

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
TROXELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2023**

President Wesley Heyser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following **Councilors present:** Vice President Matthew Moon, Mr. Christopher Berger, Mrs. Judith Butterfield, Mr. John Lawver; **Absent Councilors:** Mr. Chad Carr, and Ms. Patricia Lawson. **Staff present included:** Borough Manager Charles Gable; Assistant Borough Secretary Karen Mesher; Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Barley Snyder; Police Chief Robert Glenn; Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation Debra English; Planning Director Carly Marshall; Parking Manager Rebecca Fissel; Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc. Mayor Rita Frealing and Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Sara Stull were absent.

Others present included: Jill Sellers, President of Main Street Gettysburg; Jennifer CruverKibi, CPA at Maher-Duessel; Sonya Lupatic, 241 S. Washington Street; Timothy Layes, 241 S. Washington Street, Darlene Brown, 355 W. High Street; Scott English, owner of The Gettysburg Academy, 66-68 W. High Street; Kelly Kaiser, 200 E. Middle Street; Dafna Reiner, 424 Queen Street; Tom Jolin, HABPI Founder, 249 Ridge Avenue; Peter Bales, 35 Hanover Street; Brian Hodges, owner of The Brafferton Inn, 44 York Street; Linda Atiyeh, owner of The Upper Crust, 26 York Street; Michael Bramel, HABPI Treasurer, 523 Moritz Rd, Orrtanna; Representing the press was Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times*; and filming by *Community Media-ACCTV*.

President Wesley Heyser announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the May 22, 2023 monthly work session of the Borough Council consistent with section 708(a)(1) and section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act. An executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately following the adjournment of this evening's monthly general business meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1) and section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to provide information and discuss matters involving the employment, the terms and conditions of employment, and the investigation of complaints and the evaluation of performance of current Borough employees; and (2) to review and discuss matters of Borough business which, if conducted in public, could lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes - Council

Moved Mr. Moon seconded Mr. Berger to approve the June 12, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Lawver seconded Mr. Berger to approve minutes of the Council Business Meeting of May 8, 2023 and the Special Council Meeting and Council Work Session held on May 22, 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Presentation

2022 Audit Presentation

Jennifer CruverKibi, CPA Partner with MaherDuessel, presented Council with the annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2022 (see attached). Ms. CruverKibi reported that an “unmodified opinion”, the highest possible rating prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. She gave a presentation summarizing the financial statements. Ms. CruverKibi also gave a brief summary of the management letter which discloses any findings and recommendations for Borough Council. The audit presented is located on the Borough website at www.gettysburgpa.gov.

Rain Barrel Public Outreach Program (GBSWA)

Director of Historic and Environmental Preservation Debra English, Borough of Gettysburg, presented a video presentation (see attached) of the May 11, 2023 that was cosponsored by the Gettysburg Stormwater Authority and the Adams County Ag-Soil Conservation District at the Ag Center Pavilion on Old Harrisburg Road. She said that this rain barrel event satisfied the MS4 public outreach MCM#1 program requirement with over 60 people showing an interest in the rain barrel class. She said that a second Borough sponsored class is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA) Pavilion from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM to accommodate the additional interest of 38 people in the class. She noted that the cost to Borough residents would be \$25.00 and an at-cost price of \$53.00 for non-Borough residents to cover the costs of the rain barrels and hardware. She said that the May 11th class was attended by 27 Borough residents which would save 1566 gallons of water. Adams County residents purchased 24 barrels which would save 1,392 gallons of water. Participants from the class could conserve 2,958 gallons of water. Participants learned about the MS4 mandate, the importance of using rain barrels for water conservation, mosquito control, and the construction and maintenance of the rain barrels. Her video shared the construction of the barrels by the participants as well as some submitted footage of those barrels in use. Manager Gable said that the PA Municipal League in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh is bringing there sustainability conference to Gettysburg this fall, and Director English will be conducting a rain barrel breakout session for attendees at the event so that they can bring rain barrels back to their municipalities.

Public Comment (Restricted to Items on the Agenda)

There were no public comments at this time.

Current and Old Business

Department of Planning /Zoning/Code /Code Enforcement

Planning Director Marshall announced that Licenses for Yard Sales, Solicitation of Gifts, and Transient Retail Business can now be purchased on-line on the Borough website. She updated Council on the rezoning effort and have had second group committee meeting looking at character areas to identify on the zoning map. She announced that the Planning Commission will have a booth at the Farmers Market at the Rec Park on South Mountain Partnership Day on Saturday, June 24th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM to introduce the rezoning project and gather public feedback on the preliminary character areas map. The Planning Commission has completed the administration section of the ordinance which is the procedures which are mostly dictated by PA Municipalities Planning Code; and the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Wednesday, June 28th for a special exception hearing application relating to dimensional standards for the Gettysburg Station site between Carlisle and Stratton Streets. Planning Commission will work on the zoning map over the next several months, and then determine which standards should apply to each zoning district. She said that the next Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on June 20, 2023 in Troxell Council Chambers to discuss the following: Gettysburg Station Special Exception and Variance review for the Special Exception for a Mixed-Use Building, extended height at 102-108 N. Stratton Street, a Variance for step-back requirements for extended height buildings constructed adjacent to residential buildings, and a Variance from the minimum height requirements for the construction of a new transit center on N. Stratton Street. She said that she is accepting comments from Council, and that a formal presentation will be given to HARB at their June 21st meeting.

Department of Historic & Environmental Preservation

Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation English reported that HARB did not meet in April and in May, and that their next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on June 21, 2023 in Troxell Council Chambers; she said that the Borough Paper Shred Event on Friday, May 19th was well attended.

Parking Department

Parking Manager Fissel gave the following report: routine garage maintenance at Racehorse Alley Parking Plaza was performed; and that she is looking for part-time parking enforcement officers.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Harbaugh said that the Borough has begun agility work projects with the townships (alley restoration in both Gillian and Legion Alleys and the repairs to Culp's Run).

Borough Engineer

Engineer Clabaugh gave the following report: announced that the 2023 street maintenance project is underway; said that there are two components: JVI will do the phase one mill and fill base repairs and should be completed by July 4th; and; phase two chip sealing at the end of July will be completed; bridge maintenance update: design has been completed, permits submitted, and is now open for bids on June 29th; said that the annual Race Horse Alley Parking Plaza maintenance work was completed and final cost came in under \$82,000 budget.

Moved Mr. Moon seconded Mr. Lawver to approve the application for payment #1/Final in the amount of \$68,713.80 to JDI Site Solutions in connection with the 2023 Racehorse Alley Parking Garage Maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Department

Chief Glenn gave the following report: announced that May 20th was Law Enforcement Memorial Day and that he gave the opening remarks at the Adams County Emergency Services Center, Sgt. Harold Pruy led the procession of officers in calling the cadence, and PFC Bryan Holden handled directing traffic and ensuring flowers were laid at the base of the wreath; the Domestic Violence Task Force recognized Detectives Brian Weikert and Christopher Evans at a breakfast on May 20th for their outstanding work in the handling of sexual assault/violence cases; announced that the Annual National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 1st from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Gettysburg Rec Park with a band playing from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. He said that there will be door prizes, dunk booth, Narcan distribution, food trucks, GFD stand fundraiser, law enforcement, business, and social service representatives will be there; and noted that the event coordinator is GPD Officer Eric Wenrich. Councilor Butterfield noted that Darlene Brown originally started National Night Out in Gettysburg.

Office of the Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Manager Gable gave the following report: said that Sara Stull was currently on a well-deserved vacation in Oregon; said that the fund budget year-to-date remains with budgets parameters YTD to the end of May with 96.6 percent of property taxes collected at a discount or at face value; discussed Borough fund balances and that there is 3.2 million dollars available in the General Fund, just under \$1 million in reserve cash, \$550,000 in Capital Reserve largely due to the influx of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) money, and there is \$2.6 million remaining in the ARPA account; announced that the Borough will officially present the demolition of the “Brown House” at 340 Baltimore Street for the construction of the new Gettysburg Welcome Center, under the leadership of Skip Hockley and Main Street Gettysburg, to HARB at their June 21st meeting and that it will be televised on ACTV.

Moved Mr. Berger, seconded Mr. Moon to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Moon seconded Mr. Lawver to accept the eligibility list of candidates for the open positions of entry-level patrol officer, as certified to and submitted by the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Gettysburg. The Borough Council does not object to any of the two (2) candidates certified to by the Civil Service Commission on the eligibility list submitted to the Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Moon seconded Mr. Lawver to make a conditional appointment of Alec A. Lardarello as the top-ranked candidate on the eligibility list, as certified to and submitted by the Civil Service Commission, for an open position of entry-level patrol officer with the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Said conditional appointment of an entry-level patrol officer shall become effective on July 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Berger seconded Mr. Moon to make a conditional appointment of Joshua T. Chilcote as the second-ranked candidate on the eligibility list, as certified to and submitted by the Civil Service Commission, for an open position of entry-level patrol officer with the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Said conditional appointment of an entry-level patrol officer shall become effective on July 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Glenn thanked the Civil Service Commission, Borough Manager Gable, Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Sara Stull, HR Kara Riethmaier, Borough Council, Mayor Frealing, Borough officers and all those involved for the effort to appoint these two police candidates in the short two-month period of time. Chief Glenn asked the Borough to begin the Civil Service process to anticipate future retirements in order to create a civil service list to hire officers from that list and develop front-end recruitment for applicants.

Liaison Reports

Main Street Gettysburg

President Sellers gave the following report: said that she had attended a joint meeting on June 12th with Kris Webb for the annual Christmas Festival and Christmas Movie anticipating 10,000 visitors; will attend a Façade Improvement Projects meeting on June 16th to discuss the second round of applications, and will attend a Grow with Google Small Business Workshop on June 19th in partnership with Grow with Google Pennsylvania Downtown Center and Main Street America (if interested, see MSG website for more details); announced the 30th Anniversary of the movie “Gettysburg” at the Majestic Theater with tickets going on sale beginning Friday, June 23rd and to visit their website for ticket information; thanked both Mark Wherley and Tom Landis at Community Media for their work on developing an outstanding promotional video for MSG for use on

social media and websites to promote our mission, programs, fundraising and to recruit volunteers; will attend the Annual PDC Conference in Scranton on June 26th to 28th; and will present the demolition of the “Brown House” at 340 Baltimore Street to HARB at their meeting on June 21st in preparation for the construction of the Gettysburg Welcome Center. She said that the committee is working with Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates on this project that will impact our businesses, tourism, and residents for years to come.

Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority

Councilman Carr was absent, but President Heyser invited everyone on his behalf to attend the July 4th Community Celebration and Fireworks Display to be held from 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Rec Park on Long Lane.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

Councilman Berger reported that the Andrews Well Hydro Geologic Report which provides data regarding well capacity to supply water to our system is complete and was submitted to DEP; Cemetery Hill Tank pipework in the Hillcrest neighborhood and around the Tour Center is ready for bid to get that work done; submitted the permits for the Interceptor Project and waiting to hear back about the submitted grant applications; bids for the GMA office building renovations at 424 E Middle Street were received by the architect and the Board will make a determination to move forward with the project.

Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield (SAHGB)

Councilwoman Butterfield reported that the Steinwehr Avenue BID would like to take a more active role in the community and to create publicity at the Adams County Farmers Market; and noted that the Gettysburg Welcome Center would create more foot traffic and hopefully would create a link between Steinwehr Avenue and the downtown business area and encouraged everyone to attend the June 21st HARB meeting.

Adams County Boroughs Association (ACBA)

Mayor Frealing reported that the May meeting was cancelled and that the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 19th.

Adams County Transportation Planning Association

Councilwoman Butterfield reported that the next meeting will be held in July.

Adams County Council of Governments (ACCOG)

Councilwoman Butterfield reported that the Adams County commissioners stressed the importance of working on the 160th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Battle.

Overdose Awareness Task Force

Councilman Moon reported that there is a free film event at 5:30 PM at the Majestic Theater showing a two-hour documentary called “Typical Pain Scale” about the approach to pain management and the treatment of addiction followed by an expert panel discussion.

Trail Feasibility Study

Councilman Berger had nothing to report.

Other Reports

Recycling

Councilwoman Butterfield reported that the Paper Shred Event held at a Borough Highway Shed on Friday, May 19th was a huge success with 90 customers participating. She thanked Sara, Becka, Tammy, Debra, Pete, Robbie and the Highway crew, and Recycling Committee Member Larry Weikert, for all of their help.

Elected Officials’ Comments

Mayor Frealing thanked the Memorial Day Committee for another successful parade event on Monday, May 29th; a Vietnam POW spoke at the end of the parade which was well-attended by the community. She said that Pride Fest was good but not without a little controversy, noting that we are all created equal. She commented that she has a very productive rain barrel at her house. She also announced that Monday, June 19th is the annual Juneteenth Parade which will begin at 12 Noon on Lincoln Square proceeding through Gettysburg highlighting black history commemorating the emancipation of black slaves in Texas on that day in 1865 two years after they were free. She said that she was invited to a Juneteenth reception on June 15th at the state house by the governor and lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. She was asked to be the Grand Marshal of Bike Fest in September for a kid’s bike ride where she will ride a bike.

Councilwoman Butterfield reported that the Board at the PSAB Conference voted on 15 resolutions, recommending the 2023 Radar Resolution, which has been discussed since her husband served on Council in 2008, will be up for a vote. Chief Glenny said that the resolution has been tossed around for the 35 years that he has been a police officer. The other recommended resolution had to do with how municipalities are not locked into advertising through a newspaper since many municipalities do not have a newspaper but can use social media as well.

Councilman Moon thanked both the Gettysburg Police and Public Works departments and Mayor Frealing on his and Councilman Carr’s behalf for all of their support and handling of the Gettysburg Pride Festival / March on Saturday, June 3rd which

brought over 22,000 visitors to Gettysburg. He thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance with road closures for the march, and to the following police officers for a peaceful day: Officers Boehs, Holden, Pennese, Wenrich, Klunk, and Sgt. Pruy. He said that it was an opportunity to show off Gettysburg and what we have to offer here.

Public Comment

Darlene Brown, 355 W. High Street updated Council on the Adams County Arts Council building at 125 S. Washington Street. She said that the front of building is deteriorating, that they have met with an architect, and that they have all of the financing to repair the building in place. She said that the Board plans to go before HARB between July and November of this year with the hope of addressing the façade issue.

Timothy Layas, 241 S. Washington Street addressed Council highlighting the issues that he has encountered operating his Exway Atlas Carbon-4WD Electric Skateboard in the Borough. He said that he can reach up to 30 MPH in an eight-mile radius and said that Sec 3-202, General Operations of Skateboards and Scooters in the *Code of Ordinances Borough of Gettysburg* states that all skateboards, scooters and longboards are allowed to operate on the road. He said that he has been stopped by borough police officers during his travels for operating a motorized skateboard in town even though he does abide by the state and local traffic laws. He noted that this mode of transportation is very popular with young people and college students to get around. He said that he would like to see the laws permit the use of electric skateboards, scooters, and longboards on the roadways.

Brian Hodges, 137 Ridge Avenue and owner of the Brafferton In , 44 York Street discussed the issuance of Transient Retail Business Licenses regarding the operation of food trucks in the Borough of Gettysburg. He would like to see food trucks banned from operating in Lincoln Square, the first blocks of York, Carlisle, Chambersburg and Baltimore Streets, and on Steinwehr Avenue because they compete with brick-and-mortar restaurants in those areas for parking. He would really like to see them banned from operating within the Gettysburg Historic District because those brick-and-mortar restaurants pay taxes in the Borough, and food trucks do not provide restrooms for their customers, have garbage disposal at hand, or move their vehicles every three hours per the ordinance. He would like to see a better place for them to operate and park in the Borough.

Tom Jolin, 249 Ridge Avenue and HABPI founder discussed the Gettysburg Innerloop which started in 2007, specifically Racehorse Alley segment with Council. He said that nine segments of the Innerloop are completed, and also at the Gettysburg Physical Therapy, 371 East Water Street which included a place for the trail on their property. He said that bike and pedestrian safety, personal health and well-being, noise and pollution reduction, and downtown business development are all a part of a healthy bike / pedestrian trail. He said that he supports the Franklin Funnel proposal which would give full bike and vehicle access to Racehorse Alley. He noted that human lifespans are diminishing due to decreased physical activity, and that 53 percent of all vehicle trips in the Borough are three miles or less.

Denise Reiner, 424 Queen Street discussed the change in traffic in Racehorse Alley with Council. She said that she uses her bike to run errands in town and has logged over 4,000 trips on her bike in the eight years that she has been biking. She said that cycling saves gas, and the wear and tear on her vehicle. She noted that drivers are more aggressive and distracted making cycling more hazardous. She said that riding her bike is a great way to see the Borough; and she supports the Franklin Funnel option to reduce vehicular traffic on Racehorse Alley.

Mike Bramel, 523 Moritz Road, Orrtanna said that he is a former Borough resident and a current HAPBI Board member. He said that he had conducted his own personal traffic study using both Racehorse Alley (short cut) and Chambersburg Street for travel by car. He traveled both streets at 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM (high-peak times) and noted that those trip averages favored Chambersburg Street for getting around.

President Heyser explained how item topics get on the monthly meeting agenda to include: legal authority to address certain issues, priority of the item brought for discussion, how recently an item was addressed, and the likelihood of reaching an outcome. He said that changes due occur outside of their authority and must be adopted through an ordinance change.

Councilor Butterfield wanted to acknowledge fellow Councilor Christopher Berger who is a teacher in the Upper Adams School District, and recently received the Annual Unger/Stock Teacher Excellence Award showing excellent role models for students, enthusiasm for teaching and the knowledge of their subject.

Moved Mr. Lawver, seconded Mr. Moon to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM to an executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen M. Mesher
Assistant Borough Secretary

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Borough of Gettysburg

Borough Council

June 12, 2023

Borough of Gettysburg

- **Communication to those Charged with Governance Letter**
 - Our responsibilities under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
 - Significant accounting policies
 - Note 1 to the Financial Statements
 - Accounting estimates
 - Disclosures
 - No difficulties encountered in performing the audit
 - Corrected and uncorrected misstatements
 - Material adjustments during the audit
 - No disagreements with management
 - Management representations
 - Management consultations with other independent accountants
 - Issues discussed prior to retention
 - Other matters

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- Results of audit
 - Unmodified opinion, prepared in accordance with modified cash basis of accounting
 - Basis of Accounting
 - Financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a different basis of than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
 - Supplementary and Other Information
- Performed Compliance Attestation
 - In our opinion, the Borough complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended December 31, 2022.

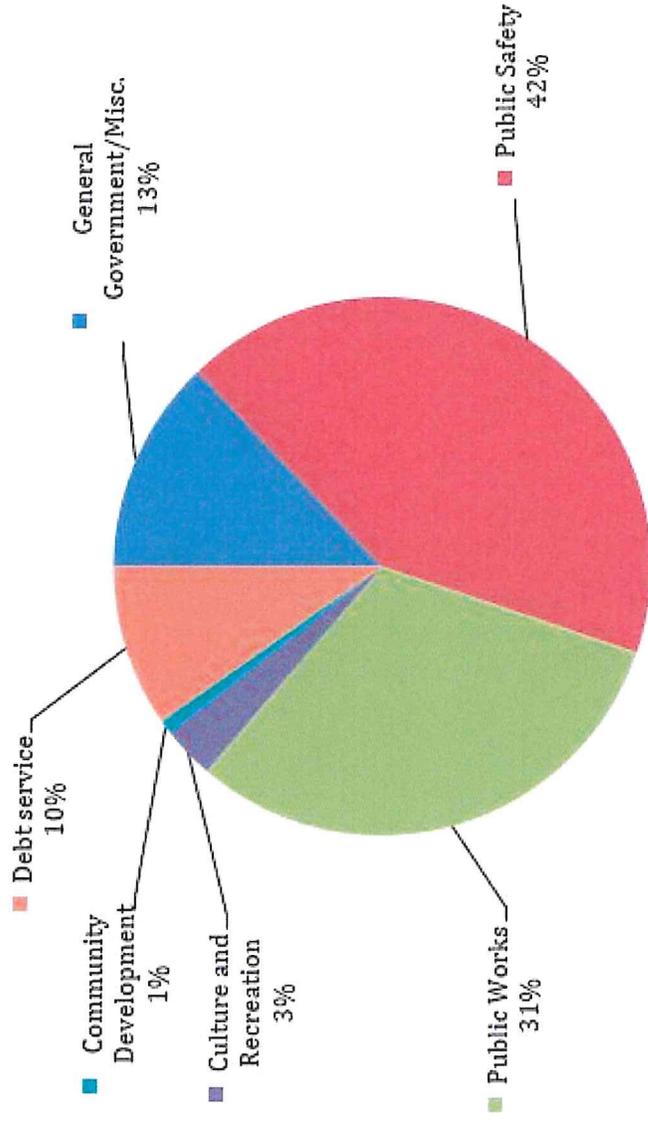
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- Financial highlights – Governmental Activities
 - Assets and Deferred Outflows
 - 2022 - \$22.6 million
 - 2021 - \$20.1 million
 - Liabilities
 - 2022 - \$4.3 million
 - 2021 - \$4.8 million
 - Revenues
 - 2022 - \$9.3 million
 - 2021 - \$8.0 million
 - Expenditures
 - 2022 - \$6.2 million
 - 2021 - \$5.2 million
 - Change in Net Position
 - 2022 - \$3.1 million
 - 2021 - \$2.9 million

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- Financial highlights – Governmental Funds
 - Governmental funds unassigned fund balance is \$2,711,486 at 12/31/22 (37% of total fund balance)
 - General Fund change in fund balance was \$267k in 2022

- Breakdown of Governmental Funds Cost for 2022:



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- Footnotes
 - Note 1
 - Reporting entity/component unit
 - Major funds
 - Modified cash basis of accounting
 - Note 4 – Capital assets
 - Note 5 – Long-term debt
 - Note 6 – Pension Plans

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- Management letter
 - Material Weakness
 - Improving financial reporting
 - Other Matters
 - Reconciling parking enforcement revenue (repeat)
 - Borough prepared capital asset documentation (repeat)
 - Reconciling Due to and Due from's

Questions? Contact Us!



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RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

MAY 11, 2023

Keeping It Green

at the

Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center

670 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325



EMF #4 - Rain Barrels

Showcasing and Promoting Practices and Techniques

by David A. ...

Partnered with Adams County Ag - Soil Conservation District

AGENDA

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

May 11, 2023

5-7PM

by the Adams County Conservation District and the Borough of Gettysburg Storm Water Authority (GBSWA).

Vy Trinh, Adams County Conservation District, Watershed Specialist

- a. Opening remarks

Debra English, Director of Historic and Environmental Preservation, MS4 Coordinator

- a. What is MS4 and Why is it Important?
- b. Why use rain barrels?
- c. Handouts.

Christina Anders, Adams County Mosquito-borne Disease Control Coordinator/Resource Conservation

- a. Mosquito Control

Vy Trinh, Adams County Conservation District

- a. Parts, construction, and maintenance of rain barrels

QUESTIONS FOR ANY OF THE SPEAKERS??

GRAB YOUR BARREL AND GET STARTED –

WE WILL BE WALKING AROUND TO HELP WITH INSTALLATION.

Pizza will be available at 6PM.

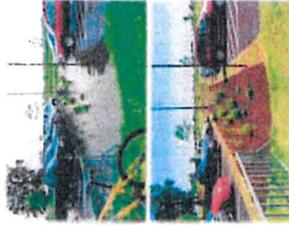
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

- Several handouts were provided, the below on harvesting with rain barrels (created by Adams County) and our MS4 pamphlet located on the Borough's website as well as a maintenance sheet on how to maintain your rain barrels.



What can I do to reduce NPS pollution?
Individuals can play an important role by changing certain everyday habits:

- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly (do not pour down sink, into storm drain, or on the ground).
- Inspect septic system every couple years to ensure system is working properly.
- Keep litter, pot wastes, grass, leaves, and other debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- Do not apply more than recommended amount of fertilizers and pesticides to your lawn and garden or, better yet, use a soil test kit.
- Use rain collection devices, like rain barrels, to harvest and store rain water.
- Install stormwater infiltration areas like the rain garden below.



10 Water Conservation Tips

1. Make sure your faucets are not leaking: A leaking faucet could waste up to 4,000 gal/year. Also, turn off the faucet when shaving or brushing your teeth.
2. Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full.
3. Defrost food in the refrigerator instead of using running water: A running faucet uses about a gallon of water per minute.
4. Keep a container of water in the refrigerator rather than running the water until it is cold.
5. Test all toilets regularly for leaks: A leaking toilet could waste up to 100 gal/day.
5. Take shorter showers and replace old showerheads: Low flow showerheads can save 3 gal/min.
7. Limit grass areas and use trees, shrubs, and other plants that require less water to landscape your yard: Grass turf requires 30-50% more water.
8. Water during the coolest part of the day (preferably morning) and never water on windy days: As much as 30% of water used can be lost to evaporation.
9. Use a broom rather than a hose to clean decks, sidewalks, and other paved areas: 5 minutes of running the hose uses 25 gallons of water.
10. Cover pools to prevent evaporation: An average uncovered pool loses about an inch of water a week because of evaporation.



Water Harvesting with Rain Barrels
A Water Quality & Conservation Fact Sheet

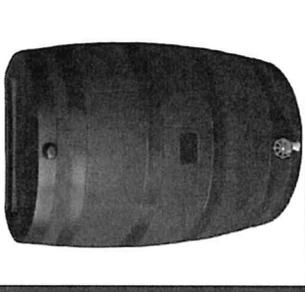
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How to maintain and winterize your rain barrel:

Winterize

Before you drain your barrel to winterize it, take 1 cup of vinegar and add that to the water in the rain barrel let it sit overnight. This will clean and kill any mold that has accumulated inside the barrel. Drain this water over your grass to filter out impurities before entering our storm drains that drain to our tributaries and Chesapeake Bay. Then follow the winterization steps below.

Step 1: Drain your rain barrel by opening all spigots. Once drained turn the barrel upside down. The average rain barrel weighs 500 pounds when full and should be fully drained before attempting to move.



Step 2: Remove hoses and rain spout diverter and leave faucets open. Re-connect your downspout to run water away from your house as it functioned prior to installing your rain barrel.

Step 3: Clear debris from the barrel and the filter Screen. An empty barrel is a good opportunity to clear out the muck that can lead to mold and fungus growth. Take a toilet brush or the like and scrub the inside walls and rinse with a hose.

Step 4: How to store, if space is available store inside your garage if that is not an option move behind your home and place against your house to avoid it blowing away and store upside down to avoid collecting water that may freeze and crack the barrel.

To keep cycled clean water in your barrel – USE THIS WATER – water your lawn, your pets, your houseplants keep it moving. Moving water will not create algae vs stagnant water.

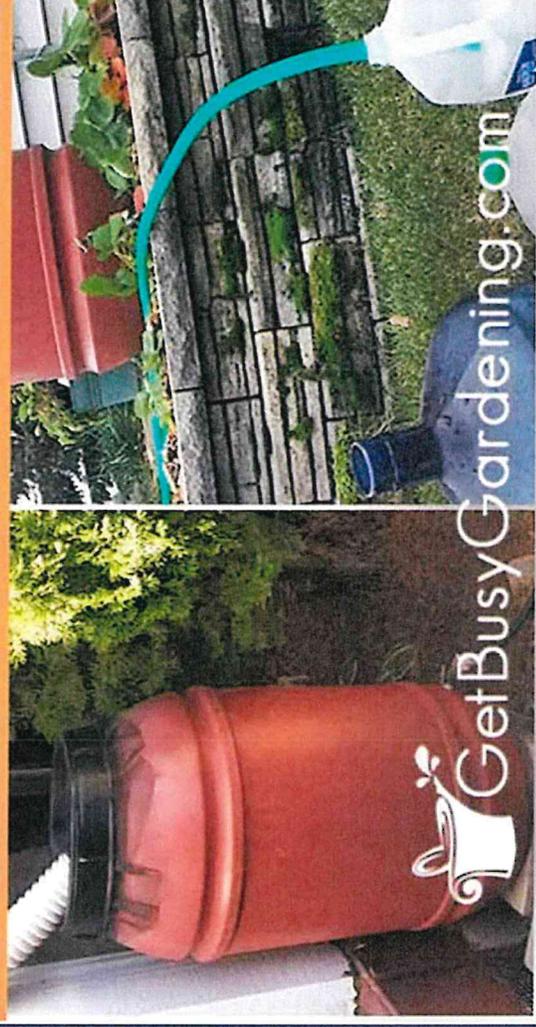
** Note if you are having issues with algae during the summer collection months, you can add a few tablespoons of Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV) Mother Earth Organic to the water which is safe for birds to drink and watering your garden plants.

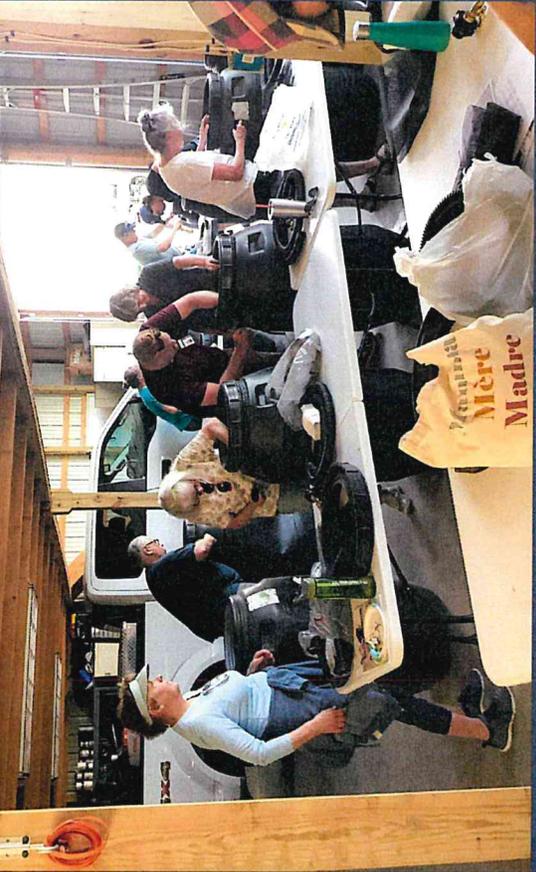
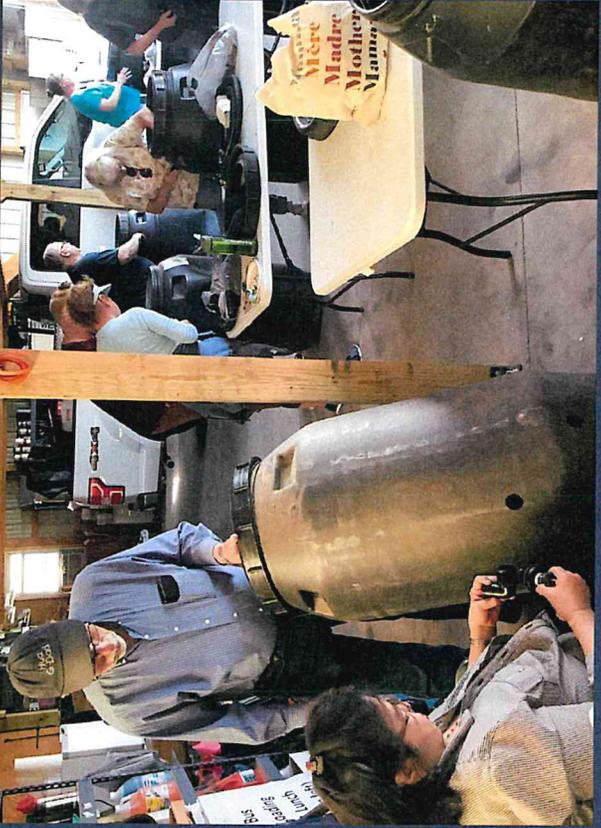
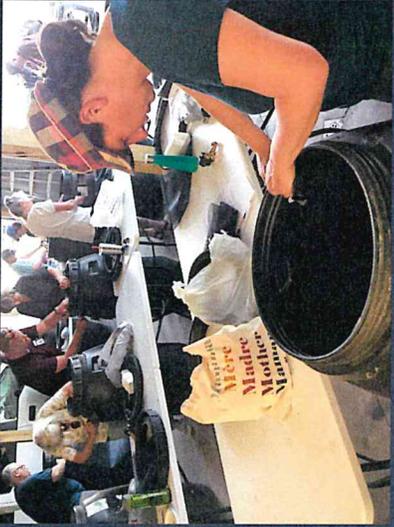
The overall take, not many residents are familiar with Ms4.

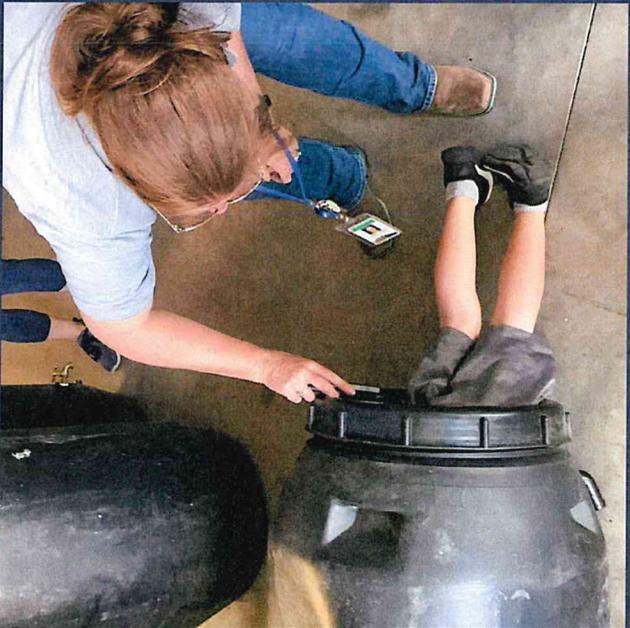
Part of our requirements for Stormwater is Public Outreach for our MCM#1 requires public outreach, which would include articles, newsletters, website, social media and public events.

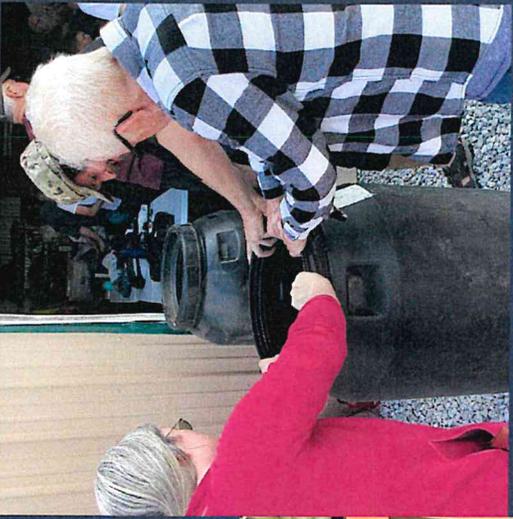
7 Awesome RAIN BARREL BENEFITS

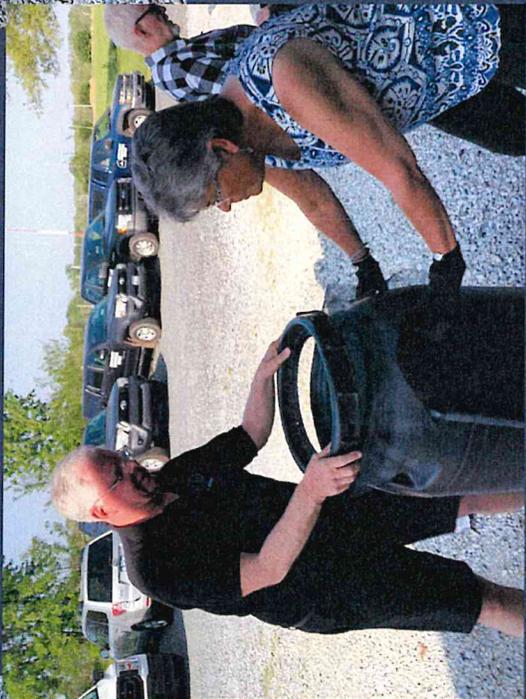
For You & Your Garden



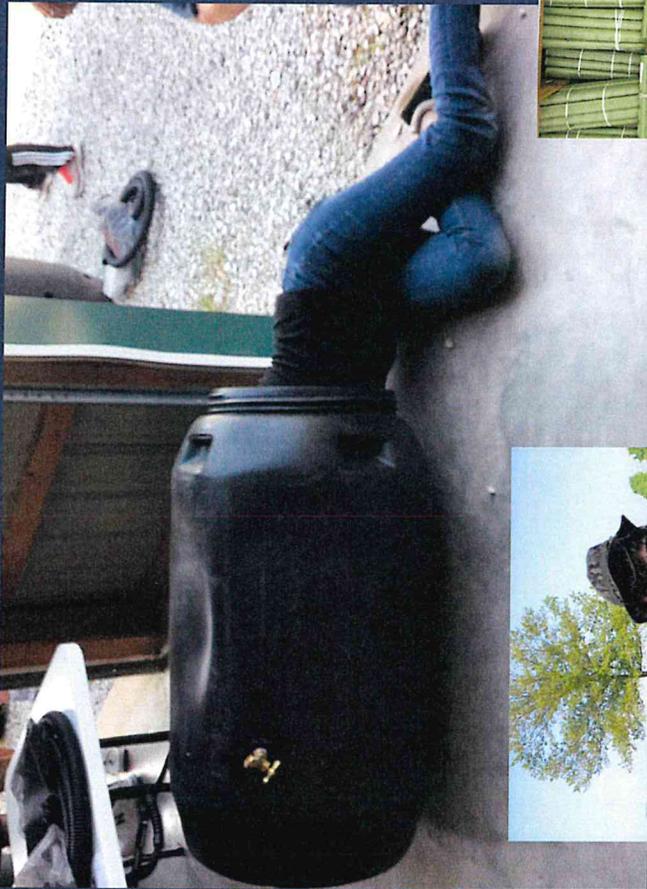












Once all of BMP barrels are installed that will conserve 1566 GALLONS of water!



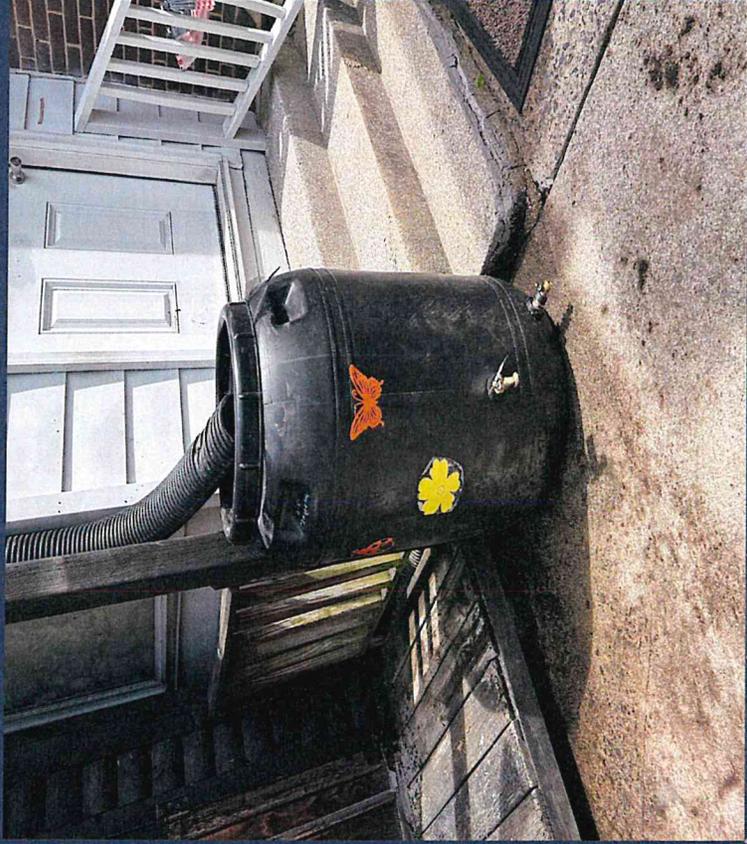
Schoolhouse Alley

Go Gettysburg College!!

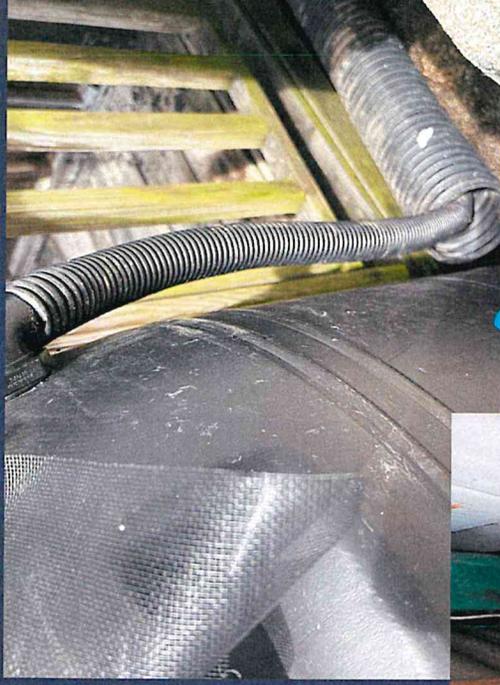
The owner noted Saturday's rain filled the barrel - that's 58 gallons of water recycled at one household!!



38 N. Stratton Street



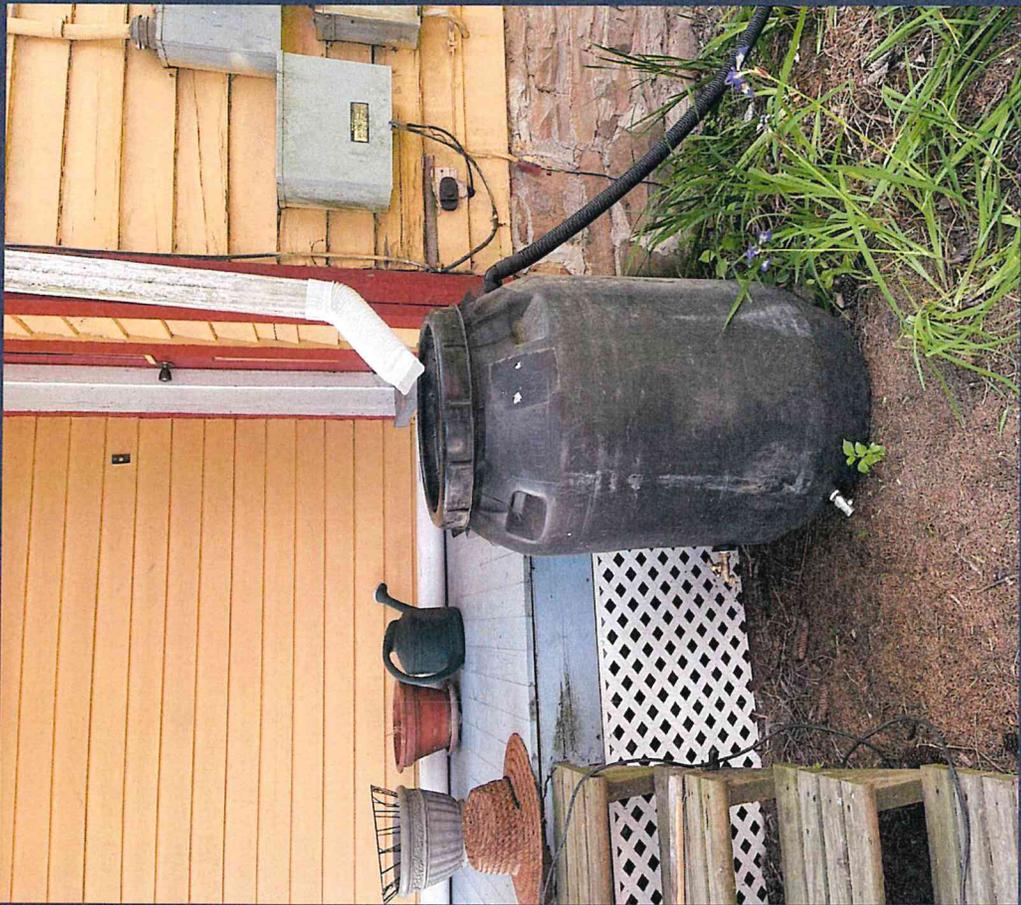
An extension pipe was added to the overflow to water the garden in the back yard.



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Mr. Frank Marrone

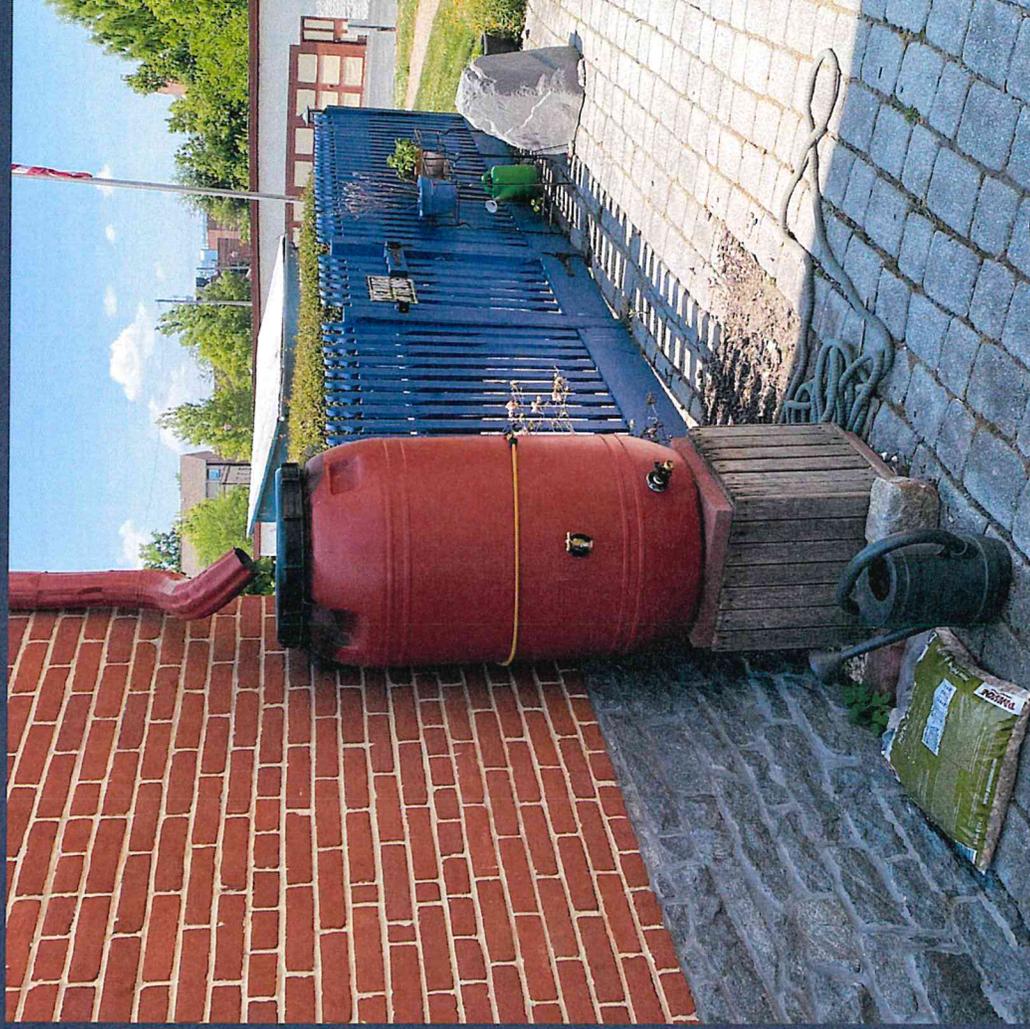


N. Stratton Street



461 Baltimore Street

Painted to blend in with
the brick on the house,
NICE JOB!!



Springs Avenue



Seminary Avenue



Our Borough residents conserved 1556 gallons of water with our 27 barrels.



Adams County residents outside the Borough purchased 24 barrels from the Adams County AG Center. Saving an additional 1392 gallons of water will be conserved. That's a grand total of 2958 gallons of water. Excellent Team Effort!!!!

THE END

