

COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2004

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Fleet, Ms. Giles, Mr. Monahan, Ms. Smith, Mr. Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Absent were Bob Miller, John Murphy and John Eline. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Chief Garcia, Planning Director Powell.

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

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

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to approve the May 10 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Garcia recognized Detective Walter Gliem and PFC Larry Weikert as the officers of the month for May. Their quick response to the arson fire at Dolly's Washhouse at 39 North Washington Street enabled them to apprehend the suspect.

Citizens in attendance:

Stan Clark expressed his sincere thanks to Council who helped to make the WWII event successful. He noted that the Rec Park staff did an exceptional job and should be commended. There were 325 veterans and approximately 3,000 visitors attending this special event.

Mayor Troxell and Borough Council expressed their thanks to the American Legion for preparing a wonderful program for these veterans.

Jerry Bennett attended to offer a report on the trip to France as part of the Boroughs delegation for the D-Day celebration. He was very appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the wonderful experience.

Susan Trostle representing the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association.

Robert Wagner was here to observe the meeting.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt the resolution supporting Governor Rendell's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, which includes a proposal for an \$800 million bond initiative known as Growing Greener II. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleet reported that Katherine Will, new Gettysburg College President, will begin her new duties next month. The College Relations Committee will hold their next meeting on August 19th at 7:00 PM at the college.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve an ordinance adopting the state Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to adopt an ordinance amending the Borough's general regulations for animals specifically addressing the issue of noise disturbance by any dog or other animal or bird. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Fleet to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption at the July meeting an ordinance increasing the parking rates for 12 hour metered parking. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the finance report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Giles to approve the purchase of new parking meter mechanisms from Duncan Industries under a three year lease purchase plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve HARB consent agenda as presented for May 19. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith reported the trees have been planted and the flower baskets were placed in and around the square.

Ms. Smith reported the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association (GARMA) would like to purchase a new tree and other Christmas decorations for the square. The cost would be \$250,000 to replace the current decorations. It may take years before new decorations can be purchased.

Mr. Monahan reported that he and Walt Powell would be meeting with the PETRO representatives to discuss property matters regarding the possible sell of property.

Solicitor Eastman reported 66-68 West Middle Street property owned by James Edge went to Sheriff's sale on May 21st. A municipal claim was filed on behalf of the Borough in the amount of \$2,773.27. The property was purchased by the holder of the first mortgage against the property, Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Peterson concerning the Digges Monroe Property, Solicitor Eastman reported he has not received confirmation that the Housing Authority has withdrawn their appeal with the Borough. Once confirmation is received he will proceed with the finalization of an Agreement of Sale.

Mr. Sterner presented Council with a chart illustrating the current year tax assessment, both taxable and non-taxable.

Mr. Sterner reported a meeting has been scheduled with PennDOT on June 30th to discuss the TEA Projects. PennDOT has eliminated their consultant, McCormick Taylor who has been assisting with the TEA paperwork. This may cause delays with the Boroughs three projects, Train Station, Railroad Street and the meters.

Mr. Sterner reported that now that the temporary ban on voting district changes has been lifted, the County will take steps to eliminate the precincts in Wards One and Three. They will no longer be separate precincts in those wards.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to re-appoint Frank Sapp to the Gettysburg Area Industrial Development Authority. This is a five year term and will expire in July 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996 and 1994. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Powell gave a brief report on his recent trip to France as part of the Boroughs delegation to St. Mere Eglise and the 60 year anniversary of D-Day. He, John Eline and Gerald Bennett represented Gettysburg. He suggested a teacher to teacher exchange program be established to further the sister city relationship.

Mr. Little reported he and C.S. Davidson representatives inspected the deck prior to the 1 year anniversary date. There are a few minor repairs that will be addressed with the contractor.

Council convened to an executive session to discuss real property and to update with the Adams County Housing Authority 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.

