

## COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2004

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

Representing the press were Erin Negley of the *Evening Sun* and Matt Major of the *Gettysburg Times*.

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

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the March 8 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia recognized PFC Larry Weikert and PFC William Orth as officers of the month for March. Officer Weikert was involved in a foot chase and apprehended a suspect while Officer Orth made an arrest that netted 1/8<sup>th</sup> ounce of drugs. Susan Trostle presented both with certificates from the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association in appreciation for their hard work.

### Citizens in attendance:

Andrew Manley, Jacob Schindel, Eric Uberman, Tammy and Fred Myers were here to observe the meeting.

Patty Lawson, Gettysburg College, reported the college purchased the Phi Delta Theta house on West Lincoln Avenue. They will undergo extensive rehabilitation before opening the building for limited student housing. The college will keep this property on the Borough tax roles.

Vickey Monrean, Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg, invited everyone to visit the Friends of the NPS headquarters on May 8th from 10:00 to 4:00. Their building along with various others will be open for tours celebrating National Preservation Week.

Frank Leber, Bond Council of Rhoads & Sinon and Gary Pulcini of VALCO Capital, Ltd., attended to brief Council on the Sewer and Water Bond refunding for the Gettysburg Municipal Authority. A separate special meeting of Council and GMA will be scheduled for final action on the refunding.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to schedule a special meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Troxell reported he received a letter from the Mayor of Sainte Mere Eglise inviting him to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day celebrations to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Streeter reported the next NPS Committee meeting is schedule for Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Streeter reported the last meeting of the Green Ribbon Commission will be in April. A referendum will be on the ballot for a 20 million dollar bond for parks and recreation.

Mr. Fleet plans to schedule a College Relations Committee meeting in the near future.

Mr. Streeter reported that Jim Watson submitted his resignation to GMA effective April 30th. The Borough continues its search for a qualified Public Works Director.

Mr. Eline reported that an intern from Gettysburg College has been working with Main Street. Also an orientation meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the College with the Board. Council is encouraged to attend as they will revisit the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mr. Eline reported that Sister City Day will be celebrated on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and request the flags be placed downtown. A dinner will be held at the fire department that evening.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution establishing a Sister City with the City of Morelia in the State of Michoacan in Mexico. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to instruct the Solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption an amendment to the ordinance regulating animals to clarify the section on barking dogs. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the emergency purchase of a 1998 Saturn at \$5,990 for the Parking Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the annual COLA for retired police officer Fritz in the amount of 1.69%. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to exonerate Tax Collector Ada Lewis for Borough taxes on 117 Breckenridge Street and the Train Station. Motion carried unanimously.



Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to exonerate Tax Collector Ada Lewis on the Occupation Tax for Garrett Anderson. The County reduced his assessment category to retired. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Eline to authorize Council to prepare a letter to Gary Shaffer, Chairman of HARB, requesting certain measures be taken by HARB to make the process more "user friendly". Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller reported the next Rec Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 19 at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Peterson reported the Human Relations Committee is reviewing the updated personnel manual. He also presented Council with a handout of the brief history behind the Adams County Housing Authority and Borough controversy for their review.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution ratifying the execution and delivery of the Corporate Offer to Sell Property to the United States Department of the Interior for the sum of \$550,000, said Corporate Offer to Sell Real Property was executed on January 14, 2004, and further to ratify the actions of Theodore H. Streeter, Council President and Charles W. Sterner, Borough Manager, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, in executing and delivering all settlement documents necessary to convey the Wills House to the United States for the consideration of \$550,000 on March 23, 2004, including the execution and delivery of a Quitclaim Deed without covenants of warranty transferring title of the Wills House property to the United States of America. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt a resolution to ratify the execution of the CSX Construction Agreement relative to the Train Station project, said Agreement was executed on March 30, 2004 by Charles W. Sterner, Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to approve the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the resolution for the Highway Agility Agreement Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Eline to appoint Officer Larry Weikert as the acting shift supervisor. This appointment is temporary until council approves a new Sergeant. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia reported the volunteer program will begin next week. The office will remain open until 7:00 PM and eventually remain open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Chuck Teague is finalizing the Chaplain Program which should be available to officers and other departments as needed.

Ms. Smith reported there will be additional flower baskets this summer extending to the first block of York and Chambersburg Streets.

Council convened a short executive session to discuss the Housing Authority litigation.

After opening the meeting to the public, Mr. Streeter explained the Adams County Housing Authority and the Borough have settled a three year legal dispute over the borough's denial of plans to build an addition for senior housing at the High Street School Building. Council agreed to adjust plans for Community Development Block Grant allocations and convey borough property (Digges-Monroe property) unrelated to the High Street School project to the authority to provide affordable housing.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Eline to accept the letter of March 26<sup>th</sup> which outlines the conditions by the Adams County Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve a resolution to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for \$168,247 in Fiscal Year 2004 to be allocated as follows: \$30,284 for the Borough, \$13,720 to El Centro/The Center, \$7,000 to South Central Community Action Programs, \$27,242.54 to the Recreation Department, \$20,000 to the Borough to rehab 117 Breckenridge Street and \$70,000 to Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation; and reallocate \$73,000 to the Adams County Housing Authority for the Chapel Fields Project for Fiscal year 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary