

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 1997

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, Peggy Gustafson, Holly Giles, Jay Schmitt, John Eline, Charles Woodward, Len Andrews and Rich Kreisher. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Solicitor Oyler, Chief Gantz, Preservation Officer Powell, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Parking Manager Little, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, and Main Street Director Trostle.

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Times, Ken VanGuilder of the Evening Sun, Andy Brough of C.S. Davidson, Polly Parone of the Retail Merchants and Stacey Schmeidel of Gettysburg College.

Mrs. Simpson opened the meeting with a minute of silence in honor of Mayor Francis I. Linn who passed away November 9, 1997. Mayor Linn was a kind and gentle family man who loved Gettysburg and its residents. He will be missed by all.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve the minutes after making a correction on page 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl Mattson, gave a presentation to Council on Project Gettysburg/Leon. They are trying to raise money to replace the vehicle currently being used in Leon, Nicaragua. The organization is asking Council to donate \$1,000. Mrs. Simpson directed this to the Finance Committee.

Bea Savage, horse carriage business, Frank Herman and Chi Chi Woodward were all just observing the meeting.

William Heyser, 202 Buford Avenue, expressed his dissatisfaction that his R-1 property was not changed to General Commercial when the new zoning ordinance was adopted. He feels this would have made his property more valuable. Mrs. Simpson directed this to the Planning Commission for further review.

Gary Shaffer, representing St. James Luthern Church, requested Council to change the Borough's standards on brick sidewalks to allow for bricks placed directly on sand or stone with no underlying concrete. St. James will be replacing the sidewalk in front of the church.

Andy Brough, C.S. Davidson, explained to Council the process of brick paving. Properly prepared crushed stone will work fine but he noted that concrete is better in the long run. Mrs. Simpson directed this to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Mr. Eline reported that he continues to work with P.K. Hoover of Kennies Markets in hopes of maintaining a grocery store in town. They are still interested in the Giant building if it were available.

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



Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the 1998 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$2,749,755. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troxell reported that he will be out for about a month due to knee surgery. He gave Council a written report listing ideas he would like Council to review.

Mrs. Simpson reported that she has been receiving calls on the cable rates. Citizens are unhappy that G.S. Communications have raised the rates to \$26.00.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that when G.S. Communications met with Council they were under the impression that the rate would be on a tier basis. Mrs. Simpson suggested that the cable company be contacted to attend the Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve HARB consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to nominate Karin Miller, a licensed real estate broker, to the Historical Architectural Review Board to fill the open seat. This term will expire in August 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported that the Safety Committee had approved free parking from November 28 to January 1 as requested by the Retail Merchants. Hours will be from noon to 8:00 PM on designated streets.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt an Ordinance amending the general parking regulations of the Borough with respect to the privilege to pay reduced penalties within certain periods after parking violations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt an Ordinance amending the Ordinance governing on-street metered parking to provide for prosecution if the fine for violation is not paid within seven days of the violation. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt an Ordinance amending the Ordinance providing for immobilization of vehicles with unsettled parking violations to reduce to two the number of pending unsettled parking violations required to permit booting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Troxell to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting parking at all times on the South side of West Lincoln Avenue between Constitution Avenue and a point 100 feet east thereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward noted that the Rec Board is searching for members from Cumberland Township, Straban Township and Franklin Township.

Mr. Andrews reported that the Legislative Committee has met with Cumberland Township officials to discuss further exploration of regional cooperation efforts. He has scheduled a committee meeting with those officials on December 4 at 7:00 PM at the Cumberland Twp. office. The Committee continues to keep the lines of communication open with Senator Punt and hope to schedule a meeting with him in December.



Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Woodward to authorize Solicitor Oyler to amend the Ordinance repealing the section of the garbage and refuse collection and disposal ordinance requiring collection to be made between sunrise and sunset for adoption at December Council meeting. YEA: Mr. Troxell, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Eline, Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Kreisher. NAY: Mr. Andrews.

Moved Mr. Kreisher,, seconded Mr. Schmitt to authorize Solicitor Oyler to amend the Ordinance changing to Picket Street the name of that portion of Long Lane running from the Southern terminus of Sunset Avenue in a southeasterly direction along lands of the United States of America to Steinwehr Avenue for adoption at December Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Eline to adopt an Ordinance to amend the garbage and refuse collection and disposal ordinance to reduce the term of the license required to collect in the Borough to one year, to require disposal at a facility designated in the Adams County Solid Waste Management Plan and to reduce the license fee from \$750 to \$150. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher reported that the College has supplied us with 30 new trash cans to replace and supplement the wooden units currently in use.

Solicitor Oyler, in response to the request from project Gettysburg/Leon, noted that the Borough Code does not provide for appropriations to a foreign country.

#### Managers report:

Council should review closely the most recent issue of PELRAS.

Legislative Committee should look for a replacement for Muriel Rice on the Planning Commission. Mrs. Rice has resigned from the Planning Commission effective December 31, 1997.

The Public Works Committee will review the current Municipal Authority openings. Carl Swinn's term is due to expire in December and a replacement is still needed for Allen Larson.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to accept the G.H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1995 and 1996. Motion carried.

Mr. Weikert reported that Council should review the Land Development Ordinance. He hopes that the new ordinance can be adopted in December. Council ordered a Public Hearing be scheduled for December 8 at 7:00 PM to hear public comments.

Mr. Trostle, on behalf of the Main Street Board, asked that Council consider exonerating that group for the back salaries that were outstanding.

Ms. Giles asked Kevin to supply Council with a copy of the budget for Main Street for next year. Most of Council would be very interested in seeing what changes may be planned for the new year.

Mrs. Gustafson hoped that Council would not set a precedent for the next time Main Street was in dire need of funds. She believes that Council should not exonerate the Board, rather that they make an attempt through other sources to satisfy the debt, even if it takes several years. In any event, Council should be made aware of the plans of Main Street.

Mrs. Simpson asked Kevin to explain the nominating procedure to the board and if 18 persons were necessary. Kevin indicated that the by-laws would need to be changed first to lower the number of people serving on the board. He will follow up with Council's request for budget and report on the plans.

Mr. Little reported that the Parking Enforcement Officer position has been filled. Diane Hawbaker will begin work on Monday, November 17.

Chief Gantz announced that the Remembrance Day parade will be on Saturday, November 15 at 1:00.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary