

**COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2001**

President Eline called the meeting order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Fleet, Mr. Miller and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Gantz, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, 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 August 13 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Adams County Commissioner Tom Weaver gave a brief presentation on the County Emergency Services Training Facility. The Commissioners support this project and they are asking municipalities in the county to support it by pledging \$5.00 per capita spread over a 3 to 5 year period. The County would own the building and would take care of the ongoing maintenance. To date 11 municipalities support the facility.

Jonathan Hansen, County EMS Director, presented drawings and study for the new facility. The center would have offices, a training facility and county 911 dispatch center. The cost for phase I is 3.3 million dollars. They are asking the Borough for \$36,000.

Mr. Monahan noted the National Training Service is located just 12 miles away in Emmitsburg. Why can't they share their facility for training.

Mr. Hansen responded that they team mostly administrative courses and there is no facility for physical training. He noted that it is all classroom training and is very similar to a college campus

Mr. Murphy asked what the time frame is for the funding.

Mr. Hansen noted that some municipalities are doing it over a 3-5 year plan. They are asking that the contributions start in 2002. The Resolution asked for a 3 year term but some are going longer.

Other attendees included Peter Monahan attended representing the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kristen Rice, Wolfe & Rice, attended for HARB approval,

Bea Savage, Savage Carriage Co., Jon Muller, Steinwehr Avenue and Nancy Gudmasted, Schriver House, all to observe the meeting.

Mayor Troxell reported the County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on Monday, September 17 at 6:30 at the Family Restaurant.

Mr. Eline reported that he attended a Communities That Care seminar which is associated with the PEACE program in Adams County. The program targets youths at risk, such as teen pregnancy, violence etc. A program is to begin soon in the Gettysburg School District.

Mr. Andrews reporting for the Legislative Committee noted that Senator Santorum sent a letter to the Librarian of Congress asking for their assistance in acquiring a copy of the Gettysburg Address to be displayed at the Wills House.

Mr. Andrews is concerned the new EMS facility will be a tax burden for all Borough taxpayers if all County municipalities will not contribute their fair share to the project. He proposed this motion: Moved Mr. Andrews seconded Mr. Monahan to approve providing \$0.25 per taxpayer to the proposed county emergency training facility in 2002. Should 100 per cent of the remaining county municipalities agree to a full pledge, then the borough would provide an additional \$4.75 over 2003 and 2004.

Mr. Murphy asked what amount that would be at .25 per person. Mr. Andrews said about 5,000 citizens, excluding college students, would amount to \$1,250.

Mr. Fleet indicated that he disagrees with this proposal and will not support it. Council should not wait to see what the other municipalities are going to do. Rather, make a decision that it serves the citizens of the Borough.

Mr. Streeter noted we have been strained this year. He noted that Main Street should become more self sufficient plus other factors may allow us to contribute in future years. He asked if the College has been asked for a contribution.

Mr. Eline also noted the College should contribute to this project as well. He also indicated that he could not support Mr. Andrews motion.

Mr. Murphy suggested waiting and discussing further at Finance Committee. Mr. Fleet agreed that more time is needed to review.

Mr. Monahan responded it may seem like a small amount but our constituents are always being asked to give. Its hard for some to pay their bills and taxes. We need to look out for the Borough and its residents, who in his view, are weary of having the buck passed to them.

After additional discussion, Mr. Andrews withdrew his motion and Mr. Monahan withdrew his second. The Emergency Training Facility was referred back to the Finance Committee for further review.

Mr. Streeter reported the next NPS meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Streeter reported the TIP application for CMAQ shuttle funding assistance was submitted to ACTPO but it will be some time until we hear anything. He noted he will report on Route 30 as it progresses.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau (GCVB) proposal 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 of Gettysburg to Main Street Gettysburg. The Borough of Gettysburg would manage the overall implementation of this understanding. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to contribute \$2,500 to the Gettysburg Hospital Foundation toward the purchase of one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) with additional funding to be included in the 2002 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to provide \$4,000 to the Adams County Arts Council as a match to their 2002 state grant request to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Monahan reported the next Community Development meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24 at 3:00 PM.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to instruct the solicitor to prepare for adoption in October, amendments to the Residential Rental unit Ordinance to include all rental units. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleet reported the next College Relations meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18 at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be at the College, location to be announced later.

Mr. Fleet announced all are invited to the College Community Picnic on Sunday, September 16 from 5-7 at Anna Jane Moyer's residence on Mummasburg Street.

Mr. Eline reported the next Human Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at 3:00 PM.

Mr. Miller reporting for Public Works noted that he contacted Mr. Malewicki about the committee's refusal to allow signs at the Rec park. He reported that Mr. Malewicki was very disappointed with that decision.

Solicitor Eastman presented Council a status report for their review.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the Main Street Partnership MOU and authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement at the proper time. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline asked about Article 2, Section 2 - Statement of Work relating to control. Sterner replied that the MOU does not provide for the Partnership to control individual projects of the partners. Indeed, as is the case with the Borough's Wills House and Train Station, no one can make decisions about another entities property. Mr. Trostle responded that as an example, the College Steven's Hall project would not need approval of the Partnership.

Mr. Streeter noted Article V, Termination, that the NPS may terminate its involvement when it is determined to be in the best interest of the public to do so. He is concerned that they may make that decision without input from the public.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve grant application to PHMC for HARB training workshops with Holidaysburg Borough and Bellfonte at no cost to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews asked that staff prepare a update on the Wills House and Train Station and forward a copy to Senators Punt, Santorum and Spector and Representative Maitland to keep them informed.

Council convened a brief executive session to discuss matters relative to the police union contract negotiations. In particular, to determine Council's response to the Gettysburg Police Officers Association request for arbitration under Act 111.

After the executive session, moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to retain the services of attorney Robert E. Durrant of the Pittsburgh law firm of Campbell, Durrant and Beatty, P.C. as the Borough's partial arbitrator in the police Act 111 contract arbitration.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary