

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPT. 10, 1984

The September meeting of Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Shealer with the following members of Council present: Messrs. Ditzler, Witt, Madsen, Daniels, Linn, Hartzell, Schmitt, Delzingaro.

The minutes of the regular August meeting were approved as prepared.

Petitions bearing 297 signatures were received requesting Council to refuse height variance for Lincoln Square Building. Also presented were petitions (S O S ) demanding Council take immediate action to get the Lincoln Square project underway.

Lon Gore, Mike Walkley, Victor Boehm, Jr. and Jack Hollick attended the meeting and presented an artist rendering of the completed project. Following their presentation they answered questions from both Council and spectators. No official action taken on the matter.

Moved Mr. Linn seconded Mr. Ditzler Council appoint Mrs. Thomas R. Gormley to a five year term on Rec Board also Jim Fox to fill the unexpired term of Robert Crouthamel. Mr. Fox's term to expire September 1988. Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt reported the Utility Committee studied the request for a light at the rear of Shirl's Tavern. The Committee felt nothing would be accomplished by erecting a light in the alley. She will be advised to erect a dusk-to-dawn light on her property.

Moved Mr. Madsen seconded Mr. Witt all approved bills and payrolls be paid. Motion carried.

Safety Committee and Manager to consider Russell Arkin's request for 4 parking spaces in the Murphy Lot.

Mrs. Daniels reported receiving complaints rel to downtown garbage containers overflowing. She also reported approximately 60 trees have been ordered.

Mr. Sterner's report:

1. Retail Merchants have ordered a 15 ft. "Frosty" for center plot and will be unable to use live trees this year. In lieu of live trees garlands and lights will be attached to the flag pole.
2. The new truck should be delivered later this month.
3. Wage and Salary Board to meet at 1 PM, September 18th.
4. Receipt of insurance proposals-Finance Committee to study.
5. A sample ordinance from Littlestown rel to "burned out" buildings was referred to Ordinance Committee.
6. Letters have been sent to engineering firms asking for quotes for traffic survey.

Moved Mr. Schmitt seconded Mr. Madsen the Manager be authorized to advertise old dump truck for sale to highest bidder. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Hartzell seconded Mr. Linn the Borough Manager be authorized to conduct annual "leaf pick-up". Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Madsen the reports of the Mayor, Treasurer, Code Enforcement Officer and Police Chief be approved. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mrs. Daniels Council approve ~~HARD~~ Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded meeting adjourn at 9:10 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Hazel A. Dillman, Boro. Sec.

WHEREAS, Gettysburg Square Limited Partnership has exhibited to this Council an elevation plan for the reconstruction of the former Lincoln Square Building; and

WHEREAS, that plan shows a five story building viewed from the front (the Lincoln Square side) with a height of approximately 53 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Gettysburg Borough Historic District Ordinance limits the height of any new building or structure or modification of any building or structure to that of the tallest adjacent building plus 10%; and

WHEREAS, the height of the adjacent Majestic Building is about 49 feet along its northern side; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of this Council that the height of such proposed building will not exceed the height of the adjacent Majestic Building by more than 10%; and

WHEREAS, such ordinance, as amended, permits this Council to grant a Variance from the aforesaid height limitation where the Historic District Review Board has so recommended; and

WHEREAS, the Historic District Review Board has recommended that this Council approve certain modifications to the Lincoln Square Building including the addition of two more floors to a height of five stories; and

WHEREAS, this Council is convinced that such building needs



five stories in order to make its reconstruction economically feasible; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the height limitation in the Historic District Ordinance, if interpreted to prevent reconstruction of the Lincoln Square Building to a height of five stories, would impose a hardship on the owners and has further determined that reconstruction thereof to a height of five stories, as shown by such plan, will not have an inappropriate effect on either that building or on the general historic and architectural character of the district; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires that the Lincoln Square Building be reconstructed without further delay in order to increase the Borough tax base, supply housing for Borough residents and eliminate the eyesore that has existed at the site since the fire which destroyed that building over one and one-half years ago; and

WHEREAS, in the event that such Ordinance should be interpreted to require the grant of a Variance to permit construction of such building to a height of five stories when viewed from the Lincoln Square side, this Council desires to grant such a Variance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, in the event the same is necessary to permit reconstruction of the Lincoln Square Building to a height of five stories, Gettysburg Square Limited Partnership is hereby granted a Variance from the height limitation of the Gettysburg Historic District Ordinance to permit reconstruction of that building to a height of not over 53.9 feet above the sidewalk level on the Lincoln Square side thereof.