

COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, Brian Allen, John Eline, John Murphy, Bill Monahan, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller, and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Parking Manager Little, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Recreation Director Corson and Administrative Assistant Powell.

Citizens in attendance included Patrolman Joseph Dougherty, Patrolman Matthew Harvey, Mr. Dan Harvey, Patrolman Craig Staley, Sergeant Cytha Grissom, Sarah and Susan Trostle representing Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association, Mr. Dennis Murphy representing Gettysburg College, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mr. Dick Peterson, and Mr. Ted Zinna.

Representing the press were Ms. Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times and Mr. Rob Jordan of the Hanover Evening Sun.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the July 14 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter welcomed all to the meeting and asked for comments from citizens in attendance.

Mr. Dennis Murphy invited council and staff to the freshman walk on Thursday, August 28th. Gettysburg College is re-enacting the walk of the students in 1863. The College wants to help students understand and appreciate the community, its history, and re-enact the walk of their alumni when they followed President Lincoln on November 19, 1863 and heard the Gettysburg Address. College and Borough officials are working out the details for that walk.

Hearing no other comments from citizens, President Streeter turned to Chief Garcia to present the "Officer of the Month" award.

Chief Garcia explained that the officer of the month award is a recognition program honoring officers that are exemplarily in their service to the community. The officer of the month is chosen by their peers, the sergeants of the department. For the month of June, Patrolman Mathew Harvey was honored for his service. On June 20th, Patrolman Harvey assisted Cumberland Township with a violent individual and received minor injuries while subduing the offender. For the month of July, Patrolman Joe Dougherty was honored for his service. On July 10, patrolman Dougherty helped to locate missing juveniles. In addition, on July 29th, Patrolman Dougherty found a

significant amount of drugs while performing a routine traffic stop and arrested the individual. Both officers received certificates from Ms. Susan Trostle on behalf of the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA) and Mayor Troxell for their service to the Borough of Gettysburg.

President Streeter proceeded to the Committee Reports and noted that the National Park Service Committee did not meet. The Transportation Task Force is working on a East West Initiative and an article that recently appeared in the Gettysburg Times summarized the meeting well.

Mr. Eline reported that the Regional Economic Development District Initiative (REDDI) committee will meet at 3:30 PM as a part of the regularly scheduled Community Development Meeting. As Chairman of Main Street, he reported that Ms. Alice Estrada, interim director, is settling in well to her role. Main Street Gettysburg is asking for continued financial support from the Borough of Gettysburg which will be taken into consideration for the 2004 budget.

Ms. Giles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allen to adopt an amendment to the parking ordinance that will add certain streets as listed in the July Safety Committee minutes to the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) system. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Giles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt an amendment to the parking meter ordinance in order to convert the twelve long term meters on the second block of South Franklin Street and four long term meters on Franklin Street at Chambersburg Street back to short term. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy commented on the finance committee noting that the Adams County Arts Council again requested matching funds for a grant in 2004. This will be a part of our budget deliberations. The treasurer's report will be available for the finance committee meeting on August 20th.

Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eline to approve all bills and payroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eline to adopt an amendment to the police pension document to bring it to compliance with Act 30. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith received a letter from the Planning Commission requesting an amendment to the Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance that will require inspections by our engineers in certain projects. President Streeter assigned that issue to Community Development Committee.

Mr. Miller reported that the paving projects awarded last month have been completed very satisfactorily.

As liaison to the recreation board, Mr. Miller reported that the Sunday in the park concert series has seen an increase in attendance with over 250 people this past Sunday.

Mr. Allen announced his resignation from Council effective August 25. He will be continuing his education in New York. He thanked his constituents, fellow councilors and staff for their support. President Streeter and the entire Council thanked Mr. Allen for all his hard work and service to the community.

Mr. Streeter announced that Mr. Allen's resignation will create a vacancy in the Third Ward and invited all interested parties to submit their intentions before the next council meeting on September 8th when council will fill the seat with an open vote. The appointed person will serve until December 31, 2003.

Manager Sterner reported that our newly created Finance Department, headed by Ramona Overton, is now housed on the second floor in a room previously used for record storage.

Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution approving the PennDOT reimbursement agreement for the federal Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) funds for walkway project and further authorize the President and Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough. Motion unanimously.

Mr. Monahan noted the letter from SMG Investments, Inc. concerning the use of the name "Lincoln Train Museum". He apologized to SMG Investments Inc. for any misunderstanding about the reference to the Lincoln Train Station Project.

Dr. Powell explained the situation with 117 Breckenridge Street and that he is working with the County and South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) for a solution to the rehabilitation and sale of the property.

Dr. Powell reported that the National Park Service, architects, exhibit and Denver officials met August 5 to discuss the scope of work for the Wills House. The meeting was to mobilize the team in preparation of moving the design forward. The work will be fast tracked in order to have cost estimates in time for the 2005 federal budget mark up. In October, a design charette will be held with stakeholders.

Dr. Powell reported that the AME Zion Church on the corner of South Washington Street and Breckinridge Street, is requesting financial support to assist the repair of their church structure. He halted work by a contractor who was wrapping certain areas with aluminum. President Streeter assigned this issue to Community Development.

Chief Garcia reported that the State Police used their grant dollars to assist the Borough with drug enforcement in an area of the Third Ward. The raid was successful obtaining guns and drugs from individuals. In particular, he thanked Lt. Pat Gebhart of the State Police for his assistance and hopes to strengthen the relationship with other police departments in the area.

With no further business, moved Mr. Monahan, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristina E. Powell". To the right of the signature, there is a handwritten mark that appears to be "as".

Kristina E. Powell
Assistant Borough Secretary