

## COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2000

Vice President Giles called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Woodward, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter and Mayor Troxell. President Eline and Manager Sterner were visiting our sister city in Leon, Nicaragua. Staff present included: Secretary Stull, Chief Gantz, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Highway Superintendent Lawver and Main Street Director Trostle.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Tammie Gitt of the Evening Sun and Tim Lambert with WGET Radio.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 3. Motion carried unanimously.

### Citizens in attendance:

Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association.

Attorney Carol Steinour, McNees, Wallace & Nurick, Harrisburg, is representing Leo and Pearl Weimer, 352 York Street who submitted a application to HARB to replace windows. They attended to appeal the HARB decision to Council.

Gary Shaffer, HARB Chairman, noted that HARB carefully reviewed this property and advised the owners they could make the replacements to the back part of the house. HARB recommended the front windows, trim and facade be maintained in wood. The windows are the original and recommend they be kept the same. Mr. Shaffer noted that if Council so directs, HARB would review this proposal again.

Eric Uberman, 297 Steinwehr Avenue, presented Ms. Giles with a document dated July 1999 from Thomas Martin, NPS consultants. It reported that the NPS visitor projections wave been reduced.

Tammy Myers, 18 Seminary Avenue, was observing the meeting.

Emmett Patterson, owner of McDonalds, Steinwehr Avenue, feels the NPS isn't doing the proper planning for the new NPS. The Borough should make a contingency plan and be careful when working with the NPS.

Melissa Miller, 38 North Stratton Street, attended to follow up on her HARB application.

Mayor Troxell indicated that he would be attending the SUMMIT II conference at York College, and if any are interested in attending, to notify the Secretary.



Mr. Andrews reported that the Legislative Committee is attempting to gather support from local municipalities to oppose the amusement tax repeal. Senator Punt has reconsidered, thanks to Dave Sites, Chairman of Governmental Cooperation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce who has been working very hard on this issue.

Mr. Andrews suggested that the Borough host special guests in appreciation for their recent assistance. He noted Barbara Hafer, several officials from the Governor's office and PA State Association of Boroughs. The committee is also preparing to visit our congressional delegation in Washington.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to appoint Pat Beetle to the Rec Board representing the Borough. This term will expire in September 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles noted the Rec Board and Safety Committee minutes are in Council packets for review.

Mr. Kreisher had nothing to report for Public Works.

Mr. Monahan reported the College Relations Committee will be discussing long range plans of the College. He also reported that college students must attend a workshop prior to obtaining College approval to live off campus. The committee has scheduled a landlord workshop in April at the college.

Mr. Fleet reported that attended a college breakfast which was well attended by the Gettysburg Fire Department Junior Firemen.

Mr. Streeter reported the Community Relations was advised that Giant has renewed its lease with Kimco another 5 years. His committee will be developing several proposals to counteract that decision at the next meeting.

Mr. Streeter reported the CRIS study is proceeding, however there is nothing to report at this time.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward that the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg Inc. be permitted to use the Lincoln Train Station as its first project - to raise funds for the station's final completion as an interpretive and/or museum facility. Also moved that the Trust be permitted to use the Lincoln Train Station as its temporary headquarters. Finally, that Council appropriate \$25,000 to the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg Inc. in pursuit of its Lincoln Train Station project activities. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve HARB consent agenda with the exception of Item H, Weimer property. Motion carried unanimously.

There was considerable discussion on Item H. It was noted that to remove the original windows would not be permitted under historic structures guidelines. The windows can be repaired.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to refer item H, Weimer property back to HARB for further review. Motion carried unanimously.

"The applicants, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Weimer, by their attorney, Carol Steinour, waived the requirement under the Borough's Historic District Ordinance that the Borough Council must act on their application at this meeting to allow the Borough Council to refer the matter back to HARB for further review."

Ms. Giles reported the next Council workshop is scheduled for March 9 at 6:30 PM at the Gettysburg Hotel on Lincoln Square.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1995, 1996 and 1997. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weikert reported that he continues to work with the County's Complete Count Committee as we prepare for the upcoming Census. Count day is scheduled for April 1. He reported that a concerted effort is planned to reach all groups including migrant workers, Hispanics, college students, etc.

Solicitor Eastman reported that the Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance & Map were duly advertised and ready to be acted upon.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve amending the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map of the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawver reported that to date \$14,000 has been spent for snow removal.

Dr. Powell reported that the Department of Housing & Development (HUD) will be on line in April with a new drawdown system whereas we no longer will request funds through paper.

Dr. Powell reported that he and Mr. Andrews will be attending the Pa. Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authority (PAHRA) Conference in Harrisburg tomorrow.

Mr. Trostle reported that Main Street received a check for a matching donation of \$100,000 dollars from a principal anonymous donor. A recognition party is being planned for March.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary

