

## COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 2003

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

Representing the press was Ms. Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the September 8 Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter welcomed Scout Master John Wolf and children from Scout Troop #73 to the meeting who were attending to observe.

Citizens in Attendance:

Loring Shultz, 401 Baltimore Street, concerned about the carriage operations in front of his business. Asked that Council review the carriage ordinance and have this location removed.

Ms. Giles suggested attending the next safety committee meeting where they will discuss these issues further.

George Yurich, 415 Harrisburg Street, concerned with the traffic on Harrisburg Street. The police need to do something about the speeding and noise in this area.

Chief Garcia noted a traffic study was conducted at the end of the school year and only 3% were speeding.

Mr. Streeter suggested attending the next safety committee meeting for further review of these issues.

Dave and Jane English, 68 West High Street, expressed concern over the Borough transferring the Digges-Monroe property to the Adams County Housing Authority. The Borough purchased this property with grants to rid the site of blight that was caused by the trailer park. An archeological dig was conducted which produced African-American artifacts. Suggest that before development occurs on this property more research should be done at this site. Also request that Council consider widening the Alley.

Mr. Streeter referred this to Community Development for further review.

Dr. Powell noted that the PA Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) gave the Borough several options when the archeological dig took place under the assumption of developing this property. It is time for the Borough to proceed and move on.

Chief Garcia would like to promote PFC Larry Runk to Sergeant. He is a great leader and will make a good supervisor.

Larry's wife Karen placed the sergeant stripes on his uniform as friends and family members applauded.

Mayor Troxell along with Council is very pleased that Larry has agreed to serve as sergeant.

Chief Garcia acknowledged Sergeant Cytha Grissom and Detective Kevin Wilson as the officers of the month. They both did an incredible job with the September incident involving explosives.

Susan Trostle presented a certificate to Cytha and Kevin on behalf of the Retail Merchants Association for their outstanding work.

Sergeant Grissom presented certificates of appreciation to Larry Runk, Dawn Gartrell, Keith Stambaugh and Joseph Cleary for a job well done.

Mr. Streeter attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Green Ribbon Commission. There is nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Streeter reported that ACTV will do a 15 minute interview on Thursday with him along with Caroline to discuss the flags and Alice to talk about Main Street.

Mr. Eastman noted the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Task Force is still in discussion with the attorney.

Mr. Eline pointed out with the transfer of the Digges-Monroe property to the housing authority; nothing would be finalized until Council gives their approval.

Ms. Smith asked why the Borough would transfer the property and not sale it.

Dr. Powell explained that we are committed because of the federal money. It didn't cost any money to acquire this property and was taken by eminent domain to be used for housing.

Mr. Eline noted that the housing authority plan to build homeownership properties.



Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to convey the Digges-Monroe property at 230 South Washington Street to the Adams County Housing Authority to develop housing with these provisions.

1. reserving to the Borough a 12 feet wide parcel along Wall Alley,
2. the Adams County Housing Authority will pay all settlement costs, and
3. Borough Council will have approval on the final development plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to apply for a planning grant from the Economic Development Authority of the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$40,000 to conduct a study of the REDDI project area. The grant requires a \$40,000 match, one half of which can be in-kind has been tabled for this month.

Mr. Eline reported the AME Zion Church, South Washington Street, approached REDDI to rehab the Church. The Church is in dire need of repairs due to flooding, plaster cracking etc. The Committee will continue to meet with them to discuss options. They also requested Council pay \$300 to pay for a structural engineer to access the building for safety.

Mr. Peterson added that the Church would also like to add a recreation center behind the Church. Agrees with Mr. Eline to help the Church in whatever way we can.

Dr. Powell noted the Church is a historical building. The owners don't have means to do rehab. Suggest Council do a technical assessment of the building.

Mr. Weikert pointed out that if the report comes back negative the Borough would need to condemn the building.

Mr. Monahan said they do need to determine if the building is safe. If its not he suggested the Church use the Recreation facility to hold their service.

Mr. Streeter referred AME Zion issues to Community Development for further review.

Mr. Eline reported the Sister City Commission would like to have a Sister City Day to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in May 2004.

Mayor Troxell announced that Trick-or-Treat would be held on Friday, October 31 from 6-8 PM.

Ms. Giles announced that Shawn Wagner will attend the next Safety Committee meeting to introduce himself as candidate for District Attorney.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to promote PFC Larry Runk to the position of Sergeant effective October 5, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan remarked that Larry is a great officer and will do a wonderful job for the police department.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the revised Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize a test to hire two police officers, replacing PFC Dougherty and Sgt. Staley. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt ordinance amending ordinance regulating solicitors of contributions and gifts. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported the antique market dates for 2004- May 22 and September 25 have been approved.

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

Mr. Monahan reported the Legislative Committee is working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau about the Getty Property on Carlisle Street. A meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 1:30PM.

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

Ms. Smith reported the Shade Tree Commission is working on the 2004 spring project list.

Mr. Miller reported the Recreation Board needs more representation. The current members have not been attending and most times don't have a quorum to vote. Suggest eliminating the Board or changes for the voting process.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve Train Station plans and authorize contract with Gallagher & Associates for final exhibit planning. Motion carried unanimously.

Managers report:

Budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Miller to approve Resolution to authorize Mayor to enter into contract with Penn DOT/TEA 21 Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve escrow payment of \$10,000 to CSX for their review. Motion carried unanimously.



Dr. Powell pointed out if Council doesn't approve CSX for payment it would hold up the train station project.

Mr. Monahan asked Solicitor Eastman to review and see what the Borough can do to make CSX hold up to the Borough's request; mow weeds, stopped trains for breaks etc.

Dr. Powell announced the Lincoln Cemetery Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 15 at 3:30 PM.

Chief Garcia announced a workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 15 from 12-2 at the Gettysburg Hotel.

Chief Garcia reported he continues to work with the College to administer parking tickets to violators. Training will be scheduled in the future for the Borough parking department personnel to train College representatives.

With no further business, moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Giles to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary

