

**COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2001**

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. 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, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert and Highway Superintendent Lawver.

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

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

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

Citizens in attendance:

Bob Nordvall, 33 E. Lincoln Ave., President of the Central Pennsylvanians to Abolish the Death Penalty, asked for Council's support by resolution for a moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania. The group wants the State to study capital punishment in the Commonwealth to be certain that it is as fair and equitable as possible, especially with new technology such as DNA evidence available to prosecutors. He was accompanied by several individual who support this effort, including Susan Collinge of 305 Ridge Avenue.

President Eline referred this issue to the Human Relations Committee for further review. The next meeting is March 8 at 4:00.

Mayor Troxell reported the South Central Assembly Programs are doing well.

President Eline reminded all of the Third Ward vacant seat due to the resignation of Mr. Kreisher. He noted that we have but one candidate for the seat, Ms. Caroline Smith, Ridge Avenue. Ms. Smith reported that she would consider it a privilege to serve on Council.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a Resolution appointing Caroline Smith to fill the vacancy on the Third Ward seat. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt an amendment to the RPP ordinance placing the south side of the third block of West Middle Street in the RPP program. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the NPS Committee held their quarterly meeting. Dr. Latschar and Ms. Darden brought the group up to date on the Transit Study, Wills House and the Visitor Center. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Giles reported that the Chamber of Commerce Governmental Cooperation Committee has requested the Adams County Commissioners to budget funds so that all county municipalities would be linked with computers. This will be referred to Legislative Committee for further review.

Mr. Andrews reported the visit with Congressman Platts in Washington went very well. He will serve on the Transportation Committee. Mr. Andrews received a thank you from Platts for the nice visit.

Mr. Andrews reported that Representative Maitland sent a letter to the Sheetz company, on behalf of the Borough, asking for consideration in toning down their store on Steinwehr Avenue.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve letter to the Commissioners relative to the Pillow Tax. The letter will be hand delivered to the Commissioners for their meeting on Wednesday, February 21. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter updated Council on the CRIS report.

Mr. Streeter reported on the housing task force and noted that Wayne Hill will attend the next Community Development Committee to discuss such issues as the Giant and Rite Aid Buildings.

Mr. Streeter received a letter from Dick Schmoyer, County Planning, in support of older homeowners (50 yrs. or older).

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to appoint Dr. Walter Powell as the Borough's Fair Housing Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PaDCED) for \$164,132 in Fiscal Year 2001 to be allocated as follows: \$29,543 for the Borough to administer the CDBG Program, \$130,000 to the Borough Recreation Department to complete the construction of a new recreation building, and \$4,589 to assist Keefauver Elementary School for playground equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize Grants Manager Powell to prepare the application for CDBG funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodward reported the next P.A.C.T. meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the re-location expenses of the Gettysburg Antique Center estimated at \$32,140.50 as outlined on the HUD Form. The Antique Center will provide copies of all invoices for payment. The cost will be reimbursed through the State Capital Assistance Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Fleet asked when the Housing Authority will make a definite decision on the High Street School Project. They continue to go back and forth to office space, apartments and/or both. The parties must find a common ground. Mr. Fleet believes that the building should not be used for housing, that it might be removed from the tax roles and further that it does not meet with our Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Murphy reported that Public Works Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 20 due to the Monday Holiday.

Mr. Monahan reporting for College Relations Committee, noted that Councilman Fleet presented a report from the Hazel Alley Residents Association for Council review. Dean Murphy updated Council on happenings at the College.

Managers Report:

The County Commissioners have appointed Ms. Barbara Benton to the County Planning Commission as recommended by Council.

Rec building bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 at 4:00 at the Legislative Committee meeting. This will allow enough time for review so that Council can award bids on March 12.

Police Union (GPOA) has initiated contract negotiations for the year 2002.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to accept the J.P. Harris tax exonerations for tax years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt a resolution to re-appoint Joy Noel to the Regulated Rental Unit Appeals Board for five years. This term will expire in October 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

There remains an open seat on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board and the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Eline asked Councilwoman Smith to speak to Roberta Sullivan, Wes Ayer and Larry Kinneman who have expressed an interest in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. He noted that Ms. Smith will need to resign the Zoning Board seat since she now serves on Council.

Mr. Weikert (who is also the volunteer fire chief) reported on the Pub fire noting the investigation should be complete by the end of the week. He thanked all involved for the excellent cooperation and was pleased to note that there were no injuries.

Ms. Crouse thanked Council for awarding the CDBG funding to the recreation building project. She reported that Dal Tile has agreed to donate tile for the new building. The Fire Department will furnish the kitchen equipment for the building.

Mr. Trostle reported on the initial Main Street Partnership talks, that they were productive and the prospective partners are still working on various issues.

Chief Gantz presented his 2000 annual report for Council's review.

Mr. Andrews suggested that when an employee is granted funds for education, they should be required to sign an agreement to continue with the Borough for a period of time or reimburse the Borough for the costs. Mr. Sterner noted that this is a provision in the Police Labor Agreement and that it is required on other employees as well.

With no further business, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary