

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 1999

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holliday Giles, Margaret Gustafson, Charles Woodward, John Wiley, Richard Kreisher, Leonard Andrews, Theodore Streeter, John Murphy and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Preservation Officer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Rec Director Crouse, Parking Manager Little, and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy, Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly, Evening Sun, John McAndrew representing the College and Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the January Public Hearing Minutes for the proposed expansion of the Historic District. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the January Council Minutes after making a correction to page 2, that petitions must include the address of the signor. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Scout Troop #73 of Gettysburg attended the meeting. They included Matt Duvall, Peter Steinour, Luccas Germano, Joel Dyer, Nathaniel Allen, Andrew Wampler, Christian Gallon and Shawn Mott.

Milton "Babe" Moyer, representing P.A.C.T asked Council for more support by attending the monthly meetings. The meetings are held the fourth Thursday every month.

Jamie Fleet and Sam Mudd were here in support of the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance.

Bobby Housch, Greystone's History Emporium, 461 Baltimore Street, applied to HARB for removal of buildings/garage to use for a parking area.

Mayor Troxell reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31 at 2:00.

Mayor Troxell asked Council to consider volunteering to read names from "The Wall That Heals", a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. It will be on display on the college campus on Wednesday, May 26 and will be open 24 hours a day until June 1.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB Items A through H as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued on Item I, Greystone's proposal to demolish a garage complex to provide parking for their business.

Manager Sterner reported that another group is planning a development adjacent to the Greystone proposal that may offer possibilities for a joint venture that would provide needed parking for that tourist area and the hospital.

Dr. Powell reported that HARB was concerned about demolishing the old buildings because they didn't have enough information on this project.

Mr. Eline asked if both parties are aware of the adjacent development and other options available.

Mr. Housch indicated their option to purchase the property expires in March. He needs additional parking for his business and others. He indicated that he is willing to work with the Borough and other developers to plan for additional parking in the neighborhood, and that he then could return to HARB.

Dr. Powell reminded Council that should no action be taken on the application within 30 days, the application is automatically approved.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to deny HARB application, Item I and asked the applicant to resubmit at the March HARB meeting. Council noted that it is very interested in this project. YEA: Mr. Wiley, Mr. Woodward, Mrs. Gustafson, Ms. Giles, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Streeter, and Mr. Murphy. NAY: Mr. Andrews.

Solicitor Eastman reviewed the amendments to the Sign Ordinance that will be acted on tonight.

Mr. Kreisher asked if soda machines and vending machines are considered signs.

Dr. Powell reported that vending machines are not included in the Historical District Ordinance. HARB asks owners to place them in an out of sight location.

Mr. Kreisher suggested adding vending machines to the Ordinance.

Manager Sterner suggested that Council adopt the Ordinance as it is ready. Vending machines should be examined later, including newspaper racks.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to instruct the Solicitor to advertise and prepare the Sign Ordinance for adoption at the March Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to appoint George Boring to the Recreation Board representing the Borough. This is a five year term and will expire in September 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward gave an update on the Recreation Office Project. The committee has been working on drawings which are in Councils packets for review.

Manager Sterner noted that CDBG moneys have been budgeted to the project. The 1st phase is estimated to cost \$200,000, which would include the office and lobby areas. Council should meet with Township officials to seek their support and funding. Sterner noted that the Park is operated as a regional park, and needs township support.

Mrs. Crouse noted that in addition to the \$50,000 already budgeted from CDBG, there is approximately \$22,000 remaining from the Hansen gift which is earmarked for this project.

Council indicated support for the project, but that additional funding must be sought.

Mr. Wiley reported the CDBG public hearing will be held on Monday, February 22 at 4:00 by the Community Development Committee.

Mr. Streeter reported that he and Dr. Powell will be making presentations before congressional hearings in Washington concerning the NPS General Management Plan.

Mr. Streeter indicated that he will be represent, on behalf of Council, the position paper that Council has agreed upon. Dr. Powell will represent GPBA. Mr. Frank Silby is not affiliated with either organization.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt the YEAR 2000 (Y2K) Resolution. Chief Gantz is designated the Y2K Action Plan Process administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher reported that the Public Works Committee continues to work with the Core of Engineers on the flood study. The corps indicated that additional flood study money may be available in the next federal budget.

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

Mr. Andrews reported that Senator Punt plans to attend the next Legislative Committee meeting. Council needs to work with the NPS and the College for possible additional funding for Gettysburg.

Mr. Andrews is planning a trip to Harrisburg to visit the legislature. Council will visit with both our legislators and tour the capital complex.

Mr. Andrews reported that a meeting with the Commissioners is being planned for March 1st during the regular Legislative Committee meeting.

Mr. Andrews has invited Jack Gardner, PA Association of Boroughs, to meet with Council and discuss important issues with him.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an amendment to the parking ordinance to remove the no parking restriction at 22-24 West Water Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported that the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance will be discussed further at the Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 16 at 3:00.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adopt the Ordinance naming Gettysburg Hospital Medic Unit 28 as the Borough's Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider. 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 at Gettysburg Hospital.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the amendment to the ordinance recognizing Gettysburg Fire Department as Basic Life Support (BLS) provider for the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve and authorize Mr. Sterner to execute the Grant Agreement with NPS for the Historic Structures Report on the Train Station. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize Mr. Streeter to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between NPS for the Interpretive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported that he continues to attend the Lincoln Highway Heritage Park committee meetings.

Managers report:

Road material and equipment rental bids have not yet been advertised. He awaits information from the townships. The current contracts will expire in April.

Dr. Powell, Ms. Giles and Mr. Streeter will be attending the Adams County Planning Commission meeting to speak on behalf of our TEA-21 grant application. Dr. Powell will give a presentation for the Borough.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Murphy Parking Lot Lease Agreement with Times Square Partnership. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked John Andrews if the College intends to apply for stadium funds for the Majestic. The College should correspond with Council so that we avoid competition.

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

Dr. Powell reported that the Historic Education Grant has money available for buildings and tourism. He will review further and report at the Community Development Committee.

Dr. Powell announced that he has been asked to serve as Chairman of the states Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board.

Mr. Eline will schedule a planning session for Council and department heads.

With no further business moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

