

COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 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. Fleet, Ms. Smith, Mr. Miller and Mayor Troxell. Staff Present Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Sgt. Doug McKinney, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Weikert, Parking Manager Little and Main Street Director Trostle.

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

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

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the June 11 and 28 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Chuck Lewis, complained that at certain intersections, the lights don't stay green long enough to let several cars get through. He was also offended by Borough Council's support for a moratorium on the death penalty.

Mayor Troxell commented that a number of citizens asked for Council support but none voiced opposition against it. He indicated that Mr. Lewis should have expressed his concerns at that time. Mr. Monahan noted that Council is a representative democracy. Each Councilor represent their respective wards cannot take a poll on everything on their monthly agenda. He stated that Council joined with other Borough's and citizens to research the moratorium for a two year period. The resolution did not ask for complete suspension of the death penalty.

Peter Monahan and Paul Witt, representing the Convention and Visitors Bureau, provided a list of advertising by the GCVB.

Walton Davis, 301 Ridge Avenue, expressed his concerns on the pillow tax issue. He noted the added expense to the Borough Police Department due to tourists. He suggested that 80% of the police calls are for non-citizens - tourist and college students. Council should ask the County to drop the pillow tax completely if they aren't willing to give the 47% that Council felt was their fair share.

Bea Savage, Savage Carriage Co., Fran Drago, 301 Ridge Avenue, Jon Muller, 65 Steinwehr Avenue and Ron Karpin, 24 Alexander Freehold, NJ attended the meeting to observe.

Mayor Troxell noted that he learned the Eisenhower print in Council Chambers has the wrong name on the plaque. Bender's will be donating a new plaque to read the correct title - "The Two Bells".

Mr. Eline handed out new committee assignments for Council to review. He asked all to contact him with their desires.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to amend the Police Civil Service Regulations, Article III, Section 3.6 (b) (1) to read "an applicant for the position of Sergeant shall have at least 5 years of service with the Police Department", and further, to delete Section 3.6 (b) (2). Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the NPS Committee will meet on Thursday, August 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Andrews reported that he spoke with Senator Santorum's staffer Zach Moore and he is writing a letter to the Library of Congress to request the Gettysburg Address be displayed at the Wills House. He will update Council when he gets a reply.

Mr. Andrews reported that a thank you letter was sent to Representative Stephen Maitland for his help in obtaining \$750,000 from the state for the parking garage.

Mr. Streeter reported that the Adams County Department of Planning and Development is about to begin the process of updating the 2001-2004 Adams County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Council should be thinking of our needs, including the trail to the new high School.

Mr. Streeter reported the Community Development Committee continues to work on zoning issues to make it easier for housing.

Mr. Streeter reported the Giant Building will be discussed at the next Community Development meeting. He knows of similar problems with Giant in other communities.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the request for \$250 to PELRAS legal defense fund for the appeal of a Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PLRB) ruling against Dormont Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported the Finance Committee denied the County request for a \$36,000 donation to help build an EMS training facility. Mr. Andrews commented that the Borough has been very generous in the past however other Townships who should donate choose not to.

Mr. Eline asked Mr. Andrews to invite all Commissioners to the next Legislative Committee meeting to discuss this and other issues.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB's June 20 consent agenda as presented. Mr. Eline abstained due to his employment with the Hospital, (the medical building design was a part of the Consent Agenda). Motion carried.

Mr. Murphy reported the next Human Relations Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12. Representatives from the local organizations are invited to attend as they continue to work together to create awareness of the wonderful diversity in our community.

Mr. Murphy reported the asphalt and equipment contracts were awarded at the special June 28 meeting of Council.

Mr. Murphy reported they met with PennDOT and agreed to the Baltimore and Lefever Street crossing for the illuminated crosswalk demonstration project. The \$20,000 cost of installation will be borne by PennDOT. The Borough is responsible for funding routine maintenance in the future. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of this year.

Mr. Fleet reported that he will be attended a conference of national Democratic leaders in Indianapolis. Several well know political figures will also attend, including Senator Hillary Clinton.

Ms. Smith reviewed the recent Zoning Hearing Board decisions.

Mr. Miller noted that he has enjoyed his first Council meeting and looks forward to getting involved.

Solicitor Eastman reported on the request from Attorney Bob Campbell for a public hearing relative to the alley closing for the new medical building. The request was on behalf of his clients, Baltimore Pike Partners, who are in the midst of negotiating an agreement with the medical building developers. The request for a hearing was only as a precaution to protect the interests of Baltimore Pike Partners. Subsequent to the request, the agreement was reached and the three ordinances are now in effect.

Solicitor Eastman reported the Housing Authority filed a petition to Adams County Court seeking a reversal of Council's High Street School decisions. He will prepare an answer to the petition in cooperation with staff.

Solicitor Eastman received a letter from Monika Dutko, County Voter Registration office, about the vacancy on Council due to the death of Charles Woodward. Previous information from that office indicated that the replacement (Mr. Miller) would serve the remainder of Woodward's term. However, the correct information is that the seat must appear on the November ballot.

Mr. Eline asked that Council not make comments on the Housing Authority litigation.

Manager Sterner reported that we received the Scope of Work for the parking study and it will be presented to the Public Works Committee. He has, however, ordered the consultant to conduct surveys July 6, 7, & 8 during the peak tourist season.

John Bowie & Associates began the Historic Structures Report for the Wills House on Monday July 9. The work is completely funded by the NPS at \$246,000 and it will take about one year to complete.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to reappoint Richard Waybright to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority (GAIDA) for another five year term expiring in July 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the Harris tax exoneration report for tax years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to reappoint Elwood Christ and Margaret Gustafson to another five years on HARB, terms to expire in August 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Weikert reported the new Red building is on schedule. They are currently looking for used furniture. Adams County National Bank donated desks and the College will be making a donation of furniture.

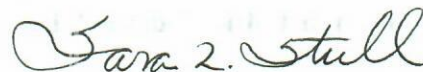
Mr. Trostle reported that we should soon be notified about our Save America's Treasures Grant application. Senator Santorum and Representative Platts are both supporting the grant.

Mr. Trostle reported the brick order is in and ready for installation by Highway crews this month.

Sergeant Doug McKinney, filling in for Chief Gantz, noted that if anyone has problems or questions they should feel free to contact him.

With no further business, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary