

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 11, 1999

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM with the following Councilors present: Holliday Giles, Margaret Gustafson, Charles Woodward, John Wiley, Richard Kreisher, Leonard Andrews, Theodore Streeter and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Crouse, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Parking Manager Little.

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun, John McAndrew and Dennis Murphy representing the College.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the agenda after adding Jack Corbin, a candidate for the vacant Third Ward Council seat. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the Council Minutes after amending the comments made by Mayor Troxell. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for the proposed sign ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for the proposed zoning ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Jim Coscia, 640 York Street, concerned about the Historical District change.

Joyce Jackson, Tammy Myers, Allen Flickinger, Robert McGlaughlin, Tom McGlaughlin and Truman Eddy were observing tonight's meeting.

Landlord Issues:

Raymond Kane urged Council to refrain from acting on the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance. He indicated the ordinance effect only 16 landlords and only a few college students. It will not change the students behavior. Council should review this further.

Shirley Nace voiced opposition to the Regulated Rental Unit.

Sam Mudd, on behalf of the Hazel Alley Residents Association, indicated their full support of the Landlord/Tenant Ordinance.

John McAndrew, Gettysburg College, would like Council to give more time before adopting this ordinance. There are still a few concerns that need to be worked out. The College has been working with the Borough and the Hazel Alley Residents and will continue to do so.

### Parking Issues:

Ross Hetrick, 65 West Middle Street, petitioned the tourist, residents and businesses downtown and feels the parking meters should be removed in the downtown area. Requested that Council perform a study to investigate alternatives including placing a time limit instead of meters, giving 15 minutes of free time or changing the parking hours. He recently read that St. Petersburg, Florida, has removed parking meters and established a 2 hour parking limit which has worked well.

Mr. Eline referred the parking issue to the Safety Committee meeting.

Solicitor Eastman explained the procedure for selecting a candidate for the Third Ward. Candidates for the Third Ward include; Robert Miller, John Murphy, Betty Myers, Sam Small, Caroline Smith and Jack Corbin. Mr. Corbin, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Smith briefly discussed their interest and qualifications, and answered questions of Council.

Jack Corbin explained that he would like to serve the Borough. He has served on a sewer project and knows the Borough well. He intends to run for the office in the November election.

John Murphy indicated his interest in serving on Council again. He reminded Council of his prior experience on various committees and feels he is qualified.

Caroline Smith noted she volunteers for many organizations and is available to devote time to serve on Council. She is a team worker and would like the opportunity to serve Gettysburg.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adopt the resolution to appoint John Murphy, Long Lane, to the vacant Third Ward Council seat. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Murphy, after which Mr. Murphy assumed his position on Borough Council.

Ms. Giles reported the Safety Committee reviewed the Barbara Chance parking study. She noted that if the meters were removed people would park all day and the parking garage would be empty.

Mr. Eline noted that Council is constantly looking at the parking issues. Further questions will be brought to the Safety Committee at a future date.

Mrs. Gustafson suggested that when people submit petitions to Council they need to include their addresses.

Ms. Giles reported on the status of the proposed Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance. She indicated the Safety Committee has worked on this ordinance for many months. At this late date, she is confused why the College is not in full support. Several Councilors indicated additional discussion is needed. The Committee recommends a public hearing, even though not required, to again hear comments from the public.



Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to instruct the Solicitor to prepare the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance and advertise a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on February 8 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Wiley to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance naming Gettysburg Hospital Medic Unit 28 as Borough's Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider, and to prepare and advertise an ordinance naming Gettysburg Fire Department Inc. as the Basic Life Support (BLS) provider for the Borough.

President Eline noted that he is an employee of Gettysburg Hospital, therefore he turned the chair and gavel over to Vice President Giles for the conduct of the Medic 28 business.

Mr. Eline explained the operation of the medic unit, its service, billing and relationship with Medicare. Mr. Weikert indicated a similar ordinance should be prepared naming the fire department's ambulance service as the primary ambulance service for the Borough. After a brief discussion, the question was called with the following vote: YEA: Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Murphy. Mr. Eline abstained from the vote due to his employment with Gettysburg Hospital. Motion adopted.

At the conclusion of the Medic 28 motion, Vice President Giles returned the chair and gavel to President Eline for the further conduct of business.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the ordinance amending the RPP ordinance to provide for RPP on East Water Street, South Washington Street and East Lincoln Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported that the next quarterly NPS Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 PM.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the Sign Ordinance. Mrs. Gustafson.

Mr. Andrews asked if the comments of Walton Davis had been addressed. HPO Powell and CEO Weikert noted those comments concerning political signs and temporary signs could be clarified with minor change. Also, Council and Solicitor Eastman noted the amortization period of seven years may be an issue that needs further investigation.

With these significant issues yet unresolved, it was suggested that the ordinance be returned to committee for further review, whereupon Mrs. Gustafson withdrew her motion to adopt the sign ordinance and Mr. Woodward withdrew his second.

Mrs. Gustafson asked for questions concerning the adoption of the expansion to the Historical District.

Mr. Andrews asked how this would affect property such as the old DMI building should a business desire to tear it down to rebuild a more modern building.



Dr. Powell explained that HARB reviews each case separately because all are different. HARB has approved demolition's in the past, that public policy and public good are legitimate considerations. The new design would be more crucial than saving the building. Note that HARB makes recommendations to Council with the ultimate approval being Council's responsibility.

Mr. Eline indicated that consistency in HARB recommendations is important yet HARB must be flexible. With the expansion we will be dealing with more people and everyone may not have the resources to do what HARB wishes.

Mr. Woodward asked if the Lutheran Seminary should also be included in the expansion.

Dr. Powell reported that certain buildings are now included in the district and the entire property could be considered at another time after additional study and consultation with Seminary officials.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the expansion to Historic District Ordinance. Motion carried. YEA: Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Wiley, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Streeter. Mr. Murphy abstained from the vote since he is new on Council and not yet informed.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Ms. Giles to appoint Susan Yingling to the Recreation Board representing Cumberland Township. This will fill the unexpired term of Kathy Kotula and will expire in September 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to reappoint Melvin Crouse to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority for another five year term. This term will expire in December 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the PennDOT Agility Program agreement after a final review by the Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to advertise for road material and equipment rental bids to be opened at the February Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews asked Manager Sterner if he will be preparing a cooperative bid with neighboring municipalities. Sterner replied that he had not considered that, but acknowledged that we have discussed it in the past. He indicated that he will contact those townships to develop a cooperative bid.

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

Mr. Andrews reported that Senator Punt will meet with Council on Thursday, January 14 at 4:00 PM.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that the Human Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, January 21 at 4:00 PM.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to reappoint Ed Puhl as chair to the Vacancy Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's report:

Bond settlement is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20 at 11:00 AM, at Adams County National Bank, Lincoln Square.

Planning Commission chair Wally Davis has again asked if Council desires to have final approval on subdivision and land development plans. Council indicated they prefer the Planning Commission give final approval. The revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, now being finalized by the Planning Commission, will reflect that desire.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax year 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull reported the Adams County Borough's Association will meet on January 18 at 6:30 PM. They will meet at the Gettysburg Family Restaurant.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Act 537 Plan Revision for the Super 8 Motel. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner reported that the Highway Department has spent about \$5,000 so far this winter in snow removal costs. Cumberland Township provided us with a grader which will be repaid with street sweeping this summer. He reported that PennDOT will be milling and repaving the Square and first block out each quadrant this spring. Work should be completed by May. PennDOT will be informed of business owners request not to interfere with spring weekends.

Dr. Powell reported that the Lincoln Cemetery Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM and the Community Development Committee will meet on Thursday, January 28 at 4:00 PM.

Chief Gantz commented on his annual report.

Mrs. Crouse submitted her annual report to Council. She reported that Mt. Joy has doubled their donation.

With no further business moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Woodward to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary

