

COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, Jamie Fleet, John Eline, William Monahan, Brian Allen, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Corson, Parking Manager Little, Chief Garcia and Admin. Assist. Powell.

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

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

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the meeting of March 10 and the special meetings of March 18 and April 2 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Streeter welcomed Philip and Jackie Parker of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, United Kingdom. They will be visiting Gettysburg for a week as guest of Walt Powell and Charlie Sterner.

Citizens in attendance:

Philip Parker, Director of Planning and Development Control, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, UK presented Council and the Mayor a Proclamation from the East Riding Council. He extended his greetings to everyone and read a letter from the Mayor of Yorkshire.

Dr. Powell welcomed Philip and Jackie Parker to Gettysburg who are visiting as part of a cultural exchange. He noted that the Parkers were here in 1999 for a visit. Walt and Sue will take the Parkers to tour Antietam National Battlefield and Lancaster County.

Peter Wilson, Esquire, representing the Hanover Evening Sun voiced their concerns and objections to the proposed news rack ordinance. This might be premature since the ordinance is only in working status on the committee level. But we would like to express that this could be construed as discriminative if Council stipulates what newspapers or how many can be placed in certain areas. The Evening Sun would like to work with the Borough in drafting this ordinance.

Kurt Hower, and Danny Diego, of the Patriot News and Douglas Cooper with the Evening Sun also were concerned with the news rack ordinance. They understand it is

important for Council to have a nice upkeep in the Borough with the news racks but hope that Council will let them work with them.

Donald Marritz, 61 East Broadway, expressed his concern with the flags being flown during this time of war. He doesn't object to the flags displayed throughout town but the process in which it was handled. Feels there was a lack of public information.

Mr. Monahan noted that this issue was brought up during the Safety Committee meeting and the Council members present directed Manager Sterner to display the flags.

Mayor Troxell also noted that the intent of flying the flags was in support of the soldiers not the war.

Mr. Streeter announced there would be a Council workshop on May 20 at 6:00 PM at the Gettysburg Hotel.

Mr. Streeter reported the NPS Committee will meet on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the College Union Building, Room 203.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve Gallagher and Associates to continue with the next phase of the Train Station. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported they are renegotiating the cost of the design and it will be lower than last months quote.

Dr. Powell reported the project team will be holding regular scheduled meetings and all of Council is invited to attend these meetings. Mary Denadi continues her work in the development phase.

Mr. Monahan asked Walt to e-mail the project team meeting schedule to all of Council.

Mr. Eline reported the Community Development Committee is discussing the REDDI Project. A letter will be drafted for Council to review if approved it will be sent out under President Streeters signature.

Mr. Eline reporting on the Sister City Commission noted the delegation from Leon' Nicaragua will be arriving on April 22. A reception will be held for them at the Wills House on May 3. During their visit they will paint a mural that will be displayed at the Rec Park.

Mr. Eline reported Mike and Alix McCown, Aesthetic Images, have four horses ready for placement on the square. They requested the street art be placed one in each quadrant.

Mr. Streeter asked that this be presented to public works for further review as to the size and placement of the horses.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an amendment to the parking ordinance which will remove the 90 foot parking restriction along the south side of Seminary Avenue, from Buford Avenue west, a restriction of 30 feet creating an additional 3 parking spaces with the 1st space designated for handicap parking. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an amendment to the RPP Ordinance to include the 1st block of Seminary Avenue in the RPP program. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reporting for the Adams County Green Commission noted they are asking Boroughs and Townships to present a five year plan for Recreation-green space.

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

Ms. Smith announced the Police and Minority Community Relations workshop is scheduled for May 20 at the Gettysburg Hotel from 8:30 to 3:00. All of Council is invited to attend.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve HARB consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith is working on getting figures for the cost of flags.

Ms. Giles asked what committee this should fall under. Suggested Public Works continue working with this since they began the process.

Mr. Streeter referred the flag process to the Public Works Committee.

Ms. Smith will present her findings to the Public Works Committee on Monday.

Mr. Streeter suggested having a small reception and flies the new Borough flag on the square before sending it to the USS Gettysburg. The Public Works Committee should work out these details.

Mr. Miller, Rec Board Liaison, reported they are still waiting to hear about grant money for the skate park. They may do a fund raiser. The job is planned to be completed this summer.

Mr. Streeter asked that Public Works review GMA Board Members. Possibly add more members. We currently have five members but are allowed to have seven.

Mr. Allen reported he is chairing a fund raiser for the skate park. They will need to have matching money or they can use in kind work or hours.

Managers report:

Council is prepared to execute project agreement for the repair and rehabilitation of the Wills House with the National Park Service. The NPS has been awarded \$938,000 through the Federal Government for the design development. Note that Main Street chooses not to be a party to this since the Boroughs owns the building and the funding is through the NPS.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the agreement between the NPS and Borough concerning the design development of the Wills House. Both Councilmen withdrew their motions.

Mr. Streeter asked that this be referred to the NPS Committee on May 2 for further discussion.

Mr. Monahan suggested Council prepare a memo with their concerns to present to the NPS Committee.

Sterner reported the winter snow removal went extremely well with all departments working together.

Mrs. Stull asked that everyone complete their State Ethics Commission forms and return by May 1.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution authorizing Highway Superintendent John Lawver to execute on behalf of the Borough all required forms and documents for obtaining emergency disaster reimbursement as a result of the President's Day storm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weikert reported Bea has been busy with the Regulated Rental Unit inspections.

Dr. Powell will have copies of _____ for the NPS Committee meeting.

Mr. Little reported he has received favorable comments from visitors about how nice and polite the parking attendants were.

Chief Garcia will have his assessments of the department ready for the Safety Committee meeting to review.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara L. Stull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning.

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary