

COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 1999

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Monahan, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Highway Superintendent Lawver.

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

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Council meeting minutes of November 8. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Muriel Rice and Gretchen Stuempfle, requested \$4,000 for the YWCA in the 2000 budget. The funds will be used for Teen Time.

Jamie Fleet, observing the meeting.

Michael Vendetti and Ramona Overton to support silencing the siren..

Timothy Braband, GFD Siren Committee.

Rad Schultz, Dale Koontz, Joan Koontz, John Collins, Bobbi Fox, Katherine Narveson and Eric Crump indicated their concern with the possibility of widening Zerfing Alley East. Rad asked that the Legion's plan to widen the Alley not be approved. He said the Planning Commission is not aware of these plans. He asked what procedure will be followed for the ordination.

Ms. Giles asked why the Planning Commission wasn't aware of this.

Mr. Streeter asked that the Planning Commission be requested to delay approval of the Legion continuing with their plans until everything is finalized.

Mr. Weikert explained that the Land Development plans submitted by the Legion include the widening of the alley, but the Planning Commission hasn't granted those plans approval. The Planning Commission will be reviewing those plans at next weeks meeting. He suggested these citizens attend the Planning Committee meeting to express their concerns.

Solicitor Eastman reported that the land development plans are approved by the Planning Commission. That body will make a recommendation to approve or disapprove the alley. Council then will make the final decision on the ordination of the alley.

Interested citizens should attend the planning commission and committee meetings to express their concerns.

Mr. Monahan asked Rad Schultz if he could vote on this at the Planning Commission.

Mr. Eline responded that Rad Schultz serves on the Planning Commission and has been a member of the Legion's building committee. He should step down as a planning commissioner and give his opinions. He also owns adjacent property which could be a conflict of interest. He continued by noting that the Legion is donating the land to have the alley widened just as the Fire Department did when they moved.

Mr. Streeter reported that the Community Development meeting will be changed to Tuesday, December 28 at 4:00. There will be no Task Force meeting in December.

Manager Sterner completed his review of the garbage bids and recommended that Waste Management be awarded the contract. He reported that the new rates would be cut in half of that now being charged the community.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Woodward to award the garbage hauling contract to Waste Management effective January 1, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Council took a short recess to allow Straban and Freedom Townships to award their garbage hauling bids to Waste Management. Those townships were still in open special meeting, and after their official action declared their respective meetings closed. Mr. Sterner noted that this was an historic evening, never before had Straban, Freedom and Gettysburg met in concurrent session. All thanked Bicky Redman, County Solid Waste Coordinator for her valuable assistance in preparing the bid specs.

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 approve the 2000 budget as presented, with the notation that should there be snow monies available in the spring, that up to \$4,000 be donated to the YWCA for Teen Time. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked that if the budget is approved tonight can there be any changes made in January, such as approving the YWCA request of \$4,000. Mrs. Gustafson reported that we have never been able to get numbers from the YWCA as to how many participants are Borough citizens. Mr. Sterner reported that the budget can be amended anytime, should Council desire to make a change.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an Ordinance fixing the tax rates for the fiscal year 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Ms. Giles to reappoint Wayne Mayers to the Planning Commission for a five year term. This term will expire in December 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to reappoint, by Resolution, Charlotte Armster to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five year term. This term will expire December 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported that he hasn't had a reply from the Commissioners on the repeal of the amusement tax. The Chamber will be sending a letter to Senator Punt opposing the tax repeal. Council also opposes the repeal of amusement taxes which represents 1/2 mill in real estate taxes to the Borough.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an Ordinance amending the fine and penalty provisions of all Borough Ordinances by increasing the same to the maximum amounts as authorized by the Borough Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to endorse the siren proposal of Gettysburg Fire Department, effectively immediately. YEA: Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Eline: NAY: Mr. Woodward.

Timothy Braband, GFD Siren Committee, said the siren would be turned off on Wednesday December 15, 1999.

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

Mr. Monahan mentioned the recent death of retired Sgt. Roosevelt "Slim" Sistrunk who served on the police force for over twenty years. He noted he served with great dedication and distinction. He will be greatly missed in the community.

Mr. Monahan asked if Council should send a letter to the college requesting their long term plans as had been requested.

Mayor Troxell noted the news release from Governor Ridge used the terms "best little town in the world". We are thankful to Senator Punt who worked very hard to get the \$3,000,000 funding for the Borough. Council is invited to attend a lunch for Senator Punt sometime in January.

Mayor Troxell will administer the oath of office to the newly elected Council members before the January 3rd meeting.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's report:

One bid was opened for the sale of our 1984 dump truck. That bid was in the amount of \$3,200 by C & R Landscaping, N. Stratton Street.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the bid from C&R Landscaping to purchase the dump truck for \$3,200. Motion carried unanimously.

Sterner recommends an amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance to provide for an exclusive contract, mandatory collection, and to expand the definition of refuse. The Public Works Committee will review this at their next committee meeting.

Y2K downtown fireworks display is scheduled for midnight December 31, 1999. It is funded by ACNB in the amount of \$5,000 as part of the Adams County Bicentennial. WGET/WGTY will supply music from 10:00 to midnight. At least one vendor will be on hand to sell refreshments.

The biannual reorganization council meeting will be held on the first Monday, January 3, 2000 at 7:30 PM per state code. It will also be the normal meeting, with none scheduled on January 10.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to accept the G.H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1998, 1997 and 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Gantz announced Officer Briggs resigned recently. He recommends several amendments to the Civil Service regulations prior to beginning the hiring process including changing the minimum age from 18 to 21; must have a 120 college credits, and only the top 15 will be selected for the oral portion.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve those amendments to the Civil Service regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline asked Mr. Trostle to report to the Community Development Committee his progress with the Economic Development Office.

Mr. Eline thanked Mrs. Gustafson and Mr. Andrews for their hard work and dedication serving the community. He presented each with a shirt with the Borough Seal embroidered on front.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary