

COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2004

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

Representing the press were Matt Major of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Christina Kristofic of the *Evening Sun*.

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

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the October 12th council minutes and the October 25th special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Andrew Manley, 237 Steinwehr Avenue, expressed his concern of the possibility of a tax increase with the 2005 budget.

Mr. Streeter noted the budget is very preliminary at this time and will be reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting on November 17th at 3:00 PM. He suggested that anyone with concerns should attend that meeting.

Jeff Shaffer and John Krichten, of Times Square II, were here to discuss an upcoming project at the corner of 4th and Water Streets. They are proposing a 40-50 unit townhouse rental project on a two acre parcel. It would also provide some parking underneath the buildings. Currently the property is zoned Industrial District and wish for council to consider rezoning the area to R-2.

Solicitor Eastman instructed them to prepare a proposed ordinance to amend the zoning and submit to Council. A public hearing would then need to be advertised. He also noted they would need to present their plans to the Borough Planning Commission and the Adams County Planning Department for their review.

Mr. Eline noted that a presentation was given at the Community Development Meeting by representatives from Times Square II. The committee approved the project to proceed but was not aware an ordinance change was needed. With that in mind Council should make all amendments to the zoning ordinance at one time. Council should consider reviewing the Comprehensive Plan in the near future.

Chuck Teague, Police Chaplain, was here to observe the meeting.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15th at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Adams County Emergency Services Training Facility. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting contact Sara.

Mr. Streeter reported he had attended a meeting with Growth Options for the 21st Century (GO21) to promote increased use of freight rail transportation as an alternative to continued reliance on an overcrowded highway system. With Council approval he will send a letter of support to GO21.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to approve a resolution authorizing and approving a management agreement (water system) and a management agreement (sewer system), both between this Borough and Gettysburg Municipal Authority, with respect to the authority's water system and the authority's sewer system; authorizing and directing execution, attestation and delivery of said agreements on behalf of the Borough; and authorizing and directing other necessary and proper action. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streeter reported he and other members of Council attended the college breakfast hosted by Dr. Kate Will, which was a very nice meeting.

Mr. Eline reported the vision workshops sponsored by Main Street were well attended. They plan to have a follow up in January.

Mr. Eline noted the Main Street Auditors suggested a formal agreement should be adopted between the Borough and Main Street.

Moved Mr. Eline, seconded Mr. Murphy to authorize a public hearing to be held on Monday, January 10th at 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution appointing the Adams County Uniform Construction Code Shared Board of Appeals as its agent to perform board of appeals functions in accordance with the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Murphy noted that Council is very concerned about increasing taxes with the 2005 budget and are discussing other options. Council will review a revised budget at the Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 17 at 3:00 PM.

Mr. Monahan pointed out Council had a successful budget meeting and feels there is no reason to raise taxes. They will look at other options such as, short term parking meter rates, health insurance changes and limited pay increases.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt the proposed 2005 borough budget in the amount of \$4,331,360 and advertise the same for public inspection until the December Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to authorize the advertisement on an ordinance fixing the tax rates for the Fiscal Year 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Monahan pointed out a letter received from the Borough of Chambersburg reveals that other Boroughs go through the same issues during budget season.

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

Ms. Smith suggested Council plan a workshop to discuss an outline to give Board/Commission Members a sense of direction.

Mr. Streeter scheduled a workshop for Council on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00 PM at the HOTEL.

Ms. Smith complimented the Shade Tree Commission who keeps very active organizing the Borough trees and the highway crew who maintains the 900 trees.

Mr. Peterson thanked everyone who attended the first 3rd Ward Community meeting. They were very impressed with the presentations given by District Attorney Shawn Wagner, Chief Rolf Garcia and Alice Estrada, Main Street Director. He anticipates continuing to hold these meetings.

Mr. Peterson reported he along with Len Andrews and Rec Director Corson continues to meet to discuss the Rec Park campaign.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Eline to approve the execution of the Indemnity Agreement between the Borough and Gettysburg College, in the amount of \$8,500,000.00 and further to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Financial Security Agreement, in the amount of \$86,478.70 for the installation of public improvement in connection with the Majestic Theater preliminary/final Land Development plan and further to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to accept the J.P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995 and 1994.

Mr. Streeter reported Allen McDonnell does not wish to renew his term on the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board which will expire in December. Ted intends to nominate Jamie Fleet at next months meeting. He also reported Ralph Sorensen resigned from the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board effective December 30, 2004 due to leaving the country on sabbatical leave. His position will need to be filled for the remainder of the term which expires in December 2005.

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 real estate matters. Mr. Streeter reported Council will enter into a contractual agreement with a consultant for the Regional Economic Development District Initiative (REDDI), for the purpose of procuring private and public funding for identified economic revitalization projects.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the contract with Chris Seitz as the Boroughs consultant and authorize the President and Secretary to execute the document. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Mr. Miller moved, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary