

COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. Eline, Ms. Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Absent included Mr. Fleet, Ms. Giles and Mr. Monahan. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Director of Planning Powell, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Corson, Public Works Director Gammell and Finance Director Overton.

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

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the agenda after including an executive session last on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the August 9, 2004 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Jeremy Meehan and Stephen Ginter, representing the College Community Leaders (CCL) of Gettysburg College, a newly formed group, were here to inform Council of a new student program. They are planning a letter-writing campaign for U.S. soldiers stationed in Iraq and asked all Council to send a letter of support for these servicemen. The CCL would like to make this a town wide program and are scheduled to meet with other area organizations to seek their support in writing letters. They would like to invite everyone to a kick-off event on Saturday, October 23rd outside the College admissions building. Ms. Smith suggested meeting with the College Relations Committee at their next meeting. Mr. Eline asked that all of Council write a letter in support of the servicemen stationed in Iraq.

Andrea Singley, 137 West Middle Street, addressed Council of her disapproval of HARB's decision to deny her application for shutters. She expressed her concerns that some residents have completed improvements without going before HARB and questioned these exceptions. Mr. Streeter noted that the HARB will be addressed later on the agenda.

Walton Davis, Esquire, 63 West High Street, representing 2 of the 3 property owners on West Confederate Avenue: Mr. & Mrs. Dale C. Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Don MacLean both present that he represents and the 3rd owner is Mr. & Mrs. Sal Prezioso. They desire to have the ability to conduct a bed and breakfast uses in their residences, which is currently not available under the current R-1 zoning classification. They are asking Council to change the zoning to allow for bed and breakfast. Borough Council would need to direct this to the Borough Planning Commission and Adams County

Planning Commission. A Public Hearing would need to be held followed by an ordinance change.

Mr. Streeter directed this matter to the Community Development Committee for further discussion.

Jonathan Hansen, Adams County Department of Emergency Services, reported that the County Emergency Management Office has completed a county wide hazard mitigation plan. This plan was funded by grant monies and is due November 1. All municipalities must enact such a plan; either the County's or prepare one separately. Mr. Streeter referred this to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

Patti Lawson, representing Gettysburg College thanked Council and Borough Staff for their assistance with the art exhibit event. A special thanks to Dr. Powell and Chief Garcia for their strategic planning efforts.

Nell Matthews, 248 Springs Avenue, asked Council to consider a swimming pool at the Rec Park. She submitted an article of interest to the newspaper and has received many calls of support for a pool. Mr. Streeter suggested she organize a committee to search out possible funding sources. He suggested contacting Vickie Corbett and Nathan Hockley who were instrumental in the skate park project committee.

Don Marritz, 61 East Broadway, addressed Council on the need of public transportation to and from Gettysburg. Mr. Murphy noted Council continues to work with the NPS on the transportation study for Gettysburg.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on September 20th.

Mr. Streeter prepared a draft letter to the County Commissioners inviting them to meet and address certain items of mutual concern.

Ms. Smith noted the College Relations Committee will change its name to the College Community Committee.

Mr. Eline reporting for the Community Development Committee noted the receipt of letters of support to apply for a grant to have the fitness trail at the Rec Park refurbished.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to authorize approval of an application to the Department of Community and Natural Resource (DCNR) Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to be used towards a fitness/walking trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline reported Main Street will hold a visioning meeting on September 14th and October 19th at the Gettysburg Hotel at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Eline reported sister city visits to Gettysburg from Gettysburg, Ohio and Leon, Nicaragua are being planned in the near future.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the sale of two police cars. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the renewal of all insurance policies with the exception of Crime, Inland Marine and PA Law 477. Further moved to establish a Self Insurance Fund to pay minor claims using funds from the savings as described in Finance Minutes of August 18. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to approve HARB items A, B, C, D, F, G and H as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Following a presentation made by Ms. Smith in her capacity as Borough Council liaison to the Historical Architectural Review Board and further following a review by Dr. Powell of the recommendation of HARB to include a review with the members of Borough Council of the relevant factors set forth in Section 110 of the Borough's Historic District Ordinance, the Borough Council in consideration of the relevant factors of Section 110 took action to deny an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness made by Andrea M. Singley for the installation of vinyl shutters at certain real property located at 137 West Middle Street. Such action was taken as follows.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded Mr. Murphy to deny the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness made by Andrea M. Singley for the installation of vinyl shutters at certain real property located 137 West Middle Street said matter being listed on the HARB Consent Agenda as item 2.E. and further to direct Dr. Powell to issue a letter notifying the Applicant in writing of the denial of her application and further to indicate what changes in the Applicant in writing of the denial of her application and further to indicate what changes in the Applicant's plans and specifications would meet the conditions for protecting the historical character of the District. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline suggested Ms. Singley contact Main Street to see if she would meet the requirements to qualify for a loan to help defray remodeling cost.

Mr. Peterson reporting for Human Relations noted the Borough Directory and Borough Handbook are ready for Council review.

Ms. Smith asked Council to consider a proposal for a volunteer program which she hopes to include in the 2005 budget. This would involve hiring a part time volunteer coordinator who would actively seek volunteers and oversee their work.

Moved Mr. Eline seconded Mr. Murphy to adopt a resolution appointing Beatrice D. Savage as the Borough's Building Code Official and Middle Department Inspection Agency, Inc. as its Code Administrator for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eastman pointed out item 5 of his report, the estate of Kathleen Mitchell, will award the Borough back taxes in the amount of \$2,511.02. The Adams County Tax Claim Bureau will make the distribution among all parties included in settlement.

Mr. Sterner reported the Train Station Bids were opened. There will be a pre-award meeting with the low bidder to verify certain aspects of the work. Also, PennDOT will need to review and approve the bid.

Mr. Little reported the new parking meter mechanisms have arrived and already have begun replacing the long term meters.

Council adjourned to an executive session.

At the conclusion of the executive session, it was announced that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss information relative to negotiations for the purchase of real estate.

With no further business, Mr. Murphy moved, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary