

MINUTES - REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
JANUARY 4, 1988

Vice President Ditzler called the meeting order at 7:30 P.M. Council members present included: Messrs. Stokes, Witt, Frazee, Mrs. Daniels, Messrs. Schmitt, Songer, Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Heflin.

The Minutes of the December meeting and the Agenda for the organization meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried

Mayor Linn called the meeting to order and ask for nominations for the office of President. Moved Mr. Frazee seconded by Mr. Songer, Harry Stokes be nominated for President. Motion Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Stokes, Mr. Schmitt be nominated for the office of President. Motion Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Heflin, the nomination be closed. Mr. Stokes declared president by majority vote (7).

The Mayor next asked for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Schmitt nominated Mr. Ditzler. Mr. Witt seconded the nomination. Mrs. Simpson moved and Mrs. Daniels seconded the motion that Mr. Schmitt be nominated for Vice President. Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Songer the nominations be closed. Mr. Ditzler was determined to be the winner with 5 votes.

Mayor Linn declared the election over and welcomed the new members of Council. President Stokes assumed the chair and thanked council for the confidence placed in him and also welcomed the new members.

Moved Mr. Heflin seconded Mr. Schmitt Council appoint Charles W. Sterner as Borough Manager and Treasurer, salary \$27,700, set bond at \$40,000 with the Borough paying the premium. Motion carried.

Moved Mrs. Simpson seconded Mr. Heflin Hazel A. Dillman be appointed Borough Secretary, salary \$13,885. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Songer seconded Mr. Schmitt, Donald G. Oyler be appointed Solicitor for the Borough at an annual fee of \$6,500. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt seconded Mr. Heflin the Borough appoint J. R. Hershey as Borough Engineer on a consultant basis. Motion carried.

Moved Mrs. Daniels seconded Mr. Schmitt the Borough appoint John D. Lawver, Jr. as Code Enforcement Officer, Assistant Borough Manager, Assistant Treasurer, and Fire Marshal at a salary of \$22,620 and set bond at \$40,000. Borough to pay the premium. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Frazee seconded Mr. Ditzler The Gettysburg National Bank be named depository for all funds except the Police Pension Fund and the Payroll Account for which the Adams County National Bank shall be the depository. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Witt seconded Mr. Frazee, Russel H. Potter, Jr. be appointed Chief-of-Police at a salary of \$28,360. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Heflin the firm of Frank Ruth, CPA, be appointed auditors at a fee of \$4,400. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Heflin seconded Mr. Schmitt "Robert's Rules of Order" be adopted for conduct of Borough meetings. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Songer seconded Mr. Heflin the time and place of Council be set. Meeting to be held the 2nd Monday, 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, 34 East Middle Street. Motion carried.

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

President Stokes outlined some issues Council will be dealing with during the upcoming year, namely,

1. Successful development of Hotel Building
2. Increase low and moderate income housing
3. Strive for Route 30 by-pass
4. Preserve historic character of our borough
5. Endeavor to make our downtown businesses competitive.
6. Provide support for C.E.O. to improve code enforcement
7. Upgrade Borough facilities
8. Aggressively pursue State and Federal Grants
9. Cooperate with County to develop an improved trash disposal system
10. Continue to operate Borough as efficiently as in the immediate past under Mr. Shealer's direction.

Mr. Witt recommended Pete Smith be appointed to serve on the Recreation Board. Mr. Heflin seconded the motion. During the discussion it was decided the motion should be tabled until the February meeting.

Mr. Schmitt reported a sidewalk notice had been sent to a property owner on Baltimore Street for immediate repair.

Moved Mr. Heflin seconded Mr. Schmitt the Borough advertise for bids for a Dump Truck, Equipment Rental and Road Building Materials for February opening. Bids to be awarded during the March meeting of Council. Motion carried.

Manager's report:

1. Borough has received an extension until Feb. 1st to submit a proposal for Post Office Building
2. Requested authority to borrow money to cover expenses until tax revenues are received.
3. A training session for Council was scheduled for January 11th at 7 PM.

Moved Mr. Schmitt seconded Mr. Ditzler the Treasurer be authorized to borrow up to \$100,000 to cover expenses until tax revenues are received in March. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer:

1. Litigation continuing rel to Chambersburg Street property
2. One fraternity remains to comply with fire inspection regulations
3. George Forney, a member of Zoning Hearing Board, is hospitalized in York.

Mr. Wright updated Council on retail workshop being conducted by DGI and Penn State during March.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Schmitt the reports of the Mayor, Treasurer, Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Company be approved. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler seconded Mr. Schmitt the annual HARB report be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Heflin reported work has commenced on Restroom Project at Rec Park.

Mr. Schmitt commented on "smoke-free" atmosphere during meeting; also complimented Mr. Wright on his achievements with the Downtown Program.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

  
Hazel A. Dillman  
Borough Secretary







## BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

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Charles W. Sterner, Treasurer  
and Borough Manager

John D. Lawver, Jr.,  
Code Enforcement Officer

Harry Stokes, President, Council

J. William Ditzler, Vice President

Hazel A. Dillman, Borough Secretary

Donald G. Oyler, Borough Solicitor

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ray E. Baker began his career with the Borough Highway Department on March 5, 1951, and

WHEREAS, during the intervening years he has progressed through the ranks of the Highway Department as laborer, equipment operator, foreman and ultimately became Superintendent of Highways, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker has been a dedicated and faithful employee, willing to respond to any emergency, regardless of whether it occurred during the night or over the weekend, thereby interrupting his personal time, and

WHEREAS, Ray E. Baker plans to retire on February 16, 1989 after nearly thirty-eight years of service to the Borough of Gettysburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Gettysburg Borough Council, by unanimous action, hereby records upon the minutes of this meeting its commendation of

**RAY E. BAKER**

for his outstanding service to the Borough of Gettysburg extending over a period in excess of thirty-seven years and offer its appreciation for his dedication to the task of making the Borough of Gettysburg a better place in which to live and work.

Harry Stokes, President of Council

Hazel A. Dillman, Secretary

February 8, 1988