

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 1994

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Schmitt, Mrs. Gustafson, Ms. Giles, Mr. Troxell, Mr. Eline, Mr. Zellner, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Kreisher. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Mr. Sterner, Chief Gantz, Mr. Lawver, Mr. Weikert, Mr. Little, Mr. Persson, Mrs. Showvaker, Bill Walker representing Gettysburg College, Lucy Basalla of the Gettysburg Times and Sharon Hare of the Hanover Evening Sun.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve the meeting minutes of August 8 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the public hearing minutes of August 8 and the special meeting minutes of 15 as presented. Motion carried.

Citizens in attendance:

Rad Schultz, 928 Sunset Avenue, attended to follow up on his HARB application. Mr. Weikert noted he needs to come in for a building permit before work can begin.

Jean McCrorie, 248 York Street, informed Council of the intersection at 5th and Hanover Street. Many accidents occur there, and she would like Council to investigate ways to make it safer. Mrs. Simpson referred this to the Safety Committee for further review.

Milton Moyer, 118 Carlisle Street, attended to observe the meeting.

Herb Bowling, 146 Chambersburg Street, is concerned with the intersection of Franklin and Middle Street. The Safety Committee did review the possibility of installation of a traffic signal but finds the cost prohibitive. The traffic study and lights are estimated to be \$50,000 - \$100,000.

Mayor Linn announced that trick-or-treat would be on Sunday, October 30th from 6-8 PM.

Some members of Council noted that previous discussion indicated a desire for trick-or-treat to be scheduled for Halloween night, Oct. 31. Council agreed that it should be on Halloween to help eliminate children coming from other areas.

Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mrs. Gustafson that trick-or-treat would be held on Halloween, Monday, October 31, from 6-8 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher-Public Works reported that Ray Gouker representing Adams Community Television (ACT) attended the committee meeting to inform the committee on their ACT operations and to ask for

additional support from Council. The committee also discussed the handicapped ramps throughout town that need to be constructed to satisfy ADA regulations. There are approximately 400 ramps at an estimate of \$500 per ramp for a total of \$200,000. Mr. Lawver was instructed to prepare a ten year plan for performing this work.

Mr. Eline-Community Development reported that Dr. Mowery attended the meeting in August to inform Council of the new school plans. He also noted that the County will be performing a recreation study.

Mr. Zellner reported that Human Relations did not meet so there was nothing to report.

Mr. Troxell - Legislative reported that he has met several times with the County Commissioners and also met the new National Park Superintendent, John Latscher to further discuss the one way avenues. A new committee has been formed by Paul Smith, Chairman of the Gettysburg Open Road Committee, to oppose this plan.

Mrs. Gustafson reported on the HARB applications that were presented for approval. There was much discussion over Item E, Ms. Small's proposal for 42-44 West High Street. She has requested permission to install vinyl siding. Recent attempts at painting have not been successful. Also Item B is for a proposal for a new sign at 55-57 York Street, "Fields of Glory - Civil War Memorabilia", owner Herbert Brown. Mrs. Simpson noted that previous HARB policy was for all applicants to be present at the HARB meetings or have their contractor present to answer any questions the Board may have.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Schmitt to reject HARB, Item E for one month to explore other avenues for funds that may be available to Ms. Small, owner of 42-44 West High Street. YEA: Ms. Giles, Mr. Troxell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Kreisher and Mr. Zellner. NAY: Mrs. Gustafson and Mr. Eline.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to reject Item B so HARB can review the final design of the sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve HARB "consent agenda" excluding Item B and Item E for further review. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles - Public Safety reviewed the committee meeting minutes noting that Mr. Little is working with Mr. Oyler to see if the handicapped parking fine can be raised. Also the Wee Day Care Center now located at Meade School has requested reserved parking spaces for the staff. Mr. Little is reviewing this request and will report next month.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Troxell to adopt an Ordinance repealing the 2 A.M. to 6 A.M. parking restriction on the North side of West Broadway between Carlisle Street and College Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zellner brought some other issues up for the Public Safety Committee to review. The first concerns a blind spot at the intersection of Fairview and Gettys Street. On Long Lane cars are parking on one side of the street during activities at the park. This makes the road very narrow causing problems for cars trying to drive on this street. Also the College installed a handicapped sign near the dining hall. Cars are parking in this area but the Borough cannot enforce the sign since it never received an ordinance. Mr. Walker said he wasn't aware of the sign issue but would check into it and report back to Council.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Troxell to adopt the following resolution. The Gettysburg Borough Council, affirms its traditional role and responsibility to protect Historic structures, viewsapes and streetscapes within its ordained Borough limits. Borough Council also recognizes the positive contribution of the recent Oak Ridge, Railroad cut review process, in raising the local and national consciousness relating to historic preservation within the Gettysburg Historic District. We do not support or deem advisable however, any significant expenditure of federal, state or private funds to restore the Seminary Ridge Railroad cut area. We believe that the projects which are currently defined in the Gettysburg Borough's Historic Pathways concept, are of the highest priority for local historic preservation activities. Most of these projects are in dire need of immediate financial support. We ask all citizens, private and public - locally and nationally - to focus their attention, creative energies and financial support on these activities. Let us resolve to work together for the preservation of a national treasure of international reknown, let us come together, persons private and public - work as one - for the future preservation of Historic Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

Information was received from the NPS concerning a new tour route. Safety Committee should review the proposal.

Sammons Communication will attend the next Public Works Committee meeting. The franchise expires January 1995.

The engineers have completed the survey of Jacobs Alley and is ready for preparation of legal documents. Mr. Oyler will proceed with the work for Council to take action.

Preparation begins this month for the budget process. A salary board meeting will be announced at a later date.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to authorize a 2.8% cost of living increase in the pension of retired chief Russell Potter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oyler gave a brief summary to Council concerning the Keystone Landfill lawsuit. It appears every non resident that ever deposited into the landfill is being included in the suit. The cost to clean up the site could reach 20 million dollars. Mr. Oyler announced a meeting will be held this week with Rhoades & Sinon along with other Boards and Authorities for additional information.

Mr. Little reported that he would be out of town attending a parking workshop on September 28, 29 and 30.

Chief Gantz reported he continues extra patrols in the tourist areas. Noted that he would be out from October 15 thru 23 to attend the annual chiefs convention.

Mrs. Showvaker reported that she has been attending area township meetings to inform them of the recreation study and seeking financial assistance. Still in the process of redefining the board. The County will be performing a county wide recreational needs assessment with a DCA grant.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize the Shoppes of Steinwehr to place Christmas flags on the meters during the Christmas Holiday Season. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Persson reported that Main Street will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn for an update on the Wills House Study.

Mr. Lawver reported that the highway department is busy trimming trees at this time.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to accept the exoneration report from G. H. Harris Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Weaver reported that the Adams County Boroughs Association will be meeting on September 19, 6:30 pm, at Hoss's Restaurant.

With no further business Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Weaver
Borough Secretary

THE RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

" THE GETTYSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL, AFFIRMS ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT HISTORIC STRUCTURES, VIEWSCAPES AND STREETSCAPES WITHIN ITS ORDAINED BOROUGH LIMITS.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ALSO RECOGNIZES THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION OF THE RECENT OAK RIDGE, RAILROAD CUT REVIEW PROCESS, IN RAISING THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION WITHIN THE GETTYSBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT.

WE DO NOT SUPPORT OR DEEM ADVISABLE HOWEVER, ANY SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL, STATE OR PRIVATE FUNDS TO RESTORE THE SEMINARY RIDGE RAILROAD CUT AREA. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROJECTS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY DEFINED IN THE GETTYSBURG BOROUGH'S HISTORIC PATHWAYS CONCEPT, ARE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES. MOST OF THESE PROJECTS ARE IN DIRE NEED OF IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WE ASK ALL CITIZENS, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC - LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY = TO FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION, CREATIVE ENERGIES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

LET US RESOLVE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PRESERVATION OF A NATIONAL TREASURE OF INTERNATIONAL REKNOWN LET US COME TOGETHER PERSONS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC - WORK AS ONE - FOR THE FUTURE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC GETTYSBURG "

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Sara L. Weaver
Borough Secretary
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