

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 1998

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

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun, Frank Leber of Rhoads & Sinon, John McAndrew representing the College and Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association.

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

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the public hearing minutes of October 13 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the council meeting minutes of October 13 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Frank Leber, Esquire, gave a brief presentation on behalf of Gettysburg College. The College is requesting Borough approval to issue new bonds in the amount of \$10 million. They want to take advantage of the good market and proceed with construction of the science building and dorms.

Dr. Haaland gave a brief summary of the projects: landscaping and infra structure projects, residence hall expansion, and the creation of a performing arts center, which is not be funded through these bonds. They hope to open the new residence facility in a year. He indicated the College would attempt to have new residence halls complete in time for the fall 1999 class. The new hall will house about 150 students. Films would be shown in the theater, but much work needs to be done prior to actual reconstruction.

Frank Leber Asked Council to approve the Health, Safety and Welfare Ordinance, and to decide on who will hold the TEFRA hearing. He hopes to have this bond issue complete prior to December 31.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Health, Safety & Welfare resolution which calls for GMA to hold the TEFRA hearing, and which authorizes the debt in \$10 millions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leber continued with a proposal to Council refinance the 1992 and 1993 Borough bonds. Financial analysis indicates the Borough could realize a savings of about \$200,000 with the current low interest rates. The bond sale would take place in December and the closing would be in January. He noted it is to the Borough's advantage to complete the transaction after January 1, 1999 in order to obtain bank qualification. Cost of the financing will be about \$60,000 and will be included in the transaction.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to authorize Mr. Leber to proceed with the refinancing of the 1992 and 1993 bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Mary Beth LeVan, Washington Street, indicated her displeasure with the proposal to expand the Historic District. She feels the HARB members harass property owners and she doesn't want someone to tell her what she can and can't do with her property.

Paul Witt is also opposed to the Historical District expansion proposal. HARB harasses and dictates to the property owners what they can and can't do. He is in favor of the Sign Ordinance but feels the changes are premature. He hopes that Council will review these issues further before adopting.

Dick & Paulene Peterson, The Conflict, Steinwehr Avenue, continues to be concerned about the new visitors center and how it will effect everyone in Gettysburg. Steinwehr Avenue will need to develop an attraction of their own. He indicated his support for the TEA 21 grant application which Council will consider tonight which will add period street lighting, underground utilities, and brick sidewalks.

T.J. Patel, Super 8 Motel, York Street, attended to observe and is concerned if the Historic District expansion proposal will effect this location.

Robert Housch, Greystone's History Emporium, Baltimore Street, is interested in HARB's recommendation concerning alterations to his porch.

Richard Kelly, Jay McDannell and Bea Savage were here to observe the meeting..

Mayor Troxell reminded Council that it was one year ago today that Mayor Frank Linn passed away.

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

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adopt the 1999 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$2,783,280, to advertise for public inspection, and prepare and advertise the 1999 tax ordinance for adoption at the December meeting. He noted this will be the fourth consecutive year without a tax increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Ms. Giles to exonerate the Main Street debt in the amount of \$54,919. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews asked that Council meet with Mr. Trostle Kevin to give him guidance so that Council and the Main Street Board are working together.