

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 1997

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following Councilors present: William Troxell, Margaret Gustafson, Holliday Giles, Charles Woodward, Jay Schmitt, John Eline, Richard Kreisher, and Leonard Andrews. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Solicitor Oyler, Manager Sterner, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Code Enforcement Officer Weikert, Parking Manager Little, Rec Director Christopher, Polly Parone representing the Retail Merchants Association, Stacey Schmiedl of Gettysburg College, Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times and Alison Lawlead of the Evening Sun.

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

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to approve the minutes of July 14th as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Simpson attended the Pennsylvania Society For Advancement of the Deaf convention held at the Eisenhower Inn. She welcomed everyone to Gettysburg and presented them with the Mayor's proclamation.

Citizens in attendance:

Heather Young, Gettysburg Carriage Company, is here to observe the Council meeting.

Frank Sapp and Tim Crosby, representing Main Street, presented Council with a \$20,000 check towards improvements on the southeast quadrant of Lincoln Square. They also presented each Councilor with a copy of the new Gettysburg Poster. Local businesses will be selling these posters at a cost of \$10.00 as a fund raiser for Main Street.

Ms. Giles asked if Main Street had begun a search for a new executive director to replace Eric Perrson. Mr. Crosby responded that they are planning to hire a new director but have not advertised yet. They are currently trying to fill the secretarial position.

Mr. Woodward reported that certain Rec Board members have not been attending the meetings. He suggested replacing some of those members. The Rec Board has discussed a special thank you for Mrs. Hanson in recognition of her generous donation. Possibilities include a bench in the park with her name placed on it.

Mr. Woodward had several complaints for the Code Enforcement Officer and Chief Gantz to look into; Race Horse Alley and Dobbin Alley need cleaned, double parking on Breckenridge Street and loitering in certain areas around town.

Mr. Andrews reported that the Legislative Committee met with Representative Maitland to get an update on the status of various bills in legislation.

Mr. Andrews reported that Murray Frazee is interested in filling Allen Larson's seat on the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board.



Mr. Kreisher reported that Frank Ruth is also interested in serving on the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board.

Mr. Eline reported that there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:30 p.m. to receive public input to the new zoning ordinance. Council should review the zoning ordinance before that time so they are prepared for the hearing. The Planning Commission has spent much time on this ordinance so it is very important for Council to properly review.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to pay all bills and payrolls. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Woodward to award the insurance policies for the year beginning September 1 to Hockley & O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance authorizing joining with the Capital Region Blue Cross/Blue Shield pool. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Andrews to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the ordinance authorizing joining with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Troxell reported that the National Park Service will be holding a public workshop on August 20th to continue its general management plan.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB "consent agenda" for the meeting of July 30th. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that she witnessed recycling bins being dumped into regular garbage trucks. The Code Enforcement Officer was informed and has reported this to R & A Bender.

Ms. Giles asked the status at the TKE House on Carlisle Street. CEO Weikert reported that the fraternity has been suspended for 1 year. The TKE Alumni Association closed the building. Our codes require the building to be secured by boarding up. They painted the boards white to help with the appearance and they meet Boro Code regulations at this time. The owners are in the process of finding a contractor to do the repairs so they can reopen next year.

Mr. Eline reported that the sidewalk needs repaired along Water Street at the TKE house. Staff will inspect the sidewalk.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Troxell to authorize Chief Gantz to purchase a used police car to replace the wrecked cruiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Kreisher to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Transient Retail Business and Use of Streets by Processions and Assemblages Ordinances for next months meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Oyler reported that a Sheriff sale will be held for Joe Patti's property on Middle Street, on Friday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m.



Managers report:

St. Mere Eglise Delegation will arrive in Gettysburg October 4-6. Approximately 15 people will be visiting Gettysburg. We are trying to arrange housing in private homes, if interested let Mgr. Sterner know.

Finance Committee will meet on August 27th at 4:00 PM.

Public Works Committee will be reviewing the Solid Waste Operation in East Berlin on August 28 at 7:30 p.m.

A joint meeting with Cumberland Township will be held on September 2 at 7:00 p.m. at their office.

Parking study meeting with Church representatives on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

We have received a reply from NPS agreeing to allow the sale of Main Street bricks in the Visitor Center.

The ballot this November will have a referendum which will permit a change in the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow separate taxation on property. As this legislation is important for future tax reform, Council should endorse a positive vote to the voters.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to accept the exoneration report from G.H. Harris for tax years 1905 and 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Lawver reported that Columbia Gas has experienced difficulties on Baltimore Street causing delays in the completion of their work. The "black boxes" that have been installed for the new signals are larger than what had been expected. They were the original boxes approved by Council last year.

Rec Director Christopher reported that for the last day of the summer "Kids" programs, Mrs. Anne Hanson attended the family day picnic where the children put on a program and presented her with a framed thank-you.

With no further business moved Mr. Schmitt, seconded Mr. Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary

