

COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Jamie Fleet, Holly Giles, John Eline, Bill Monahan, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller, Dick Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Parking Manager Little and Chief Garcia.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the *Gettysburg Times* and Erin Negley of the *Evening Sun*.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session following the Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the November 10 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution honoring Samuel Mudd for his dedicated service to the Borough Planning Commission and numerous other committees he served on. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell presented Mr. Mudd with a framed copy of the resolution and thanked him for his many years of service to the Borough. Mr. Streeter presented him with a Borough pen set engraved with the Borough Seal and expressed Councils appreciation for his dedication to the Borough.

Citizens in attendance:

David Sites, President, Gettysburg – Adams County Area Chamber of Commerce invited Council to attend Municipal Training Sessions that will be offered through the Chamber at no cost. The sessions will be held on January 27-Mysteries of Pennsylvania local government; April 20-What do officials have to do to get elected; September 21-What happens once officials get elected and November 16-The ins and outs of local government and land use. Mr. Sites also invited Council to attend the 2004 Governmental Cooperation Committee Meetings to be held on February 12, May 13, August 12 and November 18.

Jacob Schandel, 110 Chambersburg Street, attended to observe the meeting.

Chief Garcia acknowledged PTM Justin Rogerson as the officer of the month for his incredible job with the explosion incident at a residence on Middle Street. Walter Tuchalski presented a certificate to Justin Rogerson on behalf of the Retail Merchants Association for his outstanding work.

Mr. Streeter reminded Council of the workshop scheduled for January 13. On Thursday, December 11, ACTV will host a live Government update show at 8:00PM with several Council members, Mayor Troxell and Manager Sterner representing the Borough.

Mr. Streeter invited Council to attend a slide show presentation sponsored by PennDOT on January 14 at 3:00 at the Dobbin House Restaurant. They will discuss the traffic signal project.

Mr. Streeter prepared a draft letter welcoming Dr. Catherine Haley Will as the next Gettysburg College president. Mr. Eline suggested inviting Dr. Haaland to meet with Council to express their gratitude before he leaves office in the spring. Mr. Streeter will add this to the workshop agenda.

Mr. Fleet reporting for College Relations noted Dr. Will has requested to be on Council's February agenda. She is very excited about her new position.

Mr. Fleet reported the GMA Task Force is working diligently and hope to have an agreement in the near future.

Mr. Eline reported the Main Street annual meeting held at the Dobbin House went very well. They continue to work on their budget and hope to have it finalized by the end of the year.

Mr. Eline reported the Sister City Commission is planning a "Sister City Day" on Friday, May 7, 2004. Details are not yet complete.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt an amendment to the Carriage Ordinance with changes recommended by the Safety Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to appoint Christopher Folster to the position of probationary police officer, conditioned on successful background investigation, psychological and physical examinations and successful completion of ACT 120 certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles reported a Sergeant promotional test will take place the week of January 15, due to the recent retirement of Master Sergeant Grissom.

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

Manager Sterner gave a brief overview of the bond refinancing. He presented a resolution for Council's consideration, prepared by bond counsel Frank Leber, that authorizes and directs staff and consultant's to proceed with the refinancing, however

with the condition that only if a savings of 2 per cent of principal be achieved. Mr. Monahan suggested rephrasing the 2% to a dollar amount of \$60,000.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution appointing an underwriter and bond counsel and determining preliminarily to proceed to issue general obligation bonds of this Borough; and authorizing proper officers of this Borough, the Solicitor, Bond Counsel and such underwriter to take certain action. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to adopt the 2004 budget in the amount of \$6,608,151. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt an ordinance setting the real estate tax rate at 12.38 mils and the occupation tax rate at 30 mils for the year 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt ordinance setting the salary of the Mayor at \$5,000 annually effective January 1, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt ordinance setting the compensation to be paid to members of Council at \$2,500 annually effective January 1, 2004. Motion carried 8 -1 with Jamie Fleet voting no.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt an amendment to the Parking Ordinance to set the fines for violation of metered parking regulations at \$15.00, if paid within 7 days or \$8.00 if paid within 24 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy reporting for the Finance Committee noted the special event fees are being reviewed and letters were sent to event leaders inviting them to attend Safety Committee meetings to offer input.

Mr. Monahan reported the Legislative Committee received a letter from Senator Punt on the committee's recent letter requesting support for legislation authorizing the imposition of a municipal public service and safety fee. This legislation proposal is not yet available so he has not reviewed it but will keep Council's comments in mind.

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

Mr. Jeffrey Gabel and Larry Eighmy of Gettysburg College informed Council of the plans for the restoration and renovation of the Majestic Theatre. The completion date is scheduled for November 14, 2005 the Majestic Theatre's 80th anniversary. Fund raising has been going very well with the College committing to 2.5 million dollars. The Adams County Industrial Development Authority (ACIDA) will be the applicant for and recipient of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program

(RACP) grant funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the project. The Borough is required to adopt a resolution before the grant application can be submitted.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution authorizing ACIDA to apply for a grant in the amount of \$2,500,000 to be used for the renovation of the Majestic Theater. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve The Indemnity Agreement with Gettysburg College relative to the Borough's Cooperation Agreement with Adams County Industrial Development Authority regarding the application for Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant for the Majestic Theater Project is hereby approved and Theodore H. Streeter, Borough Council President and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary are hereby authorized in their respective capacities to execute and deliver the Indemnity Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson reported he attended the Adams County Housing Authority meeting and plans to meet with Darlene Brown to get an update on their projects.

Manager Sterner reported we are accepting applications for the Code Enforcement Officer position through January 5. We will also be posting the Public Works and Custodian positions in the near future.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the 2003 Eichelberger-Stahle charity distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stull asked Council to review the vacancies and expired terms on the various board and committees. Several appointments need to be made.

Council convened a brief executive session to discuss a possible lawsuit.

With no further business, moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Stull".

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary