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Andrews to reappoint Shirley Carlson to the Shade Tree Commission. This is a 5 year term and will expire in October 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner noted the budget meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 2, at 7:00 PM.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve 1.70% cost of living increase for the police pensioners, to be paid from the Police Pension Fund, effective October 1, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1993, 1994 and 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson asked CEO Weikert on the status of the Land Development Ordinance. He said it isn't ready for review as yet., the Planning Commission continues its review.

Dr. Powell reported that the Lincoln Cemetery Committee continues to meet.

Mr. Little reported that the Parking Department has "booted" approximately 14 cars recently in an effort to collect unpaid parking tickets.

Chief Gantz reported that PACT will be meeting on October 29.

With no further business Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Stull". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary