

MINUTES - APRIL 14, 1986

The April meeting of Council was called to order by President Shealer at 7:30 P.M. The following Councilmen attended: Messrs. Fiscel, Schmitt, Hartzell, Heflin, Ditzler, Witt, Madsen, Stokes.

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

President Shealer presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Russell Arkin for his work in renovating the Fahnestock Building.

Allen Larson, Chairman of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority, updated Council on the progress of the new Water System and Sewer Plant.

Robert Kenworthy attended as College representative and also voiced concern of Council's action in cutting the Rec Director's travel allowance after the budget they had presented had been approved. Rec Board members thought the action should not have been taken without their knowledge.

Gbg Fire Dept representative, Dale Adams, presented the March reports and presented a request to display fireworks on July 4, 1986 at 11 P.M. or rain date of July 5 at 9 P.M. Permit to be issued by Mr. Lawver.

The Fire Department requested a letter of support for the Fire Academy be forwarded by the Borough. The Federal Funding they had received in the past is not forthcoming under Federal Budget cuts.

Jim Weikert, member of School Police, voiced concern of possible traffic problems if School Alley should be made one-way.

Mr. Wright reported Fruit Vendor has started operations on Lincoln Square. Reported he has received assurance the Post Office plans to retain facilities in center of town after the new building is built on Buford Avenue.

Bids for construction of restroom facilities using SCP grant were opened and read.

Moved Mr. Heflin seconded Mr. Hartzell all bids be rejected. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Hartzell seconded Mr. Schmitt the bids for resurfacing the tennis courts at the Rec Park be tabled for thirty days. Motion carried.

Mr. Heflin reported the Highway Committee and Mr. Sterner had met with Mr. Rothgerber, DMI, re: to North 6th Street. It was decided the Borough will overlay the street with blacktop this summer.

Mr. Hartzell reported a recent meeting with Property Committee of the Fire Dept re: to possibly building one building to house both the Fire Company and Borough offices. No decision at this time but further study planned.

Mr. Schmitt reported Garden Project underway. Also the trees have arrived and are being planted. Some of the trees planted in '85 need pruning. Owners to be asked for permission to have work done by the Borough.

Mr. Fiscel concurred with Mr. Kenworthy's concern re: to reducing Rec Directors Travel allowance before he had the opportunity to present proposal to the board.

Mr. Stokes reported the Borough now owns the ornamental lights. Met-Ed will continue to replace bulbs and photo cells.

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

Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Ditzler Council adopt the ordinance adding two additional holidays to list of meter holidays for on street parking. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Ditzler the ordinance establishing left turn lanes at traffic signals be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Madsen the ordinance removing the Snow Emergency Route on South Washington Street from a point 90 ft south of Hospital Emergency Entrance and Gettys Street be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Madsen Council adopt the ordinance prohibiting parking within 75 ft of a signalized intersection. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Fiscel an amendment to the ordinance listing holidays for metered parking in parking lots be advertised for May meeting. (12 holidays).

A letter to be sent to Dale Anderson, 4 Confederate Avenue, Gettysburg, Pa. in support of his request to the NPS to move his driveway so he can enter and exit on West Confederate Avenue.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Hartzell an ordinance be drawn and advertised for May adoption to permit parking on the north side of Long Lane from Steinwehr Avenue to Johns Street. Motion carried.

Mr. Ditzler reported Safety Committee still studying: School Alley; request from Warren Sheppard for handicapped parking space; visibility problems at Evergreen Cemetery.

Moved Mr. Heflin seconded Mr. Hartzell the Manager proceed with steps necessary to get state permit to have signal changed to permit two-way traffic on West Street. Motion carried.

Mr. Ditzler reported receiving a complaint re a 4-way stop at Springs Avenue and Reynolds Avenue. Safety Committee to study.

Manager's report:

1. Letter received from Solid Waste Advisory Committee updating status.
2. Public Hearing for 1985 - 86 Small Communities Program - May 12, 1986 at 7:15 P.M.
3. Hotel Bldg to be sold by Sheriff on April 25, 1986.
4. Received a letter from State Boroughs Association in support of a Hotel Room tax. Rep. Cole has presented such a bill.
5. We have been notified that the Police Professional Liability Policy will be cancelled at the end of the policy year. Mr. Hockley has been directed to research the markets for police and umbrella coverages. Availability is uncertain and very expensive.
6. Explained steps needed to be taken to bring us up to date on pension matters.

Moved Mr. Heflin seconded Mr. Schmitt Manager be authorized to transfer \$33,670.00 from the Pension Account to the Police Pension Fund maintained by the Adams County National Bank. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt seconded Mr. Madsen the present Borough of Gettysburg Pension Account be changed to the Borough of Gettysburg Non-uniformed Employees Pension Account. Motion carried.

The above two motions finalize the distribution of the 1985 General Municipal State Pension Aid received in October 1985.

Moved Mr. Schmitt seconded Mr. Hartzell Manager be authorized to transfer \$3,061 from the General Fund to the Non-uniformed Employees Pension Account for the anticipated municipal contribution for 1986. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt seconded Mr. Hartzell the non-uniformed pension plan with Nationwide Insurance Company be terminated and Mr. Sterner be authorized to take steps necessary establish a plan at a local bank. Motion carried.

Colt Park Development Co. has been approached by the National Park Service re: to NPS purchasing the remaining lots on Long Lane. Neither the Development Company or the Borough favor the sale to NPS. Council directed a letter be sent to our Senators and Congressman Goodling voicing the Borough opposition.

A second letter to be sent to the Senators and Mr. Goodling re: to the plot of land owned by the NPS along Johns Avenue, original site for Ottenstein Tower. Due to loss of Revenue Sharing Funds the Borough desires to have this land put back on tax rolls.

Mr. Lawver reported he will be attending 2 day seminar in Lancaster, April 22 and 23, Borough to pay expenses.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Heflin the reports of the Mayor, Police Chief, Treasurer, Code Enforcement Officer, Gettysburg Fire Department, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Madsen seconded Mr. Ditzler the sign proposal of Frank Scholl - House of Brass, be approved as HARB recommended and a certificate of appropriateness issued. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Madsen the renovation proposal for the Plaza Building exterior be accepted as HARB recommended and issue a certificate of appropriateness. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Schmitt Council approve HARB Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded meeting adjourn at 9:50 P.M. Motion carried.

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