

## COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 8, 2000

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

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

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

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Council meeting Minutes of April 10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Bea Savage, Savage Carriage Co., observing the meeting.

Jeff Young, Gettysburg Carriage Co., observing the meeting.

Former Mayor Willis Weikert, 55 Seminary Ave., observing the meeting.

Jon Muller, 65 Steinwehr Avenue, voiced his concerns about the horse and carriages parking in front of his business. They are dirty and the smell lingers in his store. Employees quit due to allergies from the horse hair. He is tired of the problems and wants the horses to park elsewhere.

Mayor Troxell reported the County Boroughs Association meeting will be on Monday, May 15 at the Family Restaurant. Contact Sara for reservations.

Mayor Troxell reported that Mr. Andrews is registered for the annual PSAB conference in June but cannot attend. He asked for a replacement from Council to attend in his place.

Mr. Streeter reported the Community Development Committee will meet at 3:00 PM on May 22. Local housing agencies have been invited to discuss a housing strategy in the Borough.

Mr. Streeter reported the next NPS committee meeting is scheduled for August.

Dr. Powell gave a summary report on HARB.

Discussion on Item I Super 8 Motel 606 York Street



Mr. Streeter and Mr. Monahan both questioned the landscaping in front of the Super 8. Mr. Weikert responded that the Planning Commission originally approved the wall but later revisions approved by the Planning Commissions removed the wall and in its place are plantings.

Weikert continued by noting that he is responsible for enforcing the provisions of Planning Commission approvals and that Patel has complied with the approvals granted by the planning Commission.

Sterner pointed out that the Planning Commission makes the final decision on land developments unlike HARB which is a recommending board. Better communication will be established between HARB and the Planning Commission.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB consent agenda for the April 26 meeting. Mr. Eline abstained from the vote due to his employment with Gettysburg Hospital. All others approve this motion.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB consent agenda for the May 3 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve and accept new lease agreement with the County for 34 East Middle Street as approved by the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve Borough membership in the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported for the Legislative Committee that he is still in contact with Senator Punt's office and will finalize a date for a tour in late May or June and Mr. Mahoney, secretary for Senator Santorum, will be contacting us for a meeting in the near future.

Mr. Andrews reported that he attends the Governmental Cooperation Committee meetings along with the Grants Facilitating and Land Use sub-committees of the Chamber of Commerce. He recommends that the Borough become a member of the Chamber and take advantage of the benefits they offer.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Kreisher to authorize the Borough to become a member of the Gettysburg Adams County Area Chamber of Commerce and instruct the Manager to pay the annual dues of \$250.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported that the \$4,000 annual donation will be sent to the YWCA from unused snow funds.



Mr. Andrews reported there has been some progress with Cumberland Township in their informal discussions. Cumberland has requested to add a township representative to the GMA board. Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve expanding the GMA Board to 6 seats to accommodate Cumberland's request.

Discussion continued concerning this motion: Mr. Eline reported Council and Cumberland held several meetings to discuss ideas for regionalization. He wants to improve municipal cooperation.

Ms. Giles noted that they also discussed Recreation and Police issues and reminded Council that Cumberland has not donated to our Recreation building fund and reduced the annual donation to the Rec programs.

Mr. Woodward asked if a seat on GMA is added for Cumberland, then we should add a seat for Straban. Mr. Eline replied that Straban Township never asked to sit on this Board.

Mr. Eline noted the GMA Board consist of 5 good members and the intent is to not eliminate any of the current members. Rather this is an expansion of the Board.

Ms. Giles pointed out that Cumberland has every right to attend GMA meeting as is any Township.

Mr. Monahan commented that he is pleased with the way Cumberland Township and our Highway crew have been working together. Cumberland is behind in some areas such as funding the Recreation Department. He would approve adding a Cumberland rep to the GMA Board as long as they would agree to budget their fair share for Recreation.

Ms. Giles asked to postpone this motion for one month so that Cumberland can respond to her and Mrs. Crouse request to Cumberland for a donation to the Rec building.

Mr. Andrews withdrew his motion and Mr. Streeter his second.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize Solicitor Eastman to research the expansion of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board to include a Cumberland representative and Council will reconsider the proposal next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline announced the next Council workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 PM. Place to be announced later.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to endorse the Gettysburg Area Recreation Park Capital Campaign and to proceed with developing plans and specs for bidding the work. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the Safety Committee continues to discuss the horse and carriage issues and will it will again be on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to authorize Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the June meeting an ordinance authorizing contracting police service to Straban Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kreisher reported that the garbage and recycling ordinance will be ready for adoption at the June Council meeting.

Mr. Monahan reported that the Landlord Workshop went very well.

Manager's report:

The first session with the Eisenhower Society went well. The Society presented its price for the purchase of the Wills House. We did not counter offer as we await our appraisal.

Congressman Goodling reports the NPS Wills House Boundary proposal moved out of committee and that we can expect legislation to pass in June.

The USS Gettysburg color guard will be in town for the Memorial Day parade.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the G.H. Harris report for tax years 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Adams County Earned Income Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve placement of the Thaddeus Stevens portrait in Council Chambers. After some discussion on Mr. Monahan rescinded his motion and Mr. Fleet his second.

Mayor Troxell presented Manager Sterner a proclamation in recognition of his 20 years of service to the Borough as Manager Treasurer. A reception was held after the Council meeting with friends, family, co-workers. Invited guests past Council Presidents Jean Simpson, Harry Stokes, Jerry Shealer and former Mayor Willis Weikert attended. Charlie was definitely surprised!

With no further business, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Woodward to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary