

COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 1999

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

Representing the press were Tammie Gitt of the Evening Sun and Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Council meeting minutes of October 12. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Polly Parone, GARMA and Bea Savage were observing the meeting.

Carol Davenport represented the YWCA.

Tim Braband, representing the Gettysburg Fire Department Siren Committee.

Jean McCroire, Milton Moyer, Rheda Martin, Doris Guise, Jim Baumgardner, Jane Stallsmith and Bill Harner, members of P.A.C.T., presented their views on the fire siren, that is to say they prefer that it remain in operation.

Mayor Troxell reported the Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, November 26 at 6:30 PM. Also, the Boroughs Association will meet on Monday, November 15.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Streeter to appoint Eldridge Moses, representing Franklin Township, to fulfill the term of Brian Smith. This term will expire in September 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter reported that he reviewed the draft Comprehensive Plan at Cumberland Township. They are planning to upgrade the road structure within the next 25 years. They will send the Borough a final draft when completed.

Mr. Streeter reported that Representative Bud Shuster will be in town on November 19 to sign his book at the Chamber of Commerce. We hope to schedule a meeting with him on the square to discuss other issues.

Mr. Streeter reported that the next Transportation Task Force meeting will be held on November 16 at 7:00 PM.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Woodward to authorize the advertisement of the garbage hauling bid for opening at the December 13th Council meeting in conjunction with Straban and Freedom Townships. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported that the newly formed National Trust for Historic Gettysburg will soon make a public announcement.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize a 2.1% cost of living increase for police pensioners, effective October 1, 1999 and paid from the Police Pension Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the proposed 2000 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported that Representative Steve Maitland attended the Legislative Committee meeting. He opposes the repeal of the amusement tax which represents 1/2 mill in real estate taxes to the Borough.

Ms. Giles reported the Safety Committee agreed with the proposal of the Siren Committee. See the Safety Committee minutes for a complete explanation of the proposal which includes turning off the siren at night.

Mr. Woodward expressed his opposition to having the sirens turned off. He feels they should be left on to commemorate and honor the many men and women volunteers of the fire department.

Mr. Eline commented that he used to think the siren was a necessity to alert people but doesn't feel this way anymore. He supports the proposal of the Siren Committee which results in the fire siren being turned off.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance for adoption at the December meeting, that would increase all Borough fines to state limits. Building and safety fines would be \$1,000 with all others \$600. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the NPS Committee will meet on Wednesday November 4. they will be discussing the Wills House.

Mr. Andrews reported for HARB with some discussion on Items B-Exxon sign and E-Interfaith Housing. HARB did review their applications and made a recommendation to Council with stipulations.

Mr. Murphy asked if the Super 8 Motel on York Street is following their original plan. It appears to look different than what he saw on those plans. Mr. Weikert reported that the developer presented revised plans to both HARB and the Planning Commission, and those plans were approved.

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

Mr. Eline suggested the Town and Gown Committee meet on a bi-monthly basis next year.

Mr. Andrews, as chair of the Finance Committee, expressed his appreciation to all Department Heads for all their work in the 2000 Budget. The departmental narratives were well done and very useful. Many thanks!

Solicitor Eastman explained the difference between a resolution and motion. He noted that certain acts require the adoption of a resolution, while others simply a motion. He explained that a resolution is not a law, whereas an ordinance is a law.

Managers report:

He will be preparing the annual Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund list for December approval.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt an Ordinance amending the Shade Tree Commission Ordinance which authorizes the appointment of two alternate members to the Shade Tree commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to appoint Dottie Fidler to a two year term and Carolyn Smith to a three year term on the newly expanded Shade Tree Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt two resolutions supporting the Grant Facilitating sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to accept the G.H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1996 and 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt a resolution to request County CDBG funding for the Gettysburg Area Recreation Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve a grant application to DCED under their Shared Municipal Services Program (Community Revitalization Grant) for the Recreation Office Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Crouse reported that to date she has received \$137,000 in donations, grants and other funding sources toward the new recreation building. Straban Township obligated \$12,000 over a three year period and Mt. Joy obligated \$6,000 over a two year period.

Mr. Trostle reported that Main Street will have the web site in operation in about another week..

Mr. Little reported that Duncan supplied us with the wrong meters. Hopefully we will receive the new ones soon and have them installed on Steinwehr Avenue within the month.

Mr. Weikert reported that Roselawn Development Company will be addressing the Community Development Committee with plans for the old DMI building.

Mr. Weikert asked that residents put their leaves along the curb and not on the roadway. Leaves tend to clog storm sewer inlets.

Mr. Lawver reported that the highway crew has begun to pick up leaves. Brush pick up will begin the second week in December.

Mr. Eline asked about the plans for PennDOT paving downtown next summer.

Manager Sterner reported that they will be milling and repaving the square and main streets coming into the square. A date is not yet set, however we have supplied PennDOT with a list of events. PennDOT plans to keep traffic open but parking will be removed on those streets.

Dr. Powell reported that on November 20th the Lincoln Cemetery Veterans Day Parade will be held at 2:30 with a ceremony following at 3:00. A Wayside Dedication will be held at 4:00 at the location of the Colored School on the corner of Franklin & High streets.

Mr. Murphy said he received complaints in his neighborhood about trick-or-treating. He had over 400 children on Halloween. He suggested that all Boroughs and Townships hold trick-or-treating on the same night.

With no further business moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary