

**COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2005**

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. Murphy, Mr. Miller, Mr. Peterson and Mayor Troxell. Mr. Eline was absent. Staff included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, Solicitor Eastman, Planning Director Powell, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Parking Manager Little, Finance Director Overton and Code Enforcement Officer Savage.

Representing the press were Matt Major of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Charles Schillinger of the *Evening Sun*.

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

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to approve the Council Minutes of February 14th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Herb Riede, Karen Welch and Blanca Kump were here to represent Leadership Adams/Hanover Program.

Giovanni Cucuzza, La Bella Italia Restaurant, 402 York Street and Jonathan Patrono, Patrono and Associates, 30 West Middle Street, attended for the approval of a resolution for a liquor license to dispense beer at his restaurant.

Walton Davis, 63 West High Street, expressed his concerns about the Housing Authority's decision to remove 2 trees. He feels they should try to save the trees as the Borough has requested or the Borough shouldn't provide CDBG funding. Mr. Davis also expressed his concerns about snow and ice on the sidewalks. He asked where property owners are to put snow if they aren't allowed to put it on the streets. Mr. Davis asked that Council consider making an amendment to the ordinance on snow removal.

Mr. Streeter referred the snow request to Solicitor Eastman and the Safety Committee for further review.

Mr. Streeter referred the tree issue to the Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Mayor Troxell reported the Adams County Boroughs Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21st at Boydie's Restaurant in Littlestown.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of a Liquor License to dispense beer (License No. E-3394)

pursuant to the application of Giovanni Cucuzza, for use in his restaurant La Bella Italia upon its reconstruction at premises located at 402 York Street, Gettysburg Borough, Adams County, Pennsylvania. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Murphy to approve a resolution declaring character counts, proclamation week, establishing character counts, week in perpetuity, and encouraging good examples of character. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community Committee will schedule a meeting in April.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to appropriate \$155,005 in FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) as follows: \$27,901 for administrative costs; \$7,104 to Adams County Housing Authority for financial counselor; \$15,000 to Gettysburg Borough for housing rehab at 117 Breckenridge Street; \$20,000 to Gettysburg Borough for additional code enforcement staff; \$25,000 to Gettysburg Borough to help retire outstanding building debt; \$20,000 to Gettysburg Borough for fitness trail at Rec Park; \$15,000 to SCAPP to assist with building rehab for homeless shelter and \$25,000 to Housing Authority for homeownership assistance at Digges-Monroe.

After a brief discussion Mr. Murphy and Mr. Peterson withdrew their first motion for the appropriation of CDBG funds.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson to amend the motion to appropriate \$155,005 in FY 2005 CDBG funds as presented except changing the \$25,000 to Borough of Gettysburg for housing rehab instead of the Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Murphy to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment amendments to the ordinance that will allow for alcoholic beverage consumption at the Rec Park for certain events. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Monahan reporting for the Legislative Committee noted that he and other Borough representatives met in Washington with Congressman Platts, and staffers in Senators Specter and Santorum. They discussed funding for Homeland Security, Train Station and the Transportation Budget to be used for the PETRO Station. It was a very successful meeting and holds great promise for further funding.

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

Ms. Smith reported the Shade Tree Commission would meet in April. She also reported the newly formed Volunteer Program is going very well.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an ordinance vacating that portion of East Lincoln Avenue on the easterly side of North Fourth Street. Mr. Fleet abstained from the vote for personal reasons. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller reported the skate park project should be complete and ready to open on May 28, 2005.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Ms. Giles to adopt the revised Employee Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peterson noted the Rec Park Capital Campaign Committee continues to work on the Rec Park brochure.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to set amount of financial security for completion of public improvements in connection with the American Legion Land Development Plan for 528 East Middle Street in the amount of \$14,117.52 consistent with the review letter of the Borough's Engineers, C.S. Davidson, Inc., dated March 11, 2005 in the form of an improvement bond to be issued in favor of the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman reported the Parksville Property settlement took place on February 28th.

Manager Sterner advised Council that he will prepare and advertise the annual equipment rental bids. He advised that we should wait until later in the spring to bid asphalt due to the increased price of petroleum.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Miller to approve the material bids from Hanover Concrete for \$93.00 per cubic yard for the Railroad and Baltimore Street projects pending PennDOT approval of the contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles expressed her concerns about the congestion on Carlisle Street due to the Majestic Project. The contractors should park in the garage and not be allowed to park at the metered spaces. This was referred to Mr. Lawver and Mr. Little to discuss alternatives with the contractor.

Dr. Powell reported the Wills House Project Team approved moving the Lincoln Statue closer to the Masonic Building.

Council adjourned to an executive session.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. Streeter announced that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss possible litigation, a personnel issue and a legal issue.

With no further business, Mr. Monahan moved, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara L. Stull". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary