

COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, Jamie Fleet, William Monahan, John Eline, Brian Allen, John Murphy, Caroline Smith and Mayor Troxell. Bob Miller was out sick. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Corson, Interim Police Chief Grissom, Main Street President Trostle and Admin. Assistant Powell.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the *Gettysburg Times* and Rob Jordan of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the January 13 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell introduced Sebastian (Bass) Hafer of 168 S. Hay Street who graciously donated a bell to the Borough in memory of his late wife.

Dr. Powell noted the bell would be placed in the bell tower at the train station.

Mr. Streeter along with Borough Council thanked Bass for his generous donation of the bell. During the dedication ceremony of the train station we will ring the bell.

Mr. Streeter noted the Harrisburg Newspaper listed Councilman Fleet as one of the top 25 trusted staff members for Governor Rendell.

Citizens in attendance:

Retired Chief Fred Gantz presented commemorative badges to Interim Police Chief for distribution among all full time officers.

Mr. Streeter in return presented retired police Chief Fred Gantz with an honorary badge in recognition of his 29 years of service to the Borough.

Randy Anderson and Patrick Gallagher of Gallagher and Associates gave a presentation of their Train Station design proposal. They presented each of Council with books to follow along in the design process. A visitor self service center is what is planned for the back addition of the building. It would be an informational area with the borough map and also handicapped accessible, which would then lead visitors to the front section of the building. They are working with the National Park Service to tie in with their trolley service.

Mr. Monahan asked how the audio/video would be handled.

Mr. Gallagher responded that this is not included in the budget at this time but is not intended for a sit down audio for visitors. They would have the ability to raise funds at a later date but it is not the intention to keep visitors hanging around. The thought is to get visitors in and out within a 15 minute period.

Mr. Murphy noted this is just the start of re-development within the Borough with other projects to follow such as the REDDI program.

Ms. Giles asked if we are within the budget.

Dr. Powell responded that Phase I to date is within the budget.

Mr. Fleet noted the booklets handed out by Gallagher tonight were paid for by the NPS and Main Street. But the capital cost doesn't include wall items and cases in the train station.

Dr. Powell responded that is correct, anything else would be an extra cost.

Mr. Allen asked if this is the final floor design as presented.

Patrick Gallagher noted it could change.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to promote Officer Keith Stambaugh to patrolman first class. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell presented Officer Stambaugh with his PFC stripe.

Mayor Troxell reported he attended an open house at the Adams County Library for a presentation of a computer that will be accessible to the handicapped. It will be great for people who are paralyzed in which they can blow in to a device to make it work.

Mr. Streeter reporting for the transportation task force met with Senator Specter and requested more information before proceeding. Also continue to work with Representative Platts.

Mr. Fleet reporting for College Relations noted they are still waiting to here the disposition of the Phi Delta Theta property on Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Eline commented he is pleased with how well the Regulated Rental Unit Ordinance is working out.

Mr. Fleet noted the Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) Task Force has been dormant.

Mr. Streeter noted there will be an executive meeting tonight after the council meeting to discuss GMA.

Dr. Powell noted the state grant is held up so Council may need to extend the public hearing for grants until March.

Mr. Eline explained that the REDDI Grant application completed by the Economic Development Agency is to see if funding is worthwhile before continuing. The two properties in Phase I is the Petro gas station on Carlisle Street and the Cullison Property.

Mr. Murphy asked if there would be help in relocating the renters and businesses to move from these locations.

Charlie pointed out with the federal grants you must pay for relocations.

Mr. Monahan asked the progress of the transit study.

Charlie said it is still in phase I. It is a capital plan at this point.

Mr. Eline noted the College, Seminary and Retail Merchants Association all gave donations to Main Street.

Mr. Streeter asked what the projected total is for these donations.

Mr. Trostle reported \$40,000.

Mr. Eline reported the Leon Sister City Commission along with the Rotary Club of Gettysburg, propose to work with the Rotary Club of Leon toward a visit to Gettysburg later this year. The delegation would consist of several individuals from different tourism industry categories. They would be home hosted for the duration of approximately 20 days. It would be nice if they could paint a mural somewhere in the Borough.

Charlie suggested a place in the recreation building for a mural.

Ms. Giles noted the next Safety Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Holiday.

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

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

Mr. Murphy reported that he is no longer HARB liaison. Caroline will take over beginning with the March meeting.

Mr. Monahan reported a meeting is scheduled with Senator Punt at his office on February 28 at 10: 00 AM.

Ms. Smith reported the Latino Group will be meeting with the Human Relations Committee.

Mr. Streeter reported Council is working on the personnel manual and re-organizing Borough Government which will fall under Human Relations to review.

Ms. Giles reporting for the Public Works Committee discussed the flag proposal. Pointed out the motion made at the meeting does reflect what happened at the meeting. See minutes for further review.

Dr. Powell pointed out item #12 of the Solicitors report; contract for lead-based paint consultant needs to have an agreement approved by Council. We need to be able to hire a consultant as required by CDBG funding regulations. No one at the County or Borough level is qualified to do this.

Mr. Fleet asked if this would impact the High Street School request for CDBG funding this year.

Dr. Powell said they would have to abate this. It's a business not residential. They would need to do a complete removal of paint on the door frames.

Mr. Fleet asked if this is all billable to CDBG funding.

Dr. Powell said yes it would be.

Ms. Giles asked for an overview of the High Street School.

Dr. Powell noted the steering team and the project team met to discuss the project. The Housing Authority developed a three phase plan for the building so they won't need all the funding at one time. Phase I – move office into building; Phase II – complete interior; and Phase III – complete exterior. They will meet with the County Planning Office and later meet with Representatives about further funding.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the lead-based paint agreement with affordable services. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the negotiated settlement with the GPOA for compensatory time. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to propose to eliminate the precincts in the First and Third Wards. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1999 and 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Ms. Giles to re-appoint Ramona Overton to the Borough Planning Commission for a five year term. This term will expire in December 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to appoint Ken Mummert to the Zoning Hearing Board to replace the expired term of Hazel Dillman. This is a five year term and will expire in December 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked if the Borough is mandated by the state for businesses to recycle.

Mr. Weikert said yes for commercial establishments.

Ms. Giles will meet with Larry to discuss certain establishments that are not obeying the Borough ordinance.

Dr. Powell announced a Historical Architectural Review Board/Historic Preservation Commission Workshop is scheduled for April 5 if anyone is interested in attending. The cost is \$35 for the day and will be held in Valentine Hall at the Seminary.

Council conducted a brief executive session to discuss GMA.

With no further business to come before Council, Moved Mr. Murphy seconded Mr. Eline to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary.