

COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2005

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

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

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

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of May 9th as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens in attendance:

Jacob Schindel, Pam Frankenfield and Marty Qually were here to observe the meeting.

Nell Matthews, Gettysburg Community Pool Committee, handed out information from several pool companies for Council to review. The committee continues to work on soliciting for a matching grant they wish to apply for.

Mr. Fleet reported the College Community Committee met and discussed upgrading fraternities at off campus locations. The College reported there are more students registered for the upcoming year. The Majestic Project is on schedule.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Ms. Smith to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for adoption an ordinance that will control the density of housing. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman asked Council for the parameters to draft the ordinance. Mr. Fleet will forward the information to the Solicitor.

Mr. Eline reporting for the Community Development Committee noted that Alice Estrada, Main Street Director gave a brief report on the Way Finding Signage project. The Borough would be eligible for funding if they wish to proceed with the National Park Service in creating a new signage system. Ms. Estrada will meet with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) next week to discuss further.

Mr. Monahan asked if the \$72,000 the NPS is planning to use towards the signage project as part of the Boroughs cost of \$45,000. Mr. Eline said it is not.

Mr. Eline noted Main Street will hold their meetings bi-monthly. They continue to discuss with NPS the possibility of Main Street moving their office to the Wills House.

Mr. Eline reported the Town Guide Program is proceeding and will begin tours this week. They will begin at the Christ Lutheran Church on Chambersburg Street.

Mr. Monahan mentioned the Brass Band Festival was fabulous.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Monahan to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an ordinance to designate Rail Road Street as a one-way street, west bound. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles noted a meeting was held with the local bars and police agencies to discuss bike week. She noted that a police department cannot close down a business.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Fleet to approve all bills and payrolls as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Giles to instruct the solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an amendment to the ordinance to designate the York/Adams EIT Collection Agency as the collector of Borough Earned Income and EMS taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to re-allocate the remaining volunteer coordinator funds (\$6,500) to a part time downtown maintenance position. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Eline to retain the law firm of Schiffrin & Barroway, LLP, to represent the Borough in class action litigation relating to our investment holding. Fees for the service will be withheld from future settlements. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Giles asked Solicitor Eastman if he ever heard of this firm. He said he didn't but he reviewed the information. Mr. Fleet noted the firm is a friend of his family and that he had suggested they contact the Borough. Mr. Streeter asked if they review the Boroughs pension accounts with Leonard Ferrara Company. Mr. Sterner pointed out that these are just class action litigations where the Boroughs pension funds are invested. The firm would give advice to the Borough at no cost or risk to the Borough.

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

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Fleet to accept the resignation of Rheda Martin from the Civil Service Commission effective June 13, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Monahan to appoint Andrew Keyser to the Civil Service Commission, replacing Rheda Martin. This term will expire in May 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Miller to appoint Michael Kessler to the Civil Service Commission, replacing John Butterfield. This term will expire in May 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Peterson, seconded Mr. Murphy to appoint Nancy Gudmestad to HARB, replacing Dave English. This term will expire in August 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Peterson to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise for enactment an ordinance authorizing the Borough of Gettysburg to enter into an intermunicipal agreement creating a shared Adams County UCC Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman noted that Planning Director Powell had given him a Save America's Treasures Grant application for completion. Mr. Streeter suggested with the absence of Dr. Powell, hold until next month so Walt can explain and distribute to Council for review.

Solicitor Eastman reported notices were sent to residents of East Lincoln Avenue of the enacted ordinance vacating and closing a portion of this street. The adjoining property owners may petition Borough Council for a hearing to appeal within 30 days.

Manager Sterner reported there was only 1 bid received on June 1 by Valley Quarries for asphalt.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Peterson to award the 2005 asphalt bid to the low bidder, Valley Quarries. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Sterner reported he created the position of Utilities Manager for the Gettysburg Municipal Authority appointing Mark Guise.

Mr. Monahan asked "is the cart ahead of the horse"? Council should speak with the GMA Board before appointing someone to this position.

Mr. Fleet and Mr. Streeter both stressed that the GMA Board should be notified first before making an announcement.

Moved Mr. Miller, seconded Mr. Monahan to appoint Mark Guise as Utilities Manager for GMA after ratifying with the GMA Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to accept the J. P. Harris exoneration report for tax years 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy asked when Railroad Street would be complete. Mr. Lawver reported there isn't a completion date at this time.

Mr. Murphy asked if there was any significant revenue lost when the meters were down for inspection. Mr. Little reported nothing significant.

Mr. Little reported tomorrow is Flag Day if anyone has any flags to dispose of.

After an executive session, the President opened the meeting to the public and announced the purpose of the executive session was to discuss personnel matters.

With no further business, Mr. Monahan moved, seconded Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary