

**COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2001**

President Eline called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Monahan, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Fleet, Ms. Smith, Mr. Miller and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Weikert and Main Street Director Trostle.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Times, Stacy Ward of the Evening Sun and Max Stevens of WGET.

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

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

Mr. Eline gave a update on the Memorandum of Understanding in which representatives from the partner organizations will come forward tonight to sign the document. The following took part in the ceremonial signing: John Eline, Borough of Gettysburg; Margaret Weaver, Gettysburg-Adams County Area Chamber of Commerce; Susan Trostle, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association; Peter Monahan, Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau; Robert Kinsley, Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation; Frank Hocker, Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation; Gerald Bennett, Main Street Gettysburg, Inc.; James Wego, Lincoln Cemetery Project Association and John Latschar, United States Department of Interior, National Park Service.

Following the example set one year prior, there was spontaneous applause at the completion of the formal signing of the Main Street MOU.

Patty Lawson and Larry Eighmy, Representing the College, noted that the College fully supports the Interpretive Plan and will work closely with the new Main Street.

Mayor Troxell presented Sgt. Craig Staley with his sergeant badge who was promoted on October 21, 2001.

Citizens in attendance:

Jim Ekdahl along with the other representatives of the Time Square II project on York Street, were on hand to questions concerning their HARB application.

Susan Trostle, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association, requested free Holiday parking from November 23 through January 2.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the request for free parking from GARMA. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard and Joann Musselman, 1490 Hanover Road, owners of 334 South Washington Street attending to answer questions concerning their HARB application.

Mayor Troxell reported the Boroughs Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19 at the Gettysburg Family Restaurant, at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Monahan reporting on the Safety Committee noted they need to reexamine the loitering ordinance. The committee will review the fire departments request for pagers at the next committee meeting.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption in December an amendment to the parking ordinance that would prohibit parking on the north side of South Street from South Washington to a point 205 feet south. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reported on the recent Legislative Committee. He received correspondence from Zach Moore of Senator Santorum's Staff that indicates it will be extremely difficult to obtain a copy of the Gettysburg Address for display in the Wills House. The two copies at the Library of Congress are in poor condition and are only displayed for three days every three years. The Library of Congress has offered to supply a very high quality facsimile for display at the Wills House. We will wait to hear from Mr. Moore. Also Council should consider an amount of money we should ask for and work with both Representative Maitland and Senator Punt in adding a line item in the budget for Gettysburg.

Mr. Streeter reported the NPS Committee did not meet. The next meeting will be held in February.

Mr. Streeter reported the Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 19 at 2:00 at the Agricultural Center.

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

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt the 2002 proposed budget and advertise same for public inspection until the final adoption at the December Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the December meeting an ordinance fixing the real estate tax rates for the fiscal year 2002 at 12.38 mills and the occupation tax rate at 30 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB consent agenda of October 17 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed in detail the application of the Musselman's at 334 South Washington Street, which is Item B of the HARB, November 17 meeting. Dr. Powell noted that the contractor had begun the replacement windows and wrapping prior to obtaining a permit.

Mrs. Musselman explained they didn't know they needed a permit since they were replacing windows. They thought a permit was only needed for new construction. Seven of the fifteen windows have already been wrapped.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve HARB consent agenda of November 7 with a modification to Item B, to send the wrapping of windows back to HARB for further consideration. Motion carried. Mr. Andrews abstained from the vote since he knows the Musselmans.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to issue a check for \$250 to Mrs. Thrane, from the SCP Fund, to pay the deductible on her homeowners insurance policy to pay the costs involved in repairing her sanitary sewer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan reported a Community Leader Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at 12:30 at the hospital to discuss the need for a teen center. Lunch will be provided and all of Council is invited to attend.

Mr. Fleet reporting for College Relations asked about the status of the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance. Solicitor Eastman reported that the RRUO will be advertised for adoption at the December council meeting.

Ms. Smith reporting for Human Relations, noted that Committee is working on a revised sexual harassment policy and hopes to have ready for council review soon.

Mr. Monahan had nothing to report for Community Development other than to refer to committee minutes.

Manager's report:

Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund list will be assembled for approval in December. If Council has anyone to add to the list please call the office.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve a 2.7 per cent cost of living increase for retired officer Rod Ashman, to be paid from the Police Pension Fund effective October 1, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution of support for Main Street in the Great American Main Street Awards competition. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan asked about the status of the Train Station project. Dr. Powell gave a brief review of the project from 1999 to date.

Mr. Monahan suggested a group of Council and staff go to Harrisburg to express our dissatisfaction with PennDOT if the contract doesn't arrive soon.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Streeter to approve the J.P. Harris exonerations with the exception of Matt Miller who still lives at 224 E. Middle St. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull asked Council to review the list of Boards and Commission appointments and make recommendations next month. Several will expire in December.

Council will need to review the proposed rec fees and policies and provide suggestions.

Mr. Little recognized the Veterans on Council; Mayor Troxell, Len Andrews, Ted Streeter John Murphy and Bob Miller.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Secretary