

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY, 14, 1997

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, Margaret Gustafson, Charles Woodward, Jay Schmitt, John Eline, Richard Kreisher and Leonard Andrews. Holliday Giles was absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Manager Sterner, Parking Manager Little, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Rec Director Christopher, Main Street Director Persson, Terry Burger of the Evening Sun and Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times.

Mrs. Simpson asked for a minute of silent prayer in memory of Allen Larson, late Chair of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the minutes of June 9th as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Simpson presented Patrolman First Class Craig Staley with Resolution to acknowledge the hard work and dedication in his efforts to pursue his education and further his contribution to the overall professionalism of the Gettysburg Police Department.

Moved Mr. Troxell, seconded Mr. Woodward to adopt the Resolution honoring PFC Craig Staley. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Bob and Shirley Staley, Craig's parents and Leslie Staley, his wife attended the meeting to observe the presentation of Craig's Resolution.

Bob Sharrar, attended to answer any questions concerning the planning module for Tower Commons submitted for approval.

Bea Savage, horse drawn carriage business, Biglerville, is here to observe the Council meeting.

Polly Parone, Representing the Retail Merchants Association.

Jim Johns, National Park, thanked Council and acknowledged the good cooperation extended to the NPS during the recent procession and interment of a Civil War soldier.

Joe Patti, asked Council for additional time to satisfy the Borough lien on his property located on the second block of West Middle Street. Mrs. Simpson directed his request to the Community Development Committee.

B.J. Small attended to discuss Main Street matters.

Jim Watson, manager of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority, attended to discuss the NPS sewer planning module.

John Krichten, attended to follow up on his HARB application.

Eric Persson gave Council a report on the current status of planning for the downtown facility.

B.J. Small reported that Eric Persson is leaving Gettysburg for a new position in Evansville, Indiana. The Main Street Board plans to carry on with all the projects and is currently working on making this transition as smooth as possible. They do intend to hire a replacement but that may take a few months. During this time volunteers will be manning the Main Street office and Mrs. Larson will keep the brick program updated.

Mr. Eline reiterated B.J.'s comments and hopes that Council will continue to support up Main Street.

On behalf of Council, Mrs. Simpson thanked Eric for his service to the Borough and bid him good luck in his new position.

Mayor Linn thanked everyone for their assistance during his recuperation.

Mr. Andrews reported the Legislative Committee discussed the first six months work, and made plans for their work over the remainder of 1997. He will contact Representative Stephen Maitland to discuss the Hotel Tax further with his committee.

Mr. Kreisher reported the Public Works Committee has received information from PEMA that we can expect about \$66,000 in federal Hazard Mitigation funding for Tiber flooding. Certain parking control equipment at the Parking Garage needs replaced. Parking Manager Little is pricing equipment and will keep the Committee informed.

Mr. Eline reported the Community Development Committee has received a negative response from Giant Food Stores. That Committee will inform Giant of our dissatisfaction with their response, and again request that they consider keeping the store on West Street. The next Community Development meeting will be on July 28th with Dick Schmoyer attending.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to pay all bills and payroll for the month. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve HARB "consent agenda" for the meeting of June 25. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner reported that we are nearing a settlement on the Keystone Litigation. Our share of the settlement is \$3,361.75. Council gave our attorneys authorization to proceed with this offer at the February 1997 meeting. The Borough has already spent \$20,000 in Attorneys fees.

Managers report:

We have received a preliminary report from our parking consultant with three alternatives for parking at the Wet High Street location. The committee will need to review her suggestions and arrange a meeting with the three churches and County.

The National Park Service has changed its auto tour route to again proceed through our downtown. New maps have been printed showing the route, and importantly, our parking garage and rest rooms are shown along with a note to visit historic downtown.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Woodward to approve the Resolution to install additional street lighting in Breckenridge Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the St. Francis Church tax exoneration request for 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner noted the Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 16th with much important business to discuss.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to except the exoneration report from G.H. Harris for tax year 1995. Motion carried.

Jim Watson, Gettysburg Municipal Authority, gave a brief presentation of the sewer project for the National Park Service. There will be no cost to the Authority, NPS will cover all expenses of installation and operation. Council is asked to approve the planning module so that it can be submitted to Pa DEP.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Eline to adopt the Resolution for the Plan Revision for new land development to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Resources for its approval for GMA project. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Sharrar, representing Adams County Construction, gave a brief summary of the townhouse proposal, Tower Commons, to be constructed on West High Street. It consists of 20 units, and he requested that Council approve the planning module for submission to Pa DEP.

Moved Mr. Andrews, seconded Mr. Troxell to adopt the Resolution for new land development to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Resources for its approval of Tower Commons. Motion carried unanimously.

CEO Weikert informed Council that the Planning Commission has finished its work on the revised Zoning Ordinance, and that it is now in Council's hands for final review and approval. Council will need to conduct a Public Hearing prior to final approval. The Community Development Committee will begin this final process, and have our consultant attend that meeting to assist Council with its review.

Manager Sterner reported that the highway crew has completed the square project, complementing the crew on the good and speedy work, and for keeping the merchants well informed and happy. The crew will be working on handicapped ramps and will be paving in August.

Due to the death of Allen Larson the meeting scheduled for Thursday night July 17 with Cumberland Township will be rescheduled.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Weaver
Borough Secretary

