

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 1998

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

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun, Tim Lambert of WGET, John McAndrew representing Gettysburg College, Frank Leber of Rhoads & Sinon, and Jim Tricoli of First Union.

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

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the council minutes of November 9 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline presented a resolution to Mary and Ralph Oyler in recognition of Donald Oyler for his service to the Borough. A framed portrait and resolution was hung in Council Chambers in honor of Mr. Oyler.

Chief Gantz presented promotions to the following police officers: Dennis Wright. Cytha Grissom, Doug McKinney, (all promoted to Sergeant) and Matthew Harvey and Brand Briggs (promoted to PFC).

Citizens in attendance:

Mary Beth LeVan, Washington Street, stated her displeasure with the proposal to expand the Historic District. She feels more public input is needed before adoption.

Tammy Myers, Steinwehr Avenue, feels the Sign Ordinance needs additional limitations on display of merchandise on front porches.

Polly Parone, Retail Merchants Association, thanked Council for the free holiday parking.

John Murphy, Long Lane, is concerned about the NPS moving the visitors center. He believes Borough business will follow that new location, causing a loss of taxes to the Borough.

David Yohman was introduced as the newly hired Gettysburg College Director for Safety and Security.

Sam Mudd, Jan Althoff, and John Krichten were here to observe the meeting.

Mayor Troxell commended Council for its outstanding service and dedication to our town. He noted the many challenges that Council faced over the past year, and thanked Council for its hard work meeting those challenges. He continued by commending Borough staff for its hard work and assistance to him in his first year as Mayor.

Frank Leber and Jim Tricolli presented the bond refinancing proposal to Council. The paying agent will be Adams County National Bank and not PNC. The higher interest rate was replaced with a lower rate in which the Borough would realize a cash savings of \$186,177.79. Settlement is scheduled for January 20, 1999.

Manager Sterner reported that the refinancing is very favorable to the Borough. He noted the Finance Committee has recommended taking the savings all within the first year, 1999.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt the General Obligation Bond Ordinance in the amount of \$3,495,000, dated January 1, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to adopt the final 1999 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt the 1999 Tax Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Ms. Giles to re-appoint Sam Mudd to the Planning Commission. This is a five year term and will expire in December 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee is planning a meeting with Senator Punt on January 14 at 4:00 PM. The committee is attempting to set a meeting with the County Commissioners. He asked if there was interest in a visit to the Capital to meet with Representative Maitland and Senator Punt in their offices. He will inform Council of the date.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the latest recommendation of the NPS Committee concerning the meeting with Senator Santorum and to forward copies to those on previous mailings. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize Solicitor Eastman to prepare and advertise the 9999933 Ordinance for next months Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to re-appoint Marion Ruff and Willis Weikert to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board. This is a 2 year term and will expire in December 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to re-appoint Ronald Heiges to the Board of Code Enforcement Appeals Board. This is a five year term and will expire in April 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve HARB "consent agenda". Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman commented on the recently received letter from Walton Davis whereby Mr. Davis notes the possibility of case law effecting our new sign ordinance. Mr. Eastman has not had time to research the issues, thereby will not offer an opinion at this time. He will research the case law further with a report at the January meeting.

Mr. Eline agreed that Mr. Eastman should review these issues and report at next months meeting. The Sign Ordinance will be presented for adoption at that time.

Mr. Woodward reported that skateboarding was approved at the Rec Park 3 years ago on the tennis courts. Persons using the courts were asked to clean up after themselves but they didn't. The Board then banned persons from using the Rec Park for skateboarding.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt the Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance adding the definition of "Social Club or Lodge". Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Streeter to authorize Solicitor Eastman to prepare the ordinance amending the Historical District Ordinance and advertise for adoption at the January meeting. To allow citizens a further opportunity to comment, a public hearing will be conducted on January 11, 1999 at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Powell pointed out that there has not been an expansion to the Historical District in 10 years.

Mr. Wiley reported that the Community Development Committee will meet on December 28 at 4:00. At that time they will entertain questions on the Historical District expansion.

Mr. Wiley reported his committee has suggested developing a marketing plan for the Borough. Mr. Eline referred this to the Steering Committee and Community Development for further discussion.

Managers report:

The 1999 meeting schedule will remain the same and be advertised unless the chair of each committee requests a change.

Reported that Act 108-Senator Punt's real estate proposal passed and Act 114-Liquid Fuels amendment will now includes alleys.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the 1998 Eichelberger-Stable Charity list Motion carried unanimously

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to appoint Dr. John Schwartz to the Zoning Hearing Board. This is a five year term and will expire in December 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Wiley to accept the exoneration report for tax years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull read a letter from Councilor Schmitt whereby he announced his resignation from Council effective December 31, 1998.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to accept the resignation, with regret, from Councilman ^{SCHMITT} effective December 31, 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Wiley to adopt a resolution honoring Mr. Schmitt. It will be framed and presented to him by Mayor Troxell at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Streeter to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull

Borough Secretary