

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 1993

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with all of Council present: Mr. Ditzler, Mr. Zellner, Mrs. Rice, Mr. DeHaas, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Troxell, Mrs. Gustafson, and Ms. Giles. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Chief Gantz, Donald Oyler, solicitor, Manager Sterner, Mr. Lawver, Mr. Weikert, Mr. Little, Dr. Powell, and Ms. Filer. Representing the press: Lucy Basalla of the Gettysburg Times, and Sharon Hare of the Hanover Evening Sun.

Moved Mr. Ditzler, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Ditzler to approve the public hearing minutes of September 13 as presented. Motion carried.

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Citizens in attendance:

Richard Altemose, 140 Barlow Street, and John Lawver, Sr., 280 Barlow Street, presented Council with a petition to remove RPP parking on Barlow Street from Hazel Alley to Fourth Street.

Dawn Williams representing the Retail Merchants, requested Council approval to purchase new Christmas decorations for downtown. This would include a Santa, 3 Carolers, 3 Reindeer and a Snowman to be placed on the square at a cost of \$2600.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Retail Merchants new Christmas decorations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Linn announced that Trick-or-Treat would be on Sunday, October 31 from 6 to 8 PM in the Borough.

Mr. Zellner reported that he attended a Cable TV workshop in September that was very beneficial. Mentioned that Sammons appears to be treating Gettysburg fairly.

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

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt an Ordinance to change the name of Kuhn Alley to Lincoln Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeHaas reported that West Water Street Alley will need to be surveyed to locate the boundaries prior to ordination. This alley was never ordained a public alley and will cost \$10,000 to properly pave.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize West Water Street Alley be surveyed to determine the boundaries. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeHaas reported that Dal Tile would pay all costs associated with the railroad crossing and siding they have requested.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Schmitt to approve conditionally the concept of Dal Tile's proposal for rail road siding and crossing on East Rail Road Street. Final approval will be considered upon submission of all engineering and legal documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeHaas reported that the paving is completed for this year. The men will begin reconstruction of Zerfing Alley starting the week of October 18. Everyone is invited to attend the sweeper demonstration at the Borough shed on October 20 at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Troxell reported that the Safety Committee met with Dr. David Mowery and Chester Shultz from the Gettysburg Area School District to discuss the proposed relocation of the high school. Chief Gantz will review recent complaints concerning pedestrian sign placement on East Lincoln Avenue and speeding in Markley Alley. He will report his findings at the next committee meeting.

Ms. Giles reported that the Parking Committee will meet on Monday, October 18 at 9:30 AM.

Mrs. Simpson requested the Barlow Street citizens attend the Parking Committee meeting on Monday concerning their proposal for RPP parking.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that Bicky Redman attended the Health Committee meeting and gave a presentation on solid waste. This was a very informative and impressive presentation. All citizens, as well as council, should be as informed as possible, and support the County's proposal for this method of handling solid waste.

Mr. Troxell reported that the Tree Commission recommended the removal of all four trees on the square. They would be replaced with 15 foot trees. Survivors will donate a tree to the Rec Park to be planted in memory of all women killed in domestic violence. An application for a \$2,000 grant will be submitted. This is a matching grant which can be matched by in-kind service and not funds.

Mr. Zellner inquired as to when trees would be trimmed in certain locations. Mr. Lawver reported that this is scheduled for winter work and would be completed at that time.

Ms. Giles asked about the problems on Washington and Breckenridge Streets concerning the refuse that has piled up at the housing properties. Mr. Weikert reported that the proper persons have been notified to have it cleaned up.

Mr. Schmitt noted the excellent cooperation by all departments with the move from our Middle Street office to our new office on High Street.

Managers report:

Nothing has been settled concerning the elevator. Other contractors still have a few minor items to complete. A final construction meeting will be held this Friday with all Contractors present.

An open house is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th from 2:00 to 5:00.

Recommend to Council that a request for proposal (RFP) be sent to local Realtors for the sale of the old office.

Staff retreat with all department heads and President Simpson was very productive. A one day retreat for council will be scheduled after the election.

The Park Service has presented a revised tour route for consideration. A meeting will be scheduled with Jose Cisneros at a later date.

The Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 PM. This is a Finance Committee meeting, but all of Council is invited to attend.

The PennDOT permit for the NW quadrant has been denied for minor details. It should be approved in November or December but to begin work then would interfere with the holiday shopping season. Main Street will continue with the brick campaign, and construction will begin in the spring.

The Times has been requested to have a reporter attend the HARB meetings. Mis-information is being circulated causing confusion and misunderstanding of the citizens.

Mrs. Simpson noted that many citizens are unaware of the proper guide lines of HARB. Citizens should be attending these meetings or call the office for the proper information. Council needs to support HARB decisions and the Historic District Ordinance.

Mrs. Simpson requested a report from the solicitor on the status of the Brandon condemnation. Mr. Oyler noted that everything is completed and we are in the 30 day reply period. At that time settlement will be scheduled. Mr. Brandon has not challenged the condemnation, but has not agreed to the purchase amount of \$67,500. He is waiting for an appraisal of the property to determine what his next action.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize Mr. Perrson to prepare and submit Grant application for \$2,000 for a tree planting program along Long Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve a handicapped sign to be placed in front of the Library on Baltimore Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve Mr. Oyler to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to establish a loading/unloading zone on Seminary Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell reported that the Brandon tenants have received information concerning their rights under the law and relocation procedures. Council is invited to attend the Housing Committee meeting to be held on Friday, October 15 in council chambers at 3:00 PM.

Dr. Powell suggested that everyone read the pamphlet that was distributed on the Keystone Fund Referendum - KEY 93. Everyone should vote in favor of KEY 93 as this is our chance to improve and protect Pennsylvania's recreational, educational, historical and natural heritage.

Chief Gantz reported that Jerry Fairchild is still pursuing his case against his department, as well as other officials in the law enforcement community.

Ms. Filer reported that she has met with Jane Parker, Tree Commission Chairperson about additional trees in the park. Also Survivors Inc. has donated a tree in memory of women involved in domestic violence. The tree will be planted on October 27 at a location near the amphitheater.

Mr. Zellner mentioned the Recreation Board is investigating additional township representation in an effort to gain additional support and funding.

Dr. Powell reported that the estimates for demolition of the property at 135 West Middle Street have been withdrawn by the lowest bidder. Jerry Justice is the 2nd bidder and will be contacted about the work.

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

Mr. DeHaas asked if the Code Enforcement Officer followed up on his request on the property at 524 York Street. Mr. Weikert reported the owner was notified by letter to repair the porch and paint the house. The owner requested an extension of 30 days which was granted.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve HARB recommendations "consent agenda" including signs L,H,I,J, and N, alterations A,E,K,M,B,D, and G and a new building C. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Simpson ask Council if they are interested in meeting with Dr. Mowery to discuss the school plans. A meeting will be scheduled if enough are interested in attending.

With no further business Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded by Mr. Ditzler to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Weaver

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