

**COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2000**

Vice President Giles called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Kreisher and Mayor Troxell. Mr. Eline and Mr. Monahan were absent. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Parking Manager Little, Rec Manager Crouse and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times and Stacy Ward of the Evening Sun.

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

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the Council meeting minutes of November 13 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Ross Hetrick, West Middle Street, voiced his opposition to the proposal to increase parking rates and fines.

David Sites, developer of the proposed Gettysburg health care facility, asked Council to proceed with the vacation of the several alleys near that project.

Ms. Giles referred this to the Public Works Committee scheduled for Monday December 18.

Mr. Andrews asked if the Public Works Committee approves this on Monday would there be time to schedule a public hearing at next months Council meeting.

Solicitor Eastman indicated that an ordinance change would be required should Council approve the request.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption in January the required ordinances to vacate and/or relocate Dobbin Alley and Hospital Alley pending the Public Works approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Shaffer, HARB Chairman, reported that he scheduled a special meeting for HARB because of a complex project at the Gettysburg Hotel. He explained to Council that Mr. Murphy and Walt Powell were not involved with the scheduling of this meeting and hopes it doesn't cause a problem. However, HARB normally doesn't meet in December and therefore the HARB review and subsequent Council approval would have delayed the project until February.

Ms. Giles reported that the parking management plan is efficient and works well. Council continues to give free parking at Christmas as requested by the Retail Merchants. The Safety Committee refers to the 1989 Parking Plan and believes the system is working well.

Mrs. Crouse reported that the Rec Park did receive the \$20,000 grant from the Hoffman Foundation. To date they have raised \$266,000 towards the building fund.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee met with Senator Terry Punt and he was glad to hear the Train Station project is moving along. According to Senator Punt the personal property tax is not being revised. This is a State decision and not the local County Commissioners.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee will meet with Rep. Stephen Maitland on Wednesday, December 19 at 4:00 in Council Chambers.

Mr. Streeter reported the Community Development Committee did not meet in December. He will work on a report to address in January. That committee may need to meet twice in January due to the heavy workload.

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

Mr. Murphy asked for comments on the 2001 Budget proposal prior to final adoption.

Mr. Andrews noted that he is a supporter of the Library, but in good conscience cannot agree to a Borough appropriation to the Library because it would double tax Borough citizens. The County already takes 1/2 mill from all residents. Mr. Andrews compared Borough taxes and rates to Cumberland and Straban Townships, noting the extreme discrepancy. He strongly believes that it is not fair to ask his constituents to pay twice. He continued by noting that the Borough services the Bookmobile, cleans their sidewalks and purchases fuel at reduced cost.

Mr. Fleet agrees that we should not double tax citizens but asked that the decision be delayed for one year to allow the Library time to adjust. He also noted that we should eliminate other charitable organizations. He recommends that the \$14,000 be put on another line in the budget or give back to the tax payers.

Mr. Andrews reminded all that our budget is tight and we don't know what this winter will bring. We could have trouble paying our own bills and hopes to keep the \$14,000 in reserve.

Mr. Streeter recommended reduce the donation in 2001 and eliminate completely in 2002.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to delete the Library contribution for this year in the amount of \$14,000. YEA: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Woodward. NAY: Ms. Giles, Mr. Fleet and Mr. Kreisher. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Streeter seconded Mr. Fleet to approve all non-uniformed hourly employees to receive a longevity pay raise at the rate of: 1% for 5 years service; 2% for 10 years, 2.5% for 15 years and 3% for 20 years service. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt the Borough Budget for 2001 in the amount of \$2,843,240, subject to the modifications previously voted upon relating to longevity pay and the Library contribution. YEA: Mr. Murphy, Ms. Giles, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Kreisher. NAY: Mr. Fleet. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt the ordinance fixing the tax rates for the fiscal year 2001: Real Estate @ 11.380 mills and Occupation @ 30 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the January meeting, an ordinance amending the Non-Uniformed Pension Document to eliminate the 2% employee contribution effective January 1, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the January meeting amendments to the parking ordinance that will: a) increase hourly fees for parking at the Race Horse Alley Garage to \$0.40 per hour 24 hours per day and monthly fees to \$30.00 per month; b) increase fines for meter violations to \$10.00, \$5.00 if paid within 24 hours and c) lower the minimum requirement to "boot" vehicles to 5 outstanding parking tickets. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the New Year's Eve Committee's request for \$2,210 to cover the cost of the New Year's Eve downtown festivities (ACNB will fund \$5,000 in fireworks). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the \$3 million Capital Assistance Grant Budget and authorize the application to the Commonwealth, noting that the budget will be flexible as priorities and funding sources change:

Purchase of Wills House, including closing costs	\$600,000
Rehab of Wills House	1,500,000
Race Horse Alley Parking Garage extension	650,000
Historical Pathway, African/American Heritage projects	250,000
Total	\$3,000,000

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Woodward to deny the request of Interfaith Housing to forgive the \$96,000 Promissory Note of Russell Arkin (Fahnstock House). Motion carried Unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Kreisher to approve the application described in the minutes of the December 6 special meeting of HARB regarding alterations to the rear of the Gettysburg Hotel. This approval is contingent on the four stipulations or conditions contained in the minutes for the December 6 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported that HARB will move their regular meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM starting in January. This to allow more council interaction with HARB.

Mayor Troxell complimented Council on a great job and work put into the budget.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the purchase agreement for the purchase of the Wills House on Friday, December 29, 2000 @ 10:00 AM in Council Chambers, and further to authorize the President, Secretary and Treasure to execute the sale documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

There will be a ceremonial transfer of the deed and keys on the steps of the Wills House on New Year's Eve.

All committee meeting dates and times will be advertised. Should any committee desire a change, notify his office as soon as possible.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the annual Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund Christmas list as submitted by the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the joint municipal agreement for law enforcement services contract with Straban Township. This agreement shall become effective on January 1, 2001 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the following reappointments: Property Maintenance Appeals Board; Re-appoint Allen McDonnell, term to expire December 2002; Re-appoint Willis Weikert, term to expire December 2000; Re-appoint Marion Ruff, term to expire December 2002. Shade Tree Commission; Re-appoint

Wayne Mayers, term to expire October 2005. Planning Commission; Re-appoint Walton Davis, term to expire December 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews noted that we should advertise for the seat on the County Planning commission.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve hiring the next person on the current civil service list, Keith Stambaugh, effective January 8, 2001, and further to approve the resolution whereby the Borough agrees to abide by the regulations of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 grant reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Mr. Fleet to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

