

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 1999

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

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun and Tim Lambert of WGET.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of April 12, on the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the April Council Minutes after making a correction to page 2, 7.35 million in matched funds. Motion carried unanimously.

HPO Powell and HARB chair Shaffer presented the annual Historic Preservation Awards. The recipients on the attached list were commended for their diligent work in preserving Gettysburg's architecture. (Prior to tonight's meeting, a reception was held honoring the recipients as well as the members of HARB for their tireless efforts in protecting and enhancing Gettysburg architectural beauty and charm.)

Citizens in attendance:

Ken and Susan Boardman and Al Sessarago concerned about losing their Antique Shop business that is currently in the Wills House should the NPS purchase that building. They asked Council to consider their business.

Gary Shaffer, Jamie Fleet, Roberta Sullivan, Mary and James Dooley, Clodius Willis, all residents of East Middle Street, indicated their concern that additional trucks will use East Middle Street after the street improvements that are planned for this summer. They asked that Council order No Trucks sign be posted along that street.

Truman Eyler, 366 N Fourth Street, representing the Greystone Store on Baltimore Street, asked Council to reconsider the red, white and blue sign that HARB denied.

Shirley Nace attended to voice her opposition to the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance.

John McAndrew announced College commencement to be held on May 23. On Thursday, May 27 through Monday, May 31 the "Wall that Heals" will be on display at the

College. They still are in need of volunteers to assist. There will be a fireworks display on the college campus June 5 as part of Alumni Weekend.

Susan Bryant, 80 E Water St., Carolyn DeSilva, 77 E Water St. and Carolyn Snively, 148 N. Stratton St., attended to give their support to the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance.

Sam Mudd, 308 Pine St., reported that St. James has organized a Gettysburg Beautification Task Force that is working with the Public Works Committee and Mr. Sterner. They have planned a litter pick up project two days each week using borough volunteers and Adams County Prison volunteers.

Fraternity brothers Andrew Usmiani, Steve Silver, Dan McCabe, Matthew Haag and Mark Dangler attended to voice opposition to the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance.

Mayor Troxell reported that he and several members of Council went to Washington on May 10 to meet with Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt to put forth Borough concerns with the NPS visitor center and General Management Plan. He noted the meeting proceed well, with the Secretary interested in Borough concerns.

Mayor Troxell reported that he and Manager Sterner met with city representatives from Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. They visited Gettysburg to learn of our success in tourist development.

Mayor Troxell passed along District Attorney Michael George's thanks to our Police Department for the good job they do for our community.

Mr. Streeter reported that the Transportation Committee met with Senator Punt. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12. He distributed a list of events and projects started since 1991 for Council to review.

Mr. Streeter requested no truck signs to be placed on East Middle Street.

Manager Sterner reported that 6th Street was designed in the mid 80's when the GMA plant was enlarged. At that time, the road was planned to be 40 feet in width rather than our customary 30 feet to accommodate truck traffic at GMA, C. E. Williams and our own Highway Department shed. In addition, all street construction now is sufficient to handle truck loading as we do have local deliveries, garbage trucks and our own snow plows. He noted that in the mid 1970's, Council had made a request to PennDOT to take over East Middle Street as PA Route 116. PennDOT refused as the street was not built to their specification. The Borough made an attempt to meet those specifications, but PennDOT still denied the request. The idea was dropped. Sterner continued by noting that PennDOT does not routinely "take over" local streets. Indeed, PennDOT has a "Takeback" program whereby they urge local governments to take over their streets and roads. Further, PennDOT annually requests local governments, including Gettysburg, to provide winter maintenance on their routes through town. Of course, we do not participate in that program. Having reported this, he did caution Council to follow the upcoming CRIS Study, as that study could recommend using local streets as alternative routes. Sterner noted that the Borough's Comprehensive Plan made a recommendation to consider East Middle Street as an alternate to move traffic from Lincoln Square. Finally he

reminded Council that we have an ordinance in effect that prohibits trucks over 6 tons on all Borough streets, however each street must be properly posted in order for the police to enforce. Even with proper posting, we cannot prevent local deliveries.

Highway Superintendent Lawver recommended that we delay posting East Middle Street until after the completion of 6th Street and the last block of East Middle Street.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Ms. Giles to approve posting no truck signs on East Middle Street, which will require posting of 6th, 5th, 4th 3rd, Liberty and Stratton Streets leading to East Middle.

Responding to questions, Sterner noted that this posting would add to truck traffic in the square, and Lawver stated about 40 new signs would need to be installed.

Mr. Streeter withdrew his motion and Ms. Giles withdrew her second to post no trucks. Police and Highway Departments are further instructed to monitor traffic on East Middle Street after construction at which time the issue will be revisited.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Wiley to award the road material and equipment rental bids in each category to the low bidder as follows: Asphalt - Valley Quarries, Inc.; Equipment Rental - C. E. Williams Sons., Inc.; Ready Mixed Concrete - McDermitt, Inc.; and Dump Truck - Adams County Motors @ \$49,003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher reported the Public Works Committee announced that the Lutheran Seminary will officially change the name of W. Confederate Avenue to Seminary Ridge on June 10, 1999. That avenue is owned by the NPS, which has given its approval to the change.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Wiley to approve all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Kreisher to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Regulated Rental Ordinance for adoption at the June meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner invited any citizens interested in discussing the minor changes to the Regulated Rental Ordinance to attend the Safety Committee meeting on Monday May 17 and again at the June 14 Council meeting.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the Jake Brake Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported that the next NPS Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 PM. The College, Commissioners, Township Supervisors and other officials will be invited to the meeting to discuss options for the next round of federal TEA 21 grant applications.

Mr. Murphy reported that Barbara Hafer will speak at the Rotary Foundation meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 11

Mrs. Gustafson presented the HARB Consent Agenda for consideration. Dr. Powell explained that the Greystone application to HARB requesting a red, white and blue sign was not approved because the colors would clash with the current color scheme. HARB asked that they reconsider their color scheme.

Discussion continued on item J of the HARB consent agenda dealing with a request to demolish a garage at the rear of 431-433 Baltimore Street.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB consent agenda including items A & B old business and new business items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, & K, excluding item J. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell noted that if an application is not acted on within 30 days the application is deemed approved.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Streeter to deny conditionally item J, the demolition of a rear garage at property at 431-433 Baltimore Street. However, if the owner would grant an extension of time to allow Borough Council to review this matter and revisit the same at its June Borough Council meeting, the denial will be withdrawn for further action by the Borough Council at its June meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to appoint Carol Smith to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Robert Weaner. This term will expire in December 2003.

Rec Director Crouse gave a brief update on the new building. The project committee sent RFP's to several architectural firms which were due back on May 7. The Board will chose its architect at their next meeting.

Mr. Wiley asked if there is a report on the fire siren. Mr. Kreisher said there is nothing new to report and further that it may be some time before any changes could be implemented. There will be a report at the next Safety Committee meeting.

Managers report:

Recommend that Council send a letter to NPS officials with copies to legislators indicating support of the NPS proposal to amend the official park boundary to include the Will House, thereby paving the way for NPS purchase of the building.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the boundary amendment as proposed by NPS. Motion carried unanimously.

Main Street Director Trostle indicated support and assistance to the businesses that are currently located in the Wills House.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the June meeting an ordinance ordaining Little & Race Horse Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax year 1998 excluding James Agard. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Wiley to approve the Resolution for the Highway Safety Grant for the Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Ms. Giles to contract with John Milner & Associates for Lincoln Cemetery survey ion the amount of \$14,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Wiley, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to authorize the application for the Historic Education and Tourism Grant for the Lincoln Cemetery in the amount of \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawver reported that the PennDOT agility program is working well in Adams County. His department will work on various projects ion and out of the Borough to the benefit of the municipalities.

Babe Moyer reported that the next P.A.C.T. meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

With no further business moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Kreisher to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

