

COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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, Acting Chief Sgt. Cytha Grissom, Main Street Director Trostle, Rec Manager Crouse, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Tim Lambert with WGET and John Bugbee of the York Dispatch.

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

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the Council meeting minutes of October 10 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Frank Leber, Bond Counsel, Rhoads & Sinon.

Nancie Gudmasted, Barbara Finrock and Bob Wagner were here in support of the Wills House purchase and the interpretive plan approval.

Jon Muller, Sherman Hoy, J. Bartlett, Warren and Dolly Sheppard were observing the meeting.

Mr. Eline opened the meeting announcing that Council met in Executive Session on October 16, 2000 at 10:00 AM; the purpose was to negotiate the purchase of the Wills House with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society. He further reported that Council had come to terms with the Society for the purchase of the Wills House.

Solicitor Eastman reviewed the terms of the Agreement of Sale for the Wills House.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to accept the offer of the Eisenhower Society for the purchase of the Wills House at a price of \$500,000, the Borough to pay all closing costs, and further moved to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Agreement of Sale. Motion carried unanimously.

There was spontaneous applause by all in attendance for the action to purchase the Wills House.

Bond Counsel Frank Leber gave a brief summary of the General Obligation Note, Series of 2000, in the amount of \$250,000 to provide funds for the Recreation Building.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Kreisher to enact Ordinance No. 1246-00, in the form presented to this meeting, authorizing the incurrence of general obligation debt of this Borough to be evidenced by a General Obligation Note, Series 2000, in the maximum principal amount of \$250,000 to provide funds for and toward a capital project consisting of the erection and/or construction of a building to be used for community and other proper municipal purposes and the payment of related costs and expenses. YEA: Mr. Fleet, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Eline, Ms. Giles, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Monahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Frank Leber continued with a brief summary of the General Obligation Note Series of 2000A in the amount of \$500,000 to provide funding for the Wills House.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to enact Ordinance No. 1247-00, in the form presented to this meeting, authorizing the incurrence of general obligation debt of this Borough to be evidenced by a General Obligation Note, Series of 2000A, in the maximum principal amount of \$500,000 to provide funds for and toward a capital project consisting of the purchase, repair and/or renovation of a building and property of historical interest and the payment of related costs and expenses. YEA: Mr. Fleet, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kreisher, Mr. Eline, Ms. Giles, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Monahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association will meet on Monday, November 20 at the Family Restaurant at 6:30 PM. Those planning to attend should contact Secretary Stull.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to prepare and advertise for adoption in December, an amendment to the parking ordinance to remove parking from the west side of Long Lane, from a point 230 feet north of King Street, north to Queen Street, and further to instruct the Highway Department to install "Watch Children" signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to appoint Mrs. Rheda Martin, 650 Sunset Avenue to the Civil Service Commission to replace Sterling Musselman, term will expire in May 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the NPS Committee held a very productive meeting. Mr. Kinsley and Mr. Wilburn brought the committee up to date on the foundation being established to raise funds for the new NPS visitor center. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Troxell asked that the NPS Committee minutes be revised to include Ms. Giles concerns of the heavy traffic on Broadway since the one way of Howard Avenue.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee will meet with Senator Punt on Monday, November 27 at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Kreisher reported that the Public Works Committee took a walking tour of the Historic Pathway to examine utility lines and to learn some of the problems associated with replacing them with underground facilities. See minutes of that Committee meeting for further details.

Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Murphy, for the Borough/College/Friends cooperative \$243,000 TEA grant a motion to: 1. Approve the Friends project at \$50,000 to \$80,000 for easements along Rt. 97; 2. Approve the College project at \$90,000 on W. Railroad Street to widen the sidewalks, place bricks and green space for grass, trees and street furniture, noting that the Safety Committee will need to examine the need for one way traffic along Railroad Street; 3. Approve the Borough project using the remaining funds to brick the walkways along Baltimore Street northward beginning at Steinwehr Avenue; 4. And finally, to instruct Ms. Monrean on behalf of the 3 organizations, to submit the grant budget to PennDOT for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles inquired as to the status of the Sullivan request for property relief at Third and East middle. Solicitor Eastman indicated that the records concerning Third Street are inadequate, indeed there is no record of Borough ownership of Third Street, which, he noted, was originally known as Culp Street. His staff will continue with the title search with an up*date at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Mr. Streeter, reporting for the Community Development Committee, noted the meeting was well attended by the Housing Task Force members.

Mr. Streeter reported the next CRIS public meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20 at 6:00 PM at the Lincoln Elementary School. He encouraged all to attend.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Borough of Gettysburg Interpretive Plan as presented by the Steering Committee (with any technical corrections as needed); 2. to authorize its publication and wide distribution; 3. and further, to instruct the Manager to work in conjunction with Main Street Gettysburg to schedule an initial meeting with the suggested partners to effect the implementation of The Interpretive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Again there was spontaneous applause by all in attendance for the approval of the Interpretive Plan.

Mr. Woodward congratulated P.A.C.T. for being selected as a National Award Winner for its outstanding participation in the 17th Annual Nation Night Out program.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the proposed 2001 Borough Budget in the amount of \$2,843,240, and advertise same for public inspection until its final adoption at the December Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan commended all departments and staff for their hard work. He is very pleased that the Borough will not need to raise taxes. He mentioned his displeasure with neighboring townships and their failure to contribute a fair share to the Rec programs and new building. This places a burden on Borough taxpayers.

Mr. Andrews noted that the 2001 Borough budget include a \$14,000 appropriation to the Library. The Library is serviced County wide and the County assesses all properties so he feels that our tax payers are double taxed for the Library. While he stopped short of recommending a complete elimination, he asked that we consider a lower contribution. He will take this to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the December meeting, an ordinance fixing the tax rates for the fiscal year 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to instruct the Pension Administrator to prepare for Council's approval in December, an amendment to the Non-Uniformed Pension Document to eliminate the 2% employee contribution effective January 1, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy noted that HARB has not decided if they will change the date of their meeting. They will continue to meet the 4th Wednesday until further notice.

Mr. Monahan reported that the College Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, November 30.

Mr. Fleet reported that he met with our newly elected Representative to Congress, Mr. Todd Platts who looks forward to meeting with Council the beginning of the year.

Solicitor Eastman reported on the Gregory Snively property on Long Lane who had filed a petition regarding the Ordinance which vacates a portion of Lincoln Lane and Cemetery Alley. Mrs. Snively is asking that several prior issues with the Borough be resolved including a wire fence, repair curb and plant some bushes. If Council agrees to these repairs she will withdraw their petition. Mr. Sterner reported that this was a result of the borough's encroachment on her property several years ago when long Lane was re-constructed. He had attempted to satisfy her request at that time, including those items that she now request.

Moved Mr. Murphy seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize the Highway Dept. to replace wire fence, replace bushes, repair curb and install 2 posts to protect the Snively garage, subject to Mrs. Snively's withdraw of the request for hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's report:

Straban Township Supervisors have agreed to extend the Contract for Police services through 2001.

Highway Department is installing the clock on the square near Adams County National Bank (who graciously supplied the funding for the clock). ACNB President Ron Hankey will soon be planning a dedication ceremony, all will be notified of that date and time.

As a fund raiser for our Sister City projects, Project Gettysburg Leon (PGL) is selling 2001 calendars at \$10.00 each. They are very attractive, with artwork by the primitivistic artists of Leon, Nicaragua.

Manager Sterner will be preparing the annual Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund Christmas list. Should anyone know of deserving individuals or families, please notify Mr. Sterner.

Mr. Monahan asked if there is a Train Station Architect hired yet and has a timetable been established. Dr. Powell reported that the committee had selected an architect and that selection was submitted to PennDOT for approval. It is now in the hands of PennDOT, but we will ask that they move quickly on approval and negotiation with our selection. He further reported that we are not permitted to release that selection until PennDOT finally approve it.

With no further business to come before Council, at 9:25 PM Mr. Woodward moved and Mr. Kreisher seconded to adjourn this very historic meeting where we finalized the Interpretive Plan and purchased the Wills House, thereby forging ahead with the important work of improving and preserving our historic community.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

