

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 1997

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, John Eline, Jay Schmitt, Margaret Gustafson, Holliday Giles, Leonard Andrews, Charles Woodward and Richard Kreisher. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Manager Sterner, Chief Gantz, Solicitor Oyler, Parking Manager Little, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historical Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Christopher, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Main Street Director Persson, Lisa Leoffler of the Evening Sun and Mike Smith of the Gettysburg Times.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the minutes of December 9 as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Simpson announced that a workshop for Council is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 from 8:00 to 10:30 am.

Citizens in attendance:

Cumberland Township Supervisors Thomas Shealer and George Weikert, and Straban Township Supervisor Bob Hendricks.

Len Andrews reported the Legislative Committee discussed plans for lobby efforts to secure a pillow tax.

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

Mr. Troxell commented on how nice the town looked with the white lights and trees on the square at Christmas. The Retail Merchants did a fine job decorating for the holidays.

Managers report:

Council needs to make an appointment to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board. Allen Larson's term expired on December 31, 1996. GMA submitted a letter asking that Mr. Larson be re-appointed. In addition, both Cumberland and Straban Townships sent letters asking for representation on the GMA board. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Bob Hendricks, Straban Township Supervisor, asked Council to consider appointing a township representative. The township does not have a name to recommend, but could within 30 days.

George Weikert, Cumberland Township Supervisor, also asked Council to consider someone from their township to serve on the GMA Board. He reminded Council that GMA wastewater treatment plant, the Marsh Creek water supply, and several wells are located within their boundaries. They believe a citizen of Cumberland should serve on the Board.

Mr. Troxell read a statement he prepared indicating that the GMA board was established to serve Gettysburg, but that service was extended to areas of both townships through agreements. His opinion is that consideration should be given to both townships, after proper study and deliberation of Council. For now, he desires that Allen Larson should be reappointed to the GMA Board.

Mr. Andrews suggested Council follow through with the GMA appointment tonight. Council can work on these issues throughout the year and possibly expand the GMA Board to add Straban and Cumberland Townships at a future date.

Moved Mr. Troxell, seconded Mr. Kreisher to reappoint Allen Larson to the GMA Board for a five year term. This term will expire in December 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Andrews that Council hold a meeting to discuss the GMA issues. This meeting will be held during the Council workshop on January 25. Motion carried unanimously.

Council authorized the Manager to advertise bids for opening at the February Council meeting for highway materials and equipment rentals.

The Auditors have begun work on the 1996 accounts.

Chance Management, the Borough's parking consultant, has begun the study of the church parking lot and other sites within the Borough.

Mr. Weikert presented Council with the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance amendments. Council will need to hold a public hearing to adopt the Ordinance. Tom Palmer of URDC will attend a meeting with Council on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. to review the ordinance with Council.

Dr. Powell reported that he has accepted an invitation by PA DCED to sit on the state CDBG advisory board. He will be attending three meetings this year which will be scheduled at a later date.

Ms. Christopher reported that the Retail Merchants donated the 31 trees that were placed on the square for Christmas. The men planted them along Long Lane. To date there have been over 500 Christmas trees dropped off at the park for recycling into mulch.

Mr. Persson reported that he is currently working with a National Ballet Company interested in opening a business in town. He will keep Council informed as information comes in on this business as well as others that are considering Gettysburg for a location.

Chief Gantz distributed his annual report from the police department. He invited Council to contact him with questions. He also observed from the data that Gettysburg remains a very safe town.

Ms. Weaver reported that the Adam's County Borough's Association will be meeting on January 20. If any of Council is interested in attending they should contact her office.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Weaver".

Sara L. Weaver
Borough Secretary

