

COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2004

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, Bob Miller, Dick Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Caroline Smith was absent. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Parking Manager Little, Chief Garcia, Planning Director Powell and Finance Director Overton.

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

Mr. Streeter adjourned the meeting and presented the gavel to Mayor Troxell who presided over the reorganization of Council.

Mayor Troxell administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilors: 1st Ward Mr. Streeter and Mr. Fleet; 2nd Ward Ms. Giles and Mr. Monahan; 3rd Ward Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller and Mr. Peterson.

Mayor Troxell outlined the procedure for electing officers and asked for a motion to elect a president.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to elect Mr. Streeter as President of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to elect Mr. Fleet as Vice President of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

With the election of President and Vice President, Mayor Troxell relinquished the chair and gavel to Mr. Streeter, who proceeded with the re-organizational meeting of Council.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution approving the various appointments. Motion carried unanimously,

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint Ramona Overton as Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Miller to establish the time and place of Council Meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, prevailing time in the Municipal Building and advertise same in the *Gettysburg Times*; to approve all wages as provided in the 2004 Budget retroactive to January 1, 2004; and pay certain bills when due such as utilities, insurance, and those offering a discount if paid early. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the December 8 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Frank Hocker, Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation.

Vickey Monrean, President, Friends of the National Parks, submitted application for HARB approval.

Mayor Troxell thanked Council for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. He announced the Adams Council Boroughs Association meeting scheduled for Monday, January 19.

Mr. Streeter reminded Council of the workshop scheduled for January 13 at the Hotel at 6:30 PM. He also reminded Council of the 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. Fleet announced the College Relations Committee will meet when the new director is in town.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint Theodore Streeter as a member of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board to serve a five (5) year term which will expire on December 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter gave a brief update on the GMA merger and explained the purpose of his appointment to the Board. He noted that Mel Crouse had served on the GMA Board for many years and opted not to renew his term when it expired in December 2003. Mr. Streeter noted his appointment to the GMA board is necessary as the board has not yet voted to approve the proposed management agreement between the borough and the municipal authority. The borough's desire for an agreement was done to consolidate and save the borough money. He also noted council will continue to fill positions on the board until council holds a majority of seats which could be 2-3 years.

Mr. Monahan thanked Mel Crouse for his many years of service on the GMA board. Mr. Crouse has agreed to help the borough in any way he can.

Mr. Eline reported that the Community Development Committee heard a presentation from the Seminary concerning the restoration of Schumacher Hall. At this point, Mr. Frank Hocker of the Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation (~~SRHPF~~) described the project and requested Borough support in the amount of \$50,000 in National Park Service Technical Assistance Funds to undertake a Historic Structures Report of Schmucker Hall. Total cost of the report is estimated to be \$150,000.

Mr. Hocker gave a brief presentation to council on the need for a Historic Structures Report for Schmucker Hall. It had been determined by community leaders that the rehabilitation of Schmucker Hall was very important, and now would be a good time to solicit funds.

The Foundation created a Schmucker Hall Task Force consisting of representatives from the Seminary, the Adams County Historical Society, the Borough, the National Park Service, Main Street-Gettysburg and the National Trust for Historic Gettysburg. The Task Force developed a plan for the first step in the development plan-the completion of a Historic Structures Report. The Foundation signed an agreement with M&M Architects and Noble Preservation Services for work to begin in November 2004. The estimated cost of this study was about \$150,000, and that the Foundation was seeking support from 4-5 different sources to secure the funds.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to appoint Mr. Eline as the liaison to the Main Street Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an ordinance amending Section 305 of the Borough's General Parking Regulations by removing certain areas on Reynolds Street from the areas where parking is prohibited at all times. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an ordinance amending Section 309 of the Borough's General Parking Regulations removing an area on Reynolds Street from the loading/unloading and parking otherwise prohibited zone. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve HARB items A, C & D as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve HARB item #B, Friends of the National Park proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller had nothing to report for the Rec Board as they didn't meet in December.

Solicitors Report:

Borough Council asked for an update on item #17, the Epley Building at 100 Chambersburg Street. Mr. Eastman noted that Ms. Olinger has not filed an application for a variance nor has she filed an appeal relative to the Borough's position in this matter. Council directed staff to investigate the use of the building and if not a permitted use take steps to correct the situation.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to exonerate Tax Collector Ada Lewis for 2003 Borough taxes on the Train Station and Wills House. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize road building materials and equipment rental bids in cooperation with neighboring townships. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize GARMA Flea Market dates of May 15 and September 25, 2004 with GARMA paying for any expenses incurred by the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to appoint Stacey Biggerstaff to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill an unexpired term for two years. This term will expire on December 31, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to reappoint John Schwartz to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five (5) year term. This term will expire in December 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary