

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 1994

Mrs. Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Troxell, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Zellner and Mr. Eline. Not present were Ms. Giles and Mr. Kreisher. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Chief Gantz, Manager Sterner, Donald Oyler, Mr. Lawver, Mr. Weikert, Mr. Little, Mr. Persson, Mrs. Showvaker, Sharon Hare of the Hanover Evening Sun and Lucy Basalla of the Gettysburg Times.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve the minutes of April 11th as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Showvaker read the Resolution recognizing the Gettysburg Teener League for its dedicated commitment to the Gettysburg area youth and its appreciation for contributions to Recreation facilities. The Resolution was presented to Roy Coldsmith, President of Gettysburg Teener League and Sherry Miller, Secretary.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt the Resolution presented to the Gettysburg Teener League. Motion carried.

Only one bid for truck enforcement scales was received and opened from Loadometer Copr. - \$13,000.

Citizens in attendance:

Don Maritz, concerned with the effects of moving or abandoning Lefever Street. How would this effect the taxes and who would pay the cost? He felt that the School District should pay for all cost so that it would be distributed throughout all of their tax base and not just the Borough. How would the traffic be handled with signs and street lights? These are just a few of his concerns and he asked that Council review everything before abandoning Lefever Street.

David Sandstedt, owner of Tomte Towne requested new flags along the streets. The flags that are put out on Holidays are in deplorable condition. A suggestion would be to fly flags for 1 year and then box and sell them to tourists through the Borough and merchants to help pay for these new flags.

Joyce and Richard Jackson, owners of Magic Town on Steinwehr Avenue were here to represent the newly organized Shoppes of Steinwehr which includes 24 members, approximately 50 different businesses. They requested the Borough put trash receptacles along the street as they have on Lincoln Square. They were also concerned about the proposed construction across the street and why they didn't need approval from HARB. Mr. Sterner explained that at the present time Steinwehr Avenue has 2 different zones but the planning Committee is working on changes for re-zoning that area.

Clyde McLaron, an employee with the Depat. of Labor. He is performing an internship with the Borough, revising and updating the personnel policies.

Mayor Linn received a letter of thanks from the Rotary Club for the use of certain streets for their bike race.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve HARB "consent agenda" for new signs A,B,F, & G. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve HARB "consent agenda" as follows: Alterations D, E, & H also Sigma Chi Fraternity at 240 Carlisle Street and Wilcox, James, and Cook owners of 234 Baltimore Street; New Fences I & J; New Garage at the rear of 135 West High Street, Mary Alice Nutter, owner. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reporting for the Planning Committee noted they discussed the 102 truck traffic and agree these trucks should not be permitted through the Borough. They also discussed the comprehensive plan and their next step is to develop certain strategic plans for development of the downtown area.

Mr. Zellner had nothing to report from Human Relations.

Mr. Troxell reporting for the Legislative Committee noted that State Representative Stephen Maitland attended the meeting to discuss and inform Council on the pending tax reform legislation. The Committee agreed this was very informative and will arrange for quarterly meetings with our State Representative.

#### Managers report:

The car accident into the front of the Borough Office involved \$3,700 damages, and the repairs have been ordered.

At the entrance to the Borough office the concrete has spalled and will need repaired. The work is under warranty and will be repaired by the contractor.

The application for snow removal reimbursement has been completed and the Borough could receive up to \$46,000.

Marty Miller is still showing 34 East High Street with several prospects.

A meeting is scheduled with Gordan Haaland from the Gettysburg College on Friday May 13 at 7:00 AM to discuss Main Street funding options.

On June 8 a DCA Regional Police Service training is being offered if anyone is interested in attending with Chief Gantz.

Received a request from Dr. Mowery of the Gettysburg School District to vacate Lefever Street. Grove Miller, engineer for the school will be conducting a traffic study. He will analyze the traffic at York, Liberty, Hanover, Baltimore and Middle Street intersections. C.S. Davidson, Borough Engineer will give cost estimates for widening School House Alley and Wall Alley.



Mr. Troxell presented a petition with 103 signatures on requesting not to expand School House Alley.

Mrs. Gustafson had several calls concerning the widening of the alleys and what effects it may have on their properties. These residents don't want to give up their garages or have the properties condemned. Also is the School aware of the water and sewer request of Straban Township and what effects it may have.

Received a letter from GMA that DER indicated the sewer must be extended beyond the business park. Council's resolution authorized the expansion just to the business park. GMA should be invited to attend the next Public Works Meeting to be held on May 24 at 3:30.

The issue on 102" trucks is not the width. The real concern is additional truck traffic, and longer trucks. East Berlin is concerned as well since the truck traffic has been routed through 234. The Borough should try and work with the County and other municipalities to pressure PennDOT to work for some traffic relief.

Mr. Murphy noted that PennDot will approve the 102" trucks and this will cause serious problems. We need to "take a stand" and protect Gettysburg.

Mrs. Gustafson also noted the effect this will have on downtown Gettysburg and the older homes. We should contact our State Representative to see what help we can get.

Mr. Persson reported he sent a letter to Mr. Hoffman, PennDot that this problem will just continue to get worse with the 102" trucks. Additional trucks will cause more damage to the Historic homes in Gettysburg and should not be allowed.

Mayor Linn asked if this would effect any of the Boroughs Federal or State Grants that we may receive. Mr. Sterner noted that this should not have any effect on Grants. An environmental impact study should be completed to show the effects throughout the Borough.

Mr. Persson reported that Main Street is continuing with the Wayside project. There will be 2 videos donated to Main Street, Days of Darkness - dealing with the citizens of Gettysburg and Lincoln at Gettysburg - the Gettysburg Address.

Mr. Lawver reported that the Highway crew have been busy. The Lincoln Square project is projected to be completed by July 1.

Mr. Little reported on a request from West Broadway for the removal of no parking 2-6 restriction.

Mr. Oyler reported that he has contacted the County Solicitor concerning the Tax Exemption status of the Brandon Trailer park. Mr. Brandon has not contacted his office yet whether or not he will except the Boroughs offer.

Chief Gantz reported that Dawn Gartrell has been selected as the new police officer.

Mrs. Showvaker reported that all leagues have now begun and the ball fields are being utilized to capacity. Registration for the summer programs was held and the response was very good. All summer staff has been hired.

Mr. Weikert reported that spring cleanup is underway this week. Dumpsters have been placed at the highway shed to save on expenses of running to the Washington Transfer Station.

Mrs. Gustafson wanted to congratulate all employees for a fine job.

Mr. Eline presented a petition from the residents of East Broadway between Carlisle St. and Harrisburg Road requesting that the eastern portion including the areas in front of their homes be withdrawn from the residential parking program. They should attend the next parking committee meeting to discuss this.

With no further business Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded by Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Weaver  
Borough Secretary



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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Gettysburg Teener League has for many years promoted a summer baseball program for area youth at the Gettysburg Recreation Department, and

**WHEREAS,** the Gettysburg Teener League has continually funded construction and repairs on its fields with new lighting, dugouts, fencing and backstops, and

**WHEREAS,** the Gettysburg Teener League graciously supports other summer baseball and softball programs and the Gettysburg Recreation Department through improvements to park facilities, and

**WHEREAS,** the Gettysburg Teener League is administered by local individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to coach, manage and raise funds for its operation.

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

**GETTYSBURG TEENER LEAGUE**

for its dedicated commitment to the Gettysburg area youth, its appreciation for contributions to Recreation facilities, and its dedication to the task of making the Borough of Gettysburg a better place in which to live and work.

Francis I. Linn, Mayor

Sara L. Weaver, Secretary

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