

**COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2000**

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

Representing the press was Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Council meeting minutes of May 8 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported that there will be a meeting on June 30 with Cumberland Township. Ron Stern will present information on regionalization of police services.

Citizens in attendance:

Ross Hetrick, 65 West Middle Street, was pleased to see the portrait of Thaddeus Stevens hanging in Council Chambers. He invited Council to a presentation of the portrait in Council Chambers on June 28 at 11:30 AM.

Sherman Hoy, representing Lincoln Cemetery Committee, requested permission to construct a curb 2 feet into both Cemetery Alley and Lincoln Lane. The Cemetery Committee will install a 4 ft. fence around the cemetery and the curb will help prevent vehicles from causing damage. Also, he asked that Council consider funding the curb.

Mr. Eline sent the request to the Public Works Committee meeting on June 19 at 4:00 PM for consideration. Also, Mr. Eastman will investigate and provide an opinion on the request.

Camille Cline, Fairfield, representing a re-enactor group, asked to place a monument on the square in the south west Quadrant that would honor the Civilians of Gettysburg 1861-1865. Mr. Eline referred this to the Public Works Committee for further review.

Mayor Troxell reported that his office will be closed June 19 - 21 while he is attending PSAB's annual conference.

Mr. Streeter reported that the Steering Committee will meet on June 21 at 2:00.

Mr. Streeter reported that a meeting will be scheduled soon with all the parties to join in a cooperative planning for the new visitors center. Cumberland Township and Adams County will attend this meeting.

Mr. Streeter reported that the Community Development Committee will form a sub-committee to deal with community housing issues. They will meet quarterly.

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

Mr. Murphy, reporting for the Finance Committee, noted they reviewed the pension plans and both are doing well. The committee continues to pursue a home buying incentive program in the Borough based on the Franklin & Marshal College program. Borough Manager continues to shop for health benefits and will present a package to the June Finance Committee. They are planning to establish a sub-committee of the Finance Committee to develop a downtown strategy.

Mr. Murphy noted that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the Main Street Grant application to create a low interest loan pool.

Mr. Streeter asked if the business owner isn't able to come up with the 75% down would this grant help them. Mr. Murphy said responded that it would. Ms. Giles asked if this program is similar to the prior program designed to help businesses revitalize their properties. Mr. Murphy responded that it is exactly like to prior program. In response to Mr. Kreisher's request, Ms. DeOhms responded that the interest rate is 0%.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the Main Street Gettysburg Inc. application to the Department of Community Economic Development for a \$250,000 Cooperative Loan Program Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Kreisher to exonerate South Central Community Action Programs for 2000 real estate taxes (\$100.37). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy presented the HARB summary review.

Ms. Giles asked the procedure for item H, 201 Chambersburg Street, Scott Hartman, owner. Mr. Weikert said citations have been issued and fines paid. A recent citation will be tried at the district justice. This action has no effect on the HARB application nor will HARB approve effect the hearing.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan report that the Legislative Committee has prepared a briefing package to present to legislators and other dignitaries that outlines the Borough, its challenges and plans.

Ms. Giles reported that the Rec Board has raised \$221,000 toward the building campaign. Gary Shaffer is preparing bids and specifications.

Ms. Giles noted that only three Councilors donated \$150 towards the Buzz Jones Band scheduled for June 24. She hopes that all donate to the project.

Mr. Monahan asked if all the Townships have made their donations to the Rec building project. Ms. Giles noted all Townships have responded except Cumberland.

Mr. Eline reported that Cumberland Township is considering a donation in next years budget. They don't feel that they can designate money towards the Rec Building so they will donate \$3,000 for regular funding this year.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the entry into a joint municipal agreement for law enforcement services with Straban Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve Schriver House request to discharge period firearms 6-9 PM on July 4th (blanks only). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Kreisher to instruct solicitor to advertise various amendments to parking ordinance for adoption at the July meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline has received a letter from Susan Bryant concerning truck traffic on East Water Street. He sent the issue to the Safety Committee for review.

Mr. Eline asked if there are problems with the horse & carriage businesses. Jon Muller, 65 Steinwehr Avenue, is delighted that they no longer park in front of his business. They are parking elsewhere on the street which seem to be fine.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt the solid waste ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Murphy to award the ready mixed concrete contract to Hanover Concrete and Gettysburg Concrete; the asphalt contract to Valley Quarries; and the equipment rental contract to C.E. Williams, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported that the College Relations Committee is working to obtain assurance from the college that they will keep the off campus properties on the tax roles. He also noted that the graduation time has been changed from 1:00 to 2:00 next year.

Solicitor Eastman asked if Council had any questions on his opinion concerning the addition of board members to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority. There were none.

Managers report:

Senator Punt has arranged for Penn DOT to pave downtown in September rather than in August.

He asked if Council wanted to appoint a voting delegate and alternate to the PLCM conference. As that conference is scheduled for the next week, there were no Councilors able to attend. Mr. Eline suggested that a PLCM rep come to one of our committee meetings to inform us on the organization.

Sterner presented a request from Russell Arkin, the owner/developer of the Fahnestock building, to forgive a \$96,000 promissory note dated December 31, 1985 interest at 1%, principal and interest due 2010. He reported that this was originally a CDBG grant to Arkin, but during the development Arkin preferred that it be a loan. Council denied the request.

Sterner reported a Fireworks Committee will be Mary Malewicki, Ramona Overton, Deb McCauslin and Judy Schultz. The Willy's Band is tentatively scheduled for New Year's Eve festivities. Adams County National Bank will again donate \$5,000 for the fireworks. No other funds are budgeted for entertainment, therefor Mr. Eline referred this to the Finance Committee to determine if funds are available.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the policy for public displays in Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to re-appoint William Hutchison to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority (GAIDA) for a five year term. This term will expire in July 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the destruction of all parking tickets 1998 and older. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax year 1999 with the exception of Cassanova Heriberto, Holly Davis and Tanya Qually. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Gantz reported he received a donation from Rutters for \$300 to be used towards movable targets for the indoor range; the Optimist Club donated \$500 for kids programs to be used to hold a bicycle rodeo at the Rec Park

Mrs. Crouse reported the Sunday in the Park program began in June and is going well.

Mr. Lawver reported the milling work will begin on June 19 and all property owners were given a notice of intended work.

Mr. Sterner reported that Liz Daniels recently resigned from HARB. A resolution will be prepared honoring her long service to Council, the Rec Board and HARB.

Mr. Murphy said they continue to search for a replacement for Mrs. Daniels, with the hope to locate a volunteer soon.

Council convened a brief executive session, the purpose to discuss matters concerning the negotiations to purchase the Wills House.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

