

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 1997

Vice-President Troxell called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the following Councilors present: Margaret Gustafson, Holliday Giles, Jay Schmitt, Leonard Andrews, Charles Woodward and Richard Kreisher. Jean Simpson and John Eline were absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, John Hartzell representing Solicitor Oyler, Manager Sterner, Chief Gantz, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Historic Preservation Officer Powell, Rec Director Christopher, Parking Manager Little, Main Street Director Persson and Mike Smith of the Gettysburg Times.

Moved Mr. Woodward, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the agenda as presented. motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the minutes of May 12th as presented. Motion carried.

Citizens in attendance:

Bea Savage, horse drawn carriage business, Biglerville, is here to observe the Council meeting.

Jamie Fleet, 122 East Middle St., working on a school project.

B.J. Small, president Main Street Gettysburg Board.

Richard LeBlanc, Gary Shafer, Rev. Lisa Leber, Allen McDonnell, and Joseph MacDowell are representing the St. James Church project.

Richard LeBlanc gave a brief presentation on the St. James Church Project. He presented a model and floor plans of the proposed changes at St. James Lutheran Church. The parish house will be razed to permit additional space.

Ms. Giles asked how much floor space they would have when completed. Mr. LeBlanc indicated there would be 12,000 square feet.

Ms. Giles asked if the Planning Commission has approved the plans. Mr. Weikert said the next planning meeting is on Monday June 16 and he is of the opinion that the plans would be approved at that time.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve HARB item No. 1 for the St. James Church project as recommended at last months Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Linn thanked everyone for their help with his re-election. Anyone interested in going to South Dakota in August should contact his office.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Ms. Giles to approve HARB "consent agenda" for the meeting of May 28. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson presented Council with a draft copy of the HARB design guideline book that will soon be completed. HARB has been working on this for the past 6 months.



Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt an ordinance eliminating metered parking from the eastern half of the north east quadrant of Lincoln Square. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to adopt an ordinance designating Section 6309.2 of the Pennsylvania vehicle code to apply in the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt an ordinance whereby the Borough of Gettysburg elects to be subject to the provisions of section 6309.1 of the Pennsylvania vehicle code. motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mrs. Gustafson to adopt an ordinance amending the ordinance governing removal and impounding of illegally parked vehicles to provide that towing and storage charges shall be fixed from time to time by Borough Council. Motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing will be held during the Safety Committee meeting on June 16. At that time they will receive comments from the public on the proposed Department of Justice grant application for our Police Department.

Mr. Woodward reported that he had complaints of bikes on the sidewalks. The P.A.C.T. meeting went very well, they will meet again on June 26 at 7:00 pm. The Sunday night concert programs in the park started on June 8, Council should try to attend.

Mr. Andrews reported for the Legislative Committee that they discussed the Giant Food Store moving out of town. They will meet with representatives to discuss this issue further. The solid waste department will be touring a composting facility in Tennessee and possibly one in Canada. Manager Sterner will participate on the tour.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to pay all bills and payrolls for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troxell reported that the prints on display in Council chambers are on loan from Dale Gallon.

#### Managers report:

Anne Keet Hanson donated a very generous gift of \$25,000 to the Recreation Park to be used for landscaping, audio/visual/computer equipment, playground equipment and maintenance. A thank you letter has been sent to Mrs. Hanson, but Councilors are encouraged to thank her also.

An in house training session on "Dealing with the Angry Public" has been scheduled for all the employees on June 20th from 9:00 until noon.

Initial response from PEMA indicates that the Borough will receive \$66,000 from the HazMit program for storm water mitigation.

Borough finances are very good at this time. We now have 3 certificates of deposits: \$250,000 six month; \$100,000 30 day; and \$150,000 30 day.

Manager Sterner accompanied County officials on the tour of the compost facility at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. They plan to travel to Canada to visit another two other facilities on June 16.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve the letter to NPS officials whereby the Borough endorses the sale of bricks, and commits to installing bricks on at least an annual basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the G.H. Harris exoneration report for tax year 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to except the low bid from Appalachian Archaeological Research to do a survey at the Brandon trailer site. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawver reported that the highway crew should complete the Square Project this week.

Mr. Weikert has been checking for garbage around town. Ms. Giles reported that the Alley Club area needs cleaned up.

Mr. Persson reported that Main Street has been placed on the appropriation list but still needs matching funds. The fund raising committee will work on this for the interpretation center on Lincoln Square.

Mrs. Gustafson asked Eric to give a brief presentation to update Council on Main Street. Eric will give a 15 minute presentation at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Christopher reported that the Recreation Board will meet on June 16th. The Board will discuss the Anne Hanson donation.

Mr. Powell reported that the trip to Gettysburg, South Dakota is scheduled for August 18-23. Lincoln Cemetery will hold their Memorial Day celebration on Saturday June 14. Walt will be the guest speaker at that ceremony.

Mr. Andrews reported that he has had complaints of people walking their dogs and not cleaning up after them.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Weaver  
Borough Secretary

