

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 1993

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with all of Council present with the exception of Mrs. Rice. Also in attendance: Mayor Linn, Mr. Oyler, Chief Gantz, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Weikert, Mr. Little Dr. Powell, Ms. Filer, Eric Persson, Tracy Lower representing the Times and Sharon Hare representing the Evening Sun.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the Council meeting minutes of February 8 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve the Special Meeting minutes of February 11 as presented. Motion carried.

James Losty of Butcher & Singer gave a brief summary of the 1989 bond refunding proposal. Interest rates have dropped significantly so that great savings would be realized over the term of the bond.

Frank Leber, Bond Counsel gave a brief summary of the Ordinance issuing a series of 1993 Bonds in the principal amount of \$3,015,000. Settlement is scheduled for April 8 at 11:00 AM at Gettysburg National Bank.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt an Ordinance authorizing issuance of a series of general obligation Bonds, series of 1993, to be dated as of March 15, 1993, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,015,000. Muriel Rice was absent from the meeting. Yeas: Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Ditzler, Mr. DeHaas, Mr. Troxell, Mrs. Gustafson, Ms. Giles, Mr. Zellner and Mr. Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Bob Miller, Howard Avenue, is running for Borough Tax Collector and would like Council to consider office space for him in the new Borough office building. Mrs. Simpson recommended the Property Committee to review this.

Jim Levan, 59 Hanover Street, attended to observe the meeting.

John Kulp, Lake Heritage, is interested in the possibility of Meade School being converted to a day care center. He has applied for CDBG Funds for a feasibility study and hopes that interested persons would be willing to help with the project.

Jean Odom, SCAPP, also feels Meade School would make a great day care and is willing to help with the project.

Mayor Linn proposed changes in the Ordinance for transient retail businesses. He proposes that license fees will be changed to \$25.00 daily, \$100.00 monthly, and \$300.00 yearly. The ordinance would also require that the permit be larger and must be displayed on a vehicle, cart or other mobile device.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. DeHaas to advertise for adoption at next months meeting an Ordinance increasing the transient retail business license fee and requiring the license to be displayed on a vehicle, cart, or other mobile device. Motion carried.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt the proposal from the USS Gettysburg Society to qualify Gettysburg as a World War II "Commemorative Community". Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt, to appoint Murray Frazee to the Zoning Hearing Board. This is a 5 year term which will expire in December 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troxell reported that the sidewalk committee met to discuss brick sidewalks in. The Borough highway department may assist with the removal the concrete.

Mr. Troxell reported that he and Mrs. Gustafson attended a DCA sponsored training session on municipal finance.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried.

Managers report:

Snow removal cost to date is approximately \$27,100; overtime \$6,000; salt \$5,347; and equipment rental \$15,131. Thus we are over the budgeted amount of \$24,500. The men did a wonderful job removing this tremendous amount of snow and should be commended for their hard work.

Mrs. Simpson suggested that a personalized letter from Council be sent to the snow removal crew in recognition of all their hard work. Their dedication to the Borough is greatly appreciated.

A proposal for a snow emergency route to include several streets throughout the Borough will be referred to the Safety and Parking Committees.

Due to the weather the new office is coming along slowly but is progressing. We are ready to purchase furnishings, and it appears that cost will be well below the \$65,000 budgeted.

The audit is complete and submitted for Council's review and approval.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Troxell to award Urban Research and Development Corporation (URDC) as consultants for the comprehensive plan/zoning revisions in the amount of \$27,500. Motion carried.

Dr. Powell noted that a meeting for Council to discuss CDBG Funds will be scheduled before the April Council meeting.

Chief Gantz reported that the Tour Du Pont bike race will go through the Borough on May 8.

Eric Persson reported that the Christmas parade is scheduled for December 4.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the reports of the Treasurer, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer and Parking Department. Motion carried.

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

With no further business Mr. DeHaas moved, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Council conducted a brief executive session to discuss the upcoming police contract arbitration.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Weaver
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