

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

President Susan Naugle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Jacob Schindel, Mr. Wesley Heyser, Ms. Patricia Lawson, Mr. Christopher Berger, Mr. Charles Strauss and Mr. John Lawver. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Chief Joseph Dougherty; Planning Director Becky LaBarre; Public Works Director Dan Hilliard and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Erin Peddigree, Director of Services, Arc of Adams County; Diane Joiner, Arc of Adams County; Robin Fitzpatrick, President, Adams Economic Alliance; Linda Atiyeh, Gallery 30, 26 York Street; Tom Jolin, HABPI; Lynn Chronister, Boutique 229, 327 Baltimore Street; Sarah Kipp, 226 Baltimore Street; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Judi McGee, 256 Baltimore Street; John Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue; Ron Frenette and Mike Tallent, 811 Johns Avenue; Nancy Kurt Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue; Bob DeFayette, 100 King Street; Jim Paddock, 262 Baltimore Street; Everett Bayleiss Jr., 402 Heritage Drive; Rodger and Chris Goodacre, 105 East Broadway; Paul Kellett, 46 Middle Creek Road, Fairfield PA; and Becka Fissel, Borough Parking Enforcement Officer. Representing the press were Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed with the *Evening Sun*.

President Susan Naugle announced an executive session of the Borough Council was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the January 22, 2018 work session meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act.

President Susan Naugle announced an executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act for the purpose of discussing matters involving the employment, termination of employment and the terms and conditions of employment of specific prospective, current or former Borough employees.

Moved Ms. Lawson, seconded Mr. Schindel to approve the February 12, 2018 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Lawver, seconded Mr. Schindel to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel seconded Ms. Lawson to approve the joint meeting minutes of Council and the Gettysburg Planning Commission on January 16, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to approve the Public Hearing and Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to approve the Council Work Session Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel seconded Mr. Berger to adopt the Modern Rules of Order: A Guide for Conducting Business Meetings, Fifth Edition, PBI Press, as the official rules of order for the conduct of meetings of the Borough Council. The Rules and Regulations of the Borough Council regarding the conduct of public meetings and the maintenance of order shall be updated accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Sarah Kipp, 226 Baltimore Street, a member of the Planning Commission said that the Baltimore Street Revitalization Plans are great, but said that she is disappointed that it doesn't include a bicycle lane, but instead retains some of the parking spaces. She said that there are other optional parking areas, and feels it's not necessary to keep those spaces. Ms. Kipp said that she feels the plan should be more bicycle friendly.

Special Presentations:

Erin Peddigree, Director of Services and Diane Joiner both with Arc of Adams County announced that April is Autism Awareness month. They requested approval to have the lights on the square blue on April 6th from 8:00 to 9:00 PM in recognition of autism awareness. They would provide the blue sleeves to go over the lights. They said that there are 300 children in Adams County with autism, and Ms. Joiner noted that she has a son with autism. The group wants to bring awareness to the Gettysburg community.

Councilwoman Lawson suggested moving the time to 7:00 PM to coincide with First Friday events.

Mayor Streeter recognized Officer Brian Weikert on his completion of ten-years of service to the Gettysburg Borough Police Department, promoting him to Master Patrol Officer.

Mayor Streeter presented Officer Christopher Evans with a medal recognizing his receipt of an American Police Hall of Fame Life Saving Award. He said that Officer Evans helped prevent a potential suicide in November when he risk his own safety to grab a woman from leaping from a fourth-story fire escape.

Moved Mr. Lawver, seconded Mr. Heyser to adopt resolution in opposition to House Bill 1620, entitled the Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Strauss to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Strauss, seconded Mr. Schindel to accept recommendations by the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) made following its review on Wednesday January 17, 2018 and approve a Certificate of Appropriateness #COA-18-0001, 619 Baltimore Street – Erian Associates, Limited as presented in the application submitted January 2, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel seconded Mr. Heyser to accept the recommendation of the Gettysburg Borough Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) made following its review on January 31, 2018 and approve issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for application COA-18-003, 297 Steinwehr Avenue – Future Stake, Inc.: Construction of a pre-fabricated modular barn on the northwest corner of the lot as submitted in the proposed materials and plans depicted in the revised application dated January 29, 2018, with an option to amend this COA should future building modifications be desired, including, but not limited to, the addition of cupolas, skylights, and signage; subject to review by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to enact an ordinance to authorize the granting of tax exemption relief for certain new construction and improvements to designated deteriorated properties within the Borough pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"); to set a maximum exemption amount and to set two alternate ten-year percentage exemption schedules; and to set forth a procedure for securing an exemption. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Ms. Lawson to authorize the execution of an Addendum to Resolution No. 091117-1, adopted by the Borough Council on September 11, 2017, for the purpose of confirming that proper name of the proposed Licensee is The Upper Crust, LLC and for the purpose of confirming that the address of the proposed licensed premises is 19 York Street for submission of the Addendum to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board relative to the requested intermunicipal transfer of a liquor license for use within the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Ms. Lawson to adopt a resolution appointing John D. Butterfield as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Gettysburg for a five-year term expiring on the first Monday of January 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to enact an ordinance for the purpose of amending Chapter 15, Part 2, section 221, subsection 1 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relative to Motor Vehicles and Traffic for purposes of adding, updating and confirming certain street left-turn lanes within the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Engineer Chad Clabaugh reported that the Gettysburg Inner Loop Project is moving slowly due to the relocation of memorials at Codori Memorials on West Middle Street, noting that this has delayed the construction at Reynolds Street and Stevens Run. Mr. Clabaugh reported the Baltimore Street Revitalization Project Master Plan was completed. He also noted that they are continuing to work on the Stratton Street Project Designs.

Moved Ms. Lawson, seconded Mr. Schindel to appoint Jordan Klunk, an eligible applicant from the list of candidates for entry level patrol officer certified to the Borough Council by the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Gettysburg, to the position of entry level patrol officer of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Berger, seconded Mr. Heyser to authorize a COLA increase for retired police pensioner Douglas McKinney, to be paid from the Police Pension Plan effective January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Gable announced that the “coffee and conversation” is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd at 7:30AM at the Ragged Edge Coffee House on Chambersburg Street.

Manager Gable reported that Hudson Energy will be the new energy provider, stating that it will be a cost savings for the Borough.

Manager Gable explained that the purpose of the following motion is to transfer budget estimated appropriations and expenditures consistent with and following the approval of the modifications to the 2018 Budget as authorized by the Borough Council on January 22, 2018. Consistent with the budget modification process, the 2018 General Fund estimated annual revenues and receipts and the estimated annual expenditures each remain at \$4,807,878, as approved by the Borough Council on December 11, 2017 in its adoption of the Budget for fiscal year 2018.

Moved Ms. Lawson, seconded Mr. Schindel to authorize transfers from certain General Fund departments which shall decrease appropriations to the indicated line items resulting in the modified budgeted amounts set forth as follows:

Department 400 (Legislative) (Table 37)

- 1. Line item 01-400-105 decreased to \$15,000;**
- 2. Line item 01-400-192 decreased to \$930;**
- 3. Line item 01-400-193 decreased to \$218;**

Department 410 (Police) (Table 43)

4. Line item 01-410-114 decreased to \$49,399;

5. Line item 01-410-192 decreased to \$5,959;

6. Line item 01-410-193 decreased to \$13,435;

7. Line item 01-410-194 decreased to \$4,609;

8. Line item 01-410-354 decreased to \$39,003;

Department 430 (Public Works) (Table 49)

9. Line item 01-430-112 decreased to \$319,604;

10. Line item 01-430-192 decreased to \$26,343;

11. Line item 01-430-193 decreased to \$6,163;

12. Line item 01-430-180 decreased to \$6,500;

13. Line item 01-430-187 decreased to \$8,000; and

14. Line item 01-430-189 decreased to \$2,038.

And to authorize transfers to certain General Fund departments which shall increase appropriations to the indicated line items resulting in the modified budgeted amounts set forth as follows:

1. Line item 01-430-115 is increased by \$24,000, creating a supplemental line item total of \$24,000 for the purpose of providing a salary to seasonal and/or part time employees;

2. Line item 01-430-194 is increased by \$285, creating a supplemental line item total of \$2,921 for the purpose of providing Unemployment Compensation insurance to seasonal and/or part time employees;

3. Line item 01-409-218 is increased by \$3,600, creating a supplemental line item total of \$6,000 for the purpose of the issuance of two Borough Newsletters;

4. Line item 01-409-252 is increased by \$4,000, creating a supplemental line item total of \$5,650 for the purpose of the purchase of Council Tablets;

5 Line item 01-409-452 is increased by \$1,000, creating a supplemental line item total of \$7,705 for the purpose of providing IT support for the new Council Tablets;

6. Line item 01-465-541 is increased by \$10,000, creating a supplemental line item total of \$30,000 for the purpose of providing Main Street Gettysburg with an increased appropriation; and

7. Line item 01-430-740 is increased by \$12,310 creating a supplemental line item total of \$31,988 for the purpose of a down payment for the purchase of a new fuel system.

The vote passed 6 YEA/1 NAY with Councilman Heyser the dissenting vote.

Councilman Heyser commented that he may not have supported the tax increase in the current budget if both positions were not presented as necessary.

Liaison Reports:

Main Street Gettysburg

Deb Adamik, President of Main Street Gettysburg announced that the Polish Pottery BINGO held on February 10th was successful. She said that it was a sold out event and produced \$4,700 towards the Baltimore Street Historic Pathway Revitalization Project.

After some discussion moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Berger to adopt the Main Street Gettysburg Baltimore Street Historic Pathway Revitalization Master Plan as amended to include the Gettysburg College as the anchor on the north end of town, mention Old Getty Place as a partner in the Plan and include additional pictures and clarifications made by the Borough Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Lawson requested extending the project to Stevens Street near the college, and not stopping at the Gettysburg Transit Center on Carlisle Street. Councilman Strauss asked about the parking spaces that were brought up during the public comments. Deb Adamik pointed out that both the Gettysburg College and Elm Street representatives were part of the development team. Councilwoman Naugle pointed out that the Master Plan is a concept, and that amendments can be made at a later time as needed.

Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority

Councilman Schindel reported that GARA will have blue lights in recognition of Autism Awareness Month in April. He noted that GARA didn't meet last month.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

Councilwoman Naugle reported that two Well pumps failed and that one is now operational, but the seconded one must wait till the cold weather breaks. They approved the MOU with the Borough and Columbia Gas for the Stratton Street Project. The Rock Creek Bridge work has been delayed until April. She noted that GMA is currently reviewing the York Water connection, known as the “Big Pipe”, and that a public information meeting will be held at GMA on February 19th.

Planning Commission

Councilman Strauss announced that the Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on February 20th. He noted that the plan would be placed on the Borough Website.

Adams County Boroughs Association

Mayor Streeter announced that the next Adams County Boroughs Association meeting is scheduled for March 19th.

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

Councilwoman Naugle reported that the Route 30 Bridge work has been delayed until April.

Adams County Heroin Awareness Task Force

Councilman Strauss reported that there are approximately 70 members on the Heroin Task Force.

Elected Official's Comments:

Councilman Schindel reported that he had complaints about icy sidewalks and suggested that something be posted on the Boroughs Website to contact the Code Enforcement Officer Scott Weaver.

Manager Gable said that he can place a complaint form on the Website and the Code Enforcement Officer can follow up on those complaints.

Councilman Berger reported that he did a “ride along” recently with police officers Shannon Hilliard and Bryan Holden. He commended them on their “high level of professionalism”.

Public Comments:

Paul Kellett, 46 Middle Creek Road, Fairfield PA, expressed his concern regarding the “Big Pipe” that Gettysburg Municipal Authority is proposing with the York Water Company. He feels that it is unnecessary, stating that the construction and water purchases from York would cause a tax increase for Gettysburg.

Councilwoman Naugle pointed out that GMA would vote on this matter and not Borough Council. She did say however, that Borough Council can give a recommendation to GMA.

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, also expressed his concern regarding the “Big Pipe” that Gettysburg Municipal Authority is pursuing. He said that GMA doesn’t have enough information as to why it’s needed, and stated that Gettysburg has enough water. It would be costly to the Borough and ultimately raise taxes. Mr. Shestok said that he would be attending the upcoming GMA meeting to express his concerns.

Jim Paddock, 262 Baltimore Street, also expressed his concern regarding the “Big Pipe”, and said that we don’t need. He asked that Council make a recommendation and express these concerns with GMA.

Chris Goodacre, 105 East Broadway, said that there is no rush to make a decision regarding the “Big Pipe”, but asked that GMA review this very carefully. He said to look at the whole community, farms etc. to see how this would be effected.

Rodger Goodacre, 105 East Broadway, also said that there is no rush to make a decision immediately regarding the “Big Pipe”. It could be delayed for years to give time to review properly.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to adjourn the meeting to an executive session at 9:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Naugle dismissed the executive session at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary