

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 1994

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

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve the meeting minutes of September 12 as presented. Motion carried.

Citizens in attendance:

Bryan Bell, representing Rural Opportunities on the Frederick Douglass project, attended to inform Council of the recent bid opening.

Jim Cole, 51 East Stevens Street, attended to support Ms. Ave Small in her request to HARB for siding on her residence. He also requested that Council not support County land use controls.

Mr. Small representing his sister-in-law Ave Small is very upset that HARB has not made any final decisions on her house. She applied in August for vinyl siding and is still not able to have the work completed. The home was painted in April and has already begun to peel off.

Milton Moyer, 118 Carlisle Street, representing the Community Watch Program announced a meeting has been scheduled for November 9 at 7:00 PM.

Jean McCrorie, 248 York Street, read a prepared statement in which she chastised certain members of Council for what she termed as a disregard for citizens' property rights. Letter directed to Holly about objecting HARB issues. She feels the elderly are being forced out of town because they can't afford to make changes to their homes in the Historical District.

Bob McGlaughlin attended to observe the meeting.

Gary Shafer attended to take part in the HARB discussion.

Mr. Eline reported the Community Development committee discussed the need to reallocate \$78,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from fiscal year 1993.

Mr. Zellner - Human Relations had nothing to report.

Mr. Troxell - Legislative had nothing to report. He will represent the Borough at the PSAB Conference held on October 21-23 in Seven Springs.

Mrs. Gustafson asked Gary Shafer to explain HARB's decision on the Small vinyl siding proposal.

Mr. Shafer gave a brief summary of the results of the HARB meeting concerning vinyl siding. He noted that certain buildings in the Historical District have significant designs that the board would like to see maintained. They understand that wood on these buildings is getting old, and added to that paint no longer contains lead, therefore it becomes difficult to maintain paint on these structures. Vinyl siding will eliminate the need for constant painting, however the vinyl will cause the wood underneath to deteriorate. HARB is in the process of establishing guidelines for siding, and which will assist them and property owners in this difficult process. HARB suggests that Council establish a grant program for citizens to use in maintaining old buildings.

Ms. Giles asked Mr. Shafer to explain the split vote (3-2) on the Ave Small proposal at 42-44 West High Street.

Mr. Shafer responded that Norman Forness and Judy Pyle voted against the vinyl siding because they believe if it were painted properly the paint would hold. Walt Powell, Elwood Christ and Gary Shafer approved her request because of the added cost to Ms. Small. They agreed to siding on the face of the home but not on the porch or windows.

Mr. Shafer noted that information is needed to hand out on the proper method and type of paint to use. This could be useful for citizens considering work on their homes.

Mr. Troxell congratulated HARB for all the hard work they have put into these difficult issues.

Mrs. Gustafson noted that in reviewing a piece of wood from the residence of Ms. Small it appears to have several coats of paint. The top coat is fine but the underneath side is peeling. If this paint were completely stripped off and repainted the new paint would probably hold better.

Mr. Eline agrees with Ms. Giles that Council must be consistent in what they do. If the guidelines are approved next month could a stipulation be added to Ms. Small's application tonight.

Mr. Shafer added that a stipulation has been added to Ms. Small's application stating the porch and windows cannot be sided.

Moved Mr. Troxell, seconded Mr. Zellner to vote on Ms. Small's application tonight and not postpone the application another month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Eline to approve HARB "consent agenda" including all items for the September 28 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Zellner to approve HARB "consent agenda" for the special meeting of October 5th. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the Safety Committee had granted a request from the College to put a handicapped parking zone on West Broadway in the vicinity of the medical building. See report for further information.



Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Troxell to appoint Frank Sapp to replace Phil Jones on the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority. This is a five year term and will expire in July 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zellner - Finance Committee reported that the bond payment of \$363,675 was paid this month. The two separate bonds were as follows: Office payment was \$68,546.25; Parking Garage and Fire Department was \$294,128.75, with the GFD paying their share of \$175,245.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize Treasurer, to notify PNC Bank to transfer \$44,225 from the Borough's Non-Uniformed pension Fund to the Police Pension Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. Schmitt that member contributions to the Police Pension Fund be eliminated for the year 1993. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zellner reported that the Committee discussed the Keystone lawsuit. Preliminary estimates indicate we should budget about \$25,000 in 1995. Rhoads and Sinon are assembling a group of clients to represent as a whole. The Committee recommends that we join the group, as there will be some savings.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. Troxell to appoint the firm of Rhoads and Sinon to represent the Borough with the Keystone Lawsuit. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zellner reported that we have not found a buyer for 34 East Middle Street. County, after the first of the year, will be advertising for office space to rent. Miller Real Estate will be following this closely.

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

Mr. Sterner reporting for Public Works informed Council that Hank Lockard of Sammons Communications attended the meeting to discuss the renewal of the CATV franchise. Sammons will survey customers on their interest in new channels. The cost cannot be determined since the FCC must act on the fee.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize the new shade tree ordinance for adoption at next months meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Managers report:

Council needs to work on naming replacements to the several Boards and Commissions, several have expired. Each committee should search for interested persons for those committees that involve them.

The Finance Committee will hold its budget meeting on November 2 at 7:00 PM. All of Council should attend this important meeting.

Bill Walker invited Council to a breakfast meeting with the College on Thursday, November 10 at 8:00 AM at the Hotel.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. Schmitt to accept the police contract for 1993-1995. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell reported that bids were opened on October 5 for the Frederick Douglass project.

Bryan Bell of Rural Opportunities reported they received 4 alternates in the bids for the Frederick Douglass project as requested by Council. Council desires additional time to review this matter, and will schedule a special meeting to discuss it further.

Dr. Powell responded that HARB could discuss the bids further at the next HARB meeting on October 26. Recommendations could be made at the November meeting of Council.

Dr. Powell invited Council to the Housing Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21, at 3:00 in Council Chambers.

Chief Gantz reported that he would be out of town next week attending the International Chiefs of Police Association conference.

Mrs. Showvaker reported that the playground equipment was ordered with funds received from the Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG).

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Zellner to reappoint Lois Lovett, representing the Borough, to the Gettysburg Area Recreation Board. This term expired in September and will be renewed for five years expiring in September 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the reorganization of the Recreation Board as follows: 2 Borough, 3 Cumberland Township, 1 Mt. Joy Township and 1 Highland Township residents.

Discussion on this motion centered on Council's desire to maintain a controlling number of votes on the Recreation Board. Council feels this should be reviewed further.

Mr. Troxell withdrew his second to the motion of reorganizing the Recreation Board, causing the motion to die for lack of second.

Moved Mr. Zellner, seconded Mr. Troxell to increase the rate for pavilion rental at the Park for 1995 as follows: \$20 for use through the week and \$30 on the weekends. Exempt from the charge would be senior citizen groups and school groups if the request for a pavilion is made by someone living within the Gettysburg School District. Motion carried unanimously.

• Mr. Weikert had nothing to report.

Mr. Lawver had nothing to report.

Mr. Little thanked Council for allowing him to attend the Parking Conference which was very beneficial. They are considering Gettysburg for their conference next year.

With no further business Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Weaver". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

Sara L. Weaver  
Borough Secretary