

COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 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 included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Sgt. Cytha Grissom, 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, Stacey Ward of the Evening Sun and Max Stevens with WGET.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the July 9 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens in attendance:**

Bea Savage, Savage Carriage Co., observing the meeting.

Steve Toddes attended with his son Matt, to observe for a scout project.

Peter Monahan, representing the Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Craig Benner, 25 Chambersburg Street, observing the meeting.

Mr. Eline reported that he attended the North Gettysburg Trail meeting and they are still discussing the town to school trail. It appears that the County will take the lead in grant applications with endorsements for the municipalities. He will keep Council updated as information becomes available.

Ms. Giles reported the NPS Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Ms. Giles reported a letter was sent to the carriage companies informing them of various problems and concerns. If these safety concerns do not improve their amusement license may be revoked. Additionally, the Safety Committee will be looking at a new ordinance to regulate carriage operations.

Mr. Andrews reported that he has been attempting to arrange a meeting with all three Commissioners to discuss pillow tax and the Emergency Services building.

Mr. Andrews reported a letter will be sent to Senator Punt and Rep. Maitland asking for their support of House Bill 1744. The proposed legislation would provide 42.5% of the property transfer tax collected to the Borough, estimated to be as high as \$400,000 annually.



Mr. Streeter reported that Ernie Schriver spoke to the Community Development Committee in regards to selling his property on West Middle Street to the Borough for a price of \$31,000. After learning that the Borough would need to consider this in their 2002 budget request he indicated that he would attempt to sell the property to a private individual.

The Community Committee continues to discuss the old Giant Food Store building on West Street. Saint Francis Church has approached HARB in regards to expanding their current location so the Committee is inviting St. Francis to the next committee meeting.

Mr. Streeter suggested a letter of commendation be sent to those responsible for the beautification of the square, particularly the new flowers. Ms. Smith noted that the Shade Tree Commission will be requesting funds in the 2002 budget for additional efforts on the square.

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

Mr. Murphy reported the Finance Committee discussed the need for an assistance program for individuals coming before HARB for improvements projects. He suggested that all committees need to work together on finding financial support for home improvements in the Historic District.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve joining with Capital Region Insurance Trust (CRIT) to provide employee health insurance and authorize the president and secretary to execute the trust agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy moved and Mr. Andrews seconded, to accept the Gettysburg Convention & Visitor Bureau (GCVB) proposal, as set forth in their letter of July 5 to provide approximately \$50,000 of annual, in-kind services for borough-related advertising and promotional activities. These in-kind services will be made possible if and when the new Pillow Tax is enacted and would be passed via the Borough to Main Street Gettysburg.

Considerable discussion followed on the Pillow Tax proposal.

Mr. Streeter noted that in-kind service does not pay cash to pay our bills towards police services, health insurance or salaries. He noted that the request to the County for cash from the pillow tax should be vigorously pursued.

Mr. Fleet noted this action with the GCVB does not preclude Council's request to the Commissioners.

Mr. Monahan said it doesn't preclude us from asking for our share from the Commissioners, but they may take the position that the Borough is already receiving funds through the GCVB and then refuse our request.

Ms. Giles reported that an ad hoc Council committee met with the GCVB and worked out an agreement whereby the GCVB proposal would go directly to Main Street and not through the Borough. She noted that she understood that this was an advantage to the GCVB as they cannot give donations of cash to organizations like the Borough. However, the in-kind services would work nicely with Main Street.



Mr. Murphy responded that there was no input from the ad hoc committee so the Finance Committee decided to make a recommendation on the information available to them at that time.

Mr. Monahan noted that the offer was made to the residents of the Borough so Council should keep it and not have it going directly to Main Street until a partnership is set up with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mr. Andrews noted the Commissioners will get 25% of the Pillow Tax funds and 75% goes to the GCVB. The legislation does not require the GCVB to give a portion to the Borough so he considers their offer a generous offer.

Peter Monahan, GCVB, said he attended the ad hoc meetings and nothing was discussed about Main Street at the first one. At the second meeting they discussed passing the in-kind funding directly to Main Street.

Mr. Streeter noted the merits of the proposal are a good but he is very troubled at the possibility of the Commissioners denying our request to them for a fair share.

Mr. Monahan said that while we don't want to lose the funding from the County for a portion of their 25%, we also don't want to lose the GCVB's offer tonight.

Mr. Streeter asked if we could just say that we do appreciate the GCVB proposal, but we need to wait and see what happens with the Commissioners and the pillow tax.

With no further discussion, Mr. Murphy withdrew his motion for the GCVB proposal until after the issue of the Main Street MOU is resolved later tonight.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Wilbur Smith - 8 Task, Parking Study proposal and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve HARB consent agenda of July 18 as presented. Mr. Monahan abstained from the vote due to his affiliation with Belmar Partnership, Larson's Quality Inn. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy noted Caroline Smith will now chair the Human Relations Committee.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the Borough of Gettysburg becoming the sole sponsor of the TEA 21 Grant originally intended to be a cooperative effort between Gettysburg College, the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg and the Borough. The work will consist of improvements to Railroad Street and the bricking of sidewalks on Baltimore Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported the College Relations Committee will meet on August 23 at 3:00.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize Solicitor Eastman to send a letter to Attorney Jeff Cook, who represents the PHI DELTA fraternity on West Lincoln Avenue, asking for permission to enter the building for appraisal purposes. Motion carried unanimously.



Ms. Smith reported there were no zoning hearings this month.

Ms. Smith noted the YWCA is sponsoring a racial justice seminar in September. The Borough will reimburse the cost for councilors to attend.

Mr. Miller reported that he is now attending the Rec Board meetings and had a tour of the new building.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the ADSCO Consent Order for Keystone. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the Main Street MOU and authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement.

Mr. Monahan suggested that Council not authorize the agreement tonight but rather place this item on the agenda for the September 4 workshop. He noted the importance of the document and felt three days was insufficient time to review it. He questioned page 60 of the Interpretive Plan, which is included as an attachment to the MOU. He said there are intricate details in the Interpretive Plan and we can wait another month.

Peter Monahan, GCVB noted that the GCVB legal council advised them not to sign this document.

Mr. Eline asked Mr. Monahan what his objection it to this proposal, in particular, is it an issue of control. Mr. Monahan responded that he is concerned about control and again indicated that we need more time to review.

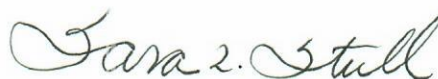
After a call for the question by Ms. Giles, a roll call vote resulted in: YEA: Mr. Eline, Mr. Fleet, Ms. Giles. NAY: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Smith Mr. Streeter. Mr. Miller abstained from the vote because of his unfamiliarity with the issue. Motion failed.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Andrews to schedule Council workshop on September 4 at 7:00 PM to discuss the MOU further. YEA: Mr. Monahan, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Eline, Ms. Giles, Ms. Smith, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Miller. NAY: Mr. Fleet.

Ms. Weikert noted that she will be scheduling a tour of the new Rec building.

With no further business, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull,  
Borough Secretary