

COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2004

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

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

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the January 5 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Philip Fazenbaker, Gettysburg American Legion Post, addressed Council on the upcoming plans for a ceremony honoring all WWII veterans. It will be held on May 29 at the Rec Park. They are planning a full day of events and also would like Council to present a proclamation in honor of the veterans.

Susan Trostle, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association, attended to participate in the officer of the month presentation.

Frank Leber, Bond Council of Rhoads & Sinon and James Tricolli, RBC Dain Rauscher, attended to brief Council on the bond sale.

Mr. Tricolli gave a brief report on the 1999 bond refinancing which would produce a savings to the Borough of \$76,833. The average interest rate will be 2.5% and M & T Bank will be the paying agent. Closing is tentatively set for March 17.

Mr. Leber gave a brief presentation of the General Obligation Bonds in the principal amount of \$2,485,000, to provide funds for and toward a refunding project that consists of refunding the Borough's only long term bond, series of 1999. The payments will be due each year on the 1st of April and the 1st of October, although this year the first payment isn't due until October.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt Ordinance Number 1290-04 authorizing the issuance of a series of general obligation bonds of this Borough in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,485,000 in connection with the refunding of the Borough's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1999. Roll call vote: All Yea: Theodore Streeter, John Murphy, Bill Monahan, Jamie Fleet, Holly Giles, Caroline Smith and Dick Peterson.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution thanking Mel. Crouse for his faithful and dedicated service to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority board and the citizens of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia recognized Detective Kevin Wilson as the officer of the month for January for his efforts in apprehending Lance Greenawalt and many other services he performs for the borough.

Susan Trostle presented Mr. Wilson with certificates from the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association in appreciation for all his hard work

Mr. Streeter reported the meeting with representatives from Senator Specter and Congressman Platts went very well. We are very hopeful that the Borough will get transportation funding.

Mr. Fleet reported that he will schedule the College Relations Committee meeting at a time when the new college president is available.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to appoint William Orth as a probationary patrolman effective February 2, 2004. He has successfully completed the background investigation, physical and psychological examinations and is Act 120 certified. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Monahan reported on the Petro Station project located on Carlisle Street. He has discussed the proposed use with the owners and lessee of the property. He will schedule a meeting with those individuals in the next few weeks to discuss the project. They also met with Congressman Platts and Senator Specter to see if there would be funding available to help with this project. Congressman Platts is attempting to secure federal funds to facilitate the purchase of the Petro Station and should hear within the next 6-8 weeks. Senator Specter is also very interested in the project but must wait until the Borough has title to the property.

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

Mr. Sterner reported the public works committee met and viewed the plans as prepared by our engineers. It appears that there is sufficient funding to accomplish additional work. We have asked PennDOT for permission to expand the scope of the project.

Mr. Peterson reported the Adams County Housing Authority has requested a letter of support for a loan application for the High Street School project. There would be no financial support required by the Borough.

Mr. Eline reported the Gettysburg Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) should be ready for approval in March.

Mr. Eline reported the agreement between the Borough and Main Street will soon be finalized. Due to the snow their meeting was cancelled so the election of officers should take place at their next meeting.

Mr. Eline reported that the Sister City Commission is investigating the possibility of a new sister city in Mexico.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a Resolution authorizing Theodore H. Streeter, Council President, Charles W. Sterner, Borough Manager-Treasurer and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary, to execute and deliver the Corporate Offer to Sell Real Property to the United States Department of the Interior for the sum of \$550,000, and further to authorize Theodore H. Streeter, Council President, Charles W. Sterner, Borough Manager-Treasurer and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary, to execute any and all other settlement documents necessary to convey the Wills House to the United States Department of the Interior. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter reported the Safety Committee will discuss the appointment of Council representatives for the police union negotiations.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to authorize the purchase of a new police car. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sterner noted that we will celebrate 200 years as a Borough in March 2006 and recommended that a committee be formed early to plan for celebratory events. Mr. Streeter asked Ms. Smith to discuss this with other community organizations to see if there is an interest in forming a committee to plan a celebration to recognize the Borough's 200 year anniversary on March 10, 2006.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the G. H. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1995, 1994 and 1990. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell reported the Community Development Committee meeting on February 23rd will receive and review the CDBG funding requests.

Council convened a brief executive session to discuss possible litigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

