

COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 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, Chief Gantz, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Historical Preservation Powell and Parking Manager Little.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the Times, Stacy Ward of the Evening Sun and Max Stevens of 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 November 12 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline thanked Mr. Andrews for his many years of service on Council. He will be missed. He also thanked Council and all of the staff for their hard work and dedication to the Borough.

Citizens in attendance:

Paul Kellett, 1619 Waynesboro Pike, owner of several rental units in the Borough. Concerned with the amendment to the regulated rental unit ordinance to include all rental units. He noted a shortage of affordable housing and with the ordinance landlords will need to increase the rent. He also mentioned that the inspection will be an intrusion to tenants privacy. He noted that the Borough already has BOCA and maintenance codes in effect.

Marguerite Bucher, 51 W. Middle St., also voice her opposition to the RRU ordinance.

Leonard Sites, 47 Brent Road, Fairfield, owner of rental units, asked why the RRU ordinance pertains to the Safety Committee. Manager Sterner responded that Council has a committee structure and Code Enforcement was assigned to the Safety Committee.

John and Christine Kellett, 72 Gordon Road, owners of rental properties also voiced opposition to the RRU ordinance. Landlords will have additional cost that they will need to pass to their tenants.

Jay Mackie and Monica Oss, were on hand to answer questions concerning their HARB application for 165 York Street, the former firehouse.

Jon Muller, 65 Steinwehr Avenue, attended to observe.

Jim Becraft, Mayor of Carroll Valley, visiting to see how Council conducts their Council meetings.

Mayor Troxell wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution of support for the emergency services training facility, committing \$5,000 per year for the next 5 years. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to adopt an amendment to the parking ordinance that will prohibit parking on the north side of South Street from South Washington Street to a point 205 feet east. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt an amendment to the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance to include all rental units. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the January meeting an ordinance to remove parking from the west side of Steinwehr Avenue from Washington Street south to the Borough line. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews reporting the Legislative continues to work with legislators for the Gettysburg Address display at the Wills House.

Mr. Andrews suggested Council prepare a request for a line in the state budget, as in 2001. Funding could be for streetscape improvements in the downtown, bricks, lighting and benches. Council should plan a visit to Senator Santorum's office in Washington.

Mr. Andrews gave a brief history of the Capital Reserve Fund that was established in 1984. It was created to fund capital purchases such as police cars, trucks, paint buildings and not to be used towards decreasing taxes.

Mr. Streeter reported the Transportation Committee will not meet until spring.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the purchase of furniture for the new Rec Building at \$23,922. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt the 2002 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt the 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 Ms. Smith to adopt a resolution setting the fee for zoning hearings at \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to establish an interest-free or low interest loan program for private, residential (non-commercial) building maintenance/improvements within the Historic District. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB consent agenda of November 28 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported the next HARB meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19.

Mr. Murphy reported the new Main Street board will meet on December 20. He noted that he will be stepping down as the Borough's representative at that time. The Board has been working hard for 11 years and continues to grow.

Mr. Monahan reported the next Community Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 28.

Mr. Fleet reported the next College Relations Committee will be held on Thursday, January 17.

Ms. Smith reported the Human Relations Committee continues to review and prepare the sexual harassment policy. They are also working on the bilingual problems.

Ms. Smith reported the next Citizens Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10 at 3:00, followed by the Human Relations Committee at 4:00.

Mr. Miller reporting for Public Works noted the parking garage project is on schedule.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Miller to approve assisting Mr. Morrow with the electric meter head cost of up to \$1,000 provided Mr. Morrow gives up his right of way for a pad transformer. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman presented Council with his Status report for review.

Manager's report:

The next Council meeting will be held on the first Monday, January 7 at 7:30 PM.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the 2001 Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund recipients. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Streeter to accept the J.P. Harris Exoneration's for tax years 1996 and 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Miller to appoint Ray Culp as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board to fulfill the term of Robert Miller. The term will expire in December 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Andrews to reappoint Rad Schultz to the Planning Commission for a five year term. The term will expire in December 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the GPU Energy resolution for street light removal in Dobbin Alley. Motion carried unanimously.

Council convened a brief executive session to discuss the litigation surrounding the High Street School Building with the Adams County Housing Authority.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary