

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 1999

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

Also attending the meeting were Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun, Josh Dooley of the Gettysburg Times, Tim Lambert of WGET, Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association, John McAndrew and Patti Lawson representing the Gettysburg College.

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

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of March 8, on the proposed use of \$155,403 in FY 1999 Community Development Block Grant funds and on the proposed re-allocation of FY 1996, 1997 and 1998 funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the second Public Hearing Minutes of March 8, on the disbursement of the remaining \$8,651 in FY 1994 Community Development Block Grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to approve the March Council Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline read a letter from Jay Schmitt, thanking everyone for their thoughtfulness while he was in the hospital. He misses everyone and especially the meetings. Jay is at the Beverly Healthcare facility, formerly Michael Manor.

Citizens in attendance:

David Dyes and Jody Dimpsey, Property Management, Inc. are representing Gettysburg Scattered Sites in their request for consideration of the mortgage on the agenda.

Rob Trainer, 113 West Broadway, is a college student observing tonight's meeting.

John McAndrew announced College commencement to be held on May 23.

Basil Crapster, 39 York Street, is concerned with the expansion of the Historical District. He purchased the DMI building which he didn't know would be in the Historical District. He believes there was a lack of notice to him.

Sam Mudd, 308 Pine Street, representative of the Hazel Alley group.

Rettv Mvers representing the Lincoln Cemetery project

Sandy Gill, 341 York Street, observing the meeting.

Mayor Troxell reported that he attended a ceremony with Dr. Charles Gladfelter at the Seminary for Samuel Simon Schmucker.

Mayor Troxell attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Conference which was very informative.

Mr. Streeter reported the Steering Committee has hired to John Milner Associates to begin the Downtown Interpretive Plan.

Mr. Streeter reported the Legislative Committee had a successful meeting with Congressman Bill Goodling. They discussed the status of the train station and the Gettysburg interpretive plan projects. Mr. Goodling anticipates that the request for \$100,000 technical assistance funds will be approved, but noted that no action can be expected before May 1999.

Mr. Streeter reported the Legislative Committee met with Senator Terry Punt to discuss the status of the Adams County Comprehensive Road Improvement Study (CRIS).

Mr. Kreisher reported the Public Works Committee has agreed to permit the Highway Crew to install and remove the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association Christmas decorations. GARMA will reimburse the Borough for the cost of providing this service.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the 1998 Audit Report prepared by Rager Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt the Ordinance to amend and re-state the Police Pension Document. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt the Ordinance to amend and re-state the Non Uniformed Pension Document. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the modification of the Scattered Sites 3rd Mortgage to terms similar to the 4th and 5th mortgages. Rural Opportunities to prepare legal paperwork, authorizing President Eline and Secretary Stull to execute the necessary paperwork.. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee met with Senator Punt and discussed the interest in the Wills House and the Train Station. The committee feels the Borough will be able to match the \$7.35 million state Capital Budget for Historic Pathways. Some of the funds already counted as our match include \$800,000 TEA-21 funds for the train station, \$100,000 from a private donor, and \$30,000 NPS technical assistance funding.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee met with Jack Gardner, PSAB Director. Discussed the Mercantile Tax which may be a possibility for the Borough and current legislation that would reduce our Amusement Tax revenues. If the Borough is in favor of continuing this tax letters should be submitted to our legislators.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize Solicitor Eastman to prepare and advertise the jake brake ordinance for adoption at the May Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Wiley to re-appoint Al McDonnell to the Board of Code Enforcement Appeals. This is a five year term and will expire in April 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to re-appoint David Sanders to the Civil Service Commission. This is a six year term and will expire in May 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy informed Council that Barbara Hafer sits on the Seminary Board and is very fond of Gettysburg. She is willing to help Gettysburg to establish a foundation that would be a source of funding for various community projects, similar to the Landmark Foundation in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Hafer will speak at the Rotary Club meeting scheduled for Monday, April 26 at 4:00. Community Development Committee is invited to attend this meeting.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiley asked if there was any concern during the HARB meeting about using vinyl siding on the Murphy building. The siding may be damaged due to the amount of traffic on Baltimore Street.

Mrs. Gustafson said there was no discussion at the HARB meeting concerning this issue.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that HARB recommended that Council present certificates of special recognition at the May meeting for several property owners for their contributions to historic preservation in the Borough in 1998.

Dr. Powell noted May would be appropriate since it is Preservation month. There will be reception for HARB and the recipients at 7:00 AM May 10, prior to the Council meeting.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Wiley to accept HARB's recommendation to present certificates to property owners at the May Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the ordinance expanding the Historic District. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward reporting for the Recreation Board informed Council that Cumberland Township reduced their annual donation by 25%.

Mr. Woodward invited Council to attend the "night out" with P.A.C.T. to be held in August.

Mr. Wiley reported the Community Development Committee met with David Sites who is planning a project behind the Tannery on Baltimore Street. The Greystone Group also continues to work on this parking area. Committee suggested that these developers work together in developing these lots.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance after making the following corrections: Section 1011-B Dumpsters, should read 3 or 4 sides instead of 3 of 4; Section 1102, second C should be a D; and Section 108 fees amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the resolution setting new subdivision and land development application and review fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman met with John Lawver to discuss the work on Racehorse Alley - David English property on 4th Street.

Solicitor Eastman filed a lien on April 7 for the Mauston property, 264-266 Washington Street in the amount of \$3,999. This was due to non-payment of the clean up costs on his property.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve Penns Valley Publishers agreement to supplement Code of Ordinances for an additional two year period. The agreement will expire in March 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

Bids for highway material, equipment rental and dump truck will be opened at the Public Works meeting and recommendations will be made at the May Council meeting.

USS Gettysburg is due in Mayport, Florida on May 6. The ship plans to be in Baltimore June 24 through 29 to allow Gettysburgians an opportunity to visit the ship. Also, a small contingency of sailors will again visit Gettysburg over the Memorial Day weekend, with a color guard in the parade May 31. More information on this when it becomes available.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1996 and 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt Resolution For Plan Revision For New Land Development, ACT 537 planning module for the Holiday Inn. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt Resolution For Plan Revision For New Land Development, ACT 537 planning module for Gettysburg College Residence Housing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weikert reported that spring clean up will begin on Monday, April 26.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize Dr. Powell to submit a Grant application in the amount of \$5,000 for the Lincoln Cemetery Committee.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve payment of \$14,573 to John Milner & Associates for preliminary work on the Lincoln Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell reported that the Train Station Committee is reviewing finalist for a consultant to perform a historic structure report on the building.

Mr. Streeter asked Mrs. Crouse why Cumberland Township cut their donation by \$5,000 dollars. Mrs. Crouse spoke with Cumberland Supervisor George Weikert who indicated they want to reserve funds to start their own recreation park.

Mr. Little reported that Apple Line transportation has been taking more elderly to Kennies instead of out of town to Giant.

Mr. Little reported that the deck is well used with only about 40 spaces open. It is possible the Borough outgrow the deck by the year 2000.

With no further business moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Streeter to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

