

COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 12, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, 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 Jordon of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Allen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of April 14 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Streeter thanked Bob McIlhenney for the Gettysburg flag dedication ceremony that took place on the square before the Council meeting. The flag will be sent to the USS Gettysburg as a gift from the community.

Citizens in attendance:

Marcus Pratt, representing the Gettysburg National Park Service, attended to answer any questions concerning the Wills House project agreement.

Mike and Alix McCown of Aesthetic Images attended to discuss the placement of the horse sculptures planned for the square.

Mayor Troxell reported the County Boroughs Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19 at the Family Restaurant.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve the agreement between the NPS and Borough concerning the design development of the Wills House. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter announced that the two prospective firms vying for the design work on the Wills House will provide Council with presentations on Friday, May 30.

Mr. Streeter scheduled a Council workshop for Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel at 6:00PM.

Mr. Eline suggested a Planning Board member be included on the invitation list to join the steering committee for the Regional Economic Development District Initiative (REDDI). The first meeting will be held on Monday, May 27 at 3:00 PM in conjunction with the Community Development Committee.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve, conceptually, the proposal for a downtown guide program as presented by Main Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported the Main Street Board is working diligently on the reorganization of Main Street. Several committees have been named to work on the various aspects.

Mr. Eline reported that the mural recently painted by the Leon art students is beautiful. The Sister City event held Friday night at the Wills House was well attended.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Eline to instruct the Solicitor to prepare for adoption an ordinance that will regulate carriage operations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the next Safety Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the 2002 audit report as prepared by Rager, Lehman and Houck. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reported the Finance Committee formed a subcommittee to work with the Recreation Department in devising a plan for donations since we haven't been getting much assistance from the surrounding Townships. The subcommittee includes John Murphy, Len Andrews, Bob Miller, and Beth Corson but will also look for other volunteers.

Ms. Giles asked that the Rec Board be kept apprised of this new committee. Mr. Allen noted that we need to be careful asking for funds for the park at the same time that we are seeking funds for the skate park.

Mr. Monahan reported that the Legislative Committee sent letters to both Senator Punt and Representative Maitland conveying our viewpoints about several bills now under consideration in the Legislature.

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

Ms. Smith announced that HARB will present preservation awards to several property owners. A presentation ceremony is scheduled for 7:00PM prior to the June Council meeting.

Mr. Eline reported that he had only received a few negative phone calls from citizens concerning the horse sculptures on the square. He asked if they can be anchored in the quadrants without moving or damaging the bricks. He asked that the Public Works Committee reconsider allowing the placement in the square.



Mr. Lawver noted that the weight of the horse is only 80 lbs. which is much less than a 400 lb. trash can that was removed by vandals. He noted that his crews need sufficient space around all the obstacles to work equipment. He also noted that our ordinance requires a minimum of 4 feet of passable sidewalk.

Mike McCown of Aesthetic Images advised Council that they would anchor the horses with heavy concrete pavers, protecting the bricks with a felt pad. They prefer the horses to be in the downtown area and not placed throughout town, that it's important to have them in close proximity. Mr. Streeter referred this back to Public Safety Committee for further study.

Mr. Eastman responded to several questions concerning his report, noting that one, the Glacken lawsuit that needs to be discussed in executive session.

Managers report:

Manager Sterner reported that our code office received a letter from the Central PA Chapter of the ACLU demanding that we cease enforcement of our sign ordinance as it pertains to political signs. He and Solicitor Eastman determined that the prudent course was to instruct the code office to cease enforcement for the time being. Mr. Streeter referred the sign ordinance to the Legislative Committee for further review. Both HPO Powell and CEO Weikert will be prepared to discuss this at that time, making further recommendations.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Allen to exonerate Tax Collector Ada Lewis for Borough taxes on the Wills House and Train Station. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Allen, seconded Mr. Eline to re-appoint Ronald Heiges to the Board of Code Enforcement Appeals for another five year term. This term will expire in April 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Giles to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a resolution for next months Council meeting designating Tina Powell as the Assistant Borough Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Little reported the parking consultant is planning a stakeholders meeting in the near future. A ribbon cutting for the garage expansion is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary