

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
(STORM WATER AUTHORITY)
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

President Susan Naugle called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Jacob Schindel, Mr. Wesley Heyser, Mr. Christopher Berger, Ms. Patricia Lawson, Mr. Charles Strauss and Mr. John Lawver. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Puhl Eastman & Thrasher; Adam Boyer, Esquire, Puhl Eastman & Thrasher; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Borough Planning Director Becky LaBarre; Finance Director Nicolette James; Interim Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present include: Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Ron Frenette and Mike Tallent, 811 Johns Avenue; and Becka Fissel, Borough Parking Enforcement Officer. Representing the press was Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times*.

President Susan Naugle announced the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment relative to the intention and desire of the Borough of Gettysburg to organize and form a municipal authority entitled the Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority. The purpose of the Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority will be the administration and assessment of related fees in connection with the construction, operation, maintenance and repairs necessary for the implementation and operation of the Borough's municipal separate storm sewer system and program.

It is the intention of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg to consider and vote upon the publication of an ordinance for subsequent enactment for the purpose of organization and formation of the Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority and to authorize the execution and the filing with the Pennsylvania Department of State of Articles of Incorporation for the proposed authority. Such consideration and action will be taken at a general business meeting of the Borough Council to be held immediately following the public hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Charles Gable gave a brief summary and background on the MS4. He said that after considerable review he believes that it's better for the Borough to create a Storm Water Authority.

Borough Engineer Chad Clabaugh gave a summary of the need for a Stormwater Authority, and the mechanism allowed funding it (see attached).

Councilwoman Lawson pointed out that it's important to get the education and outreach to the residents.

Adam Boyer, Esquire explained the process of establishing a Storm Water Authority, and said that the Articles of Incorporation must be approved and filed with the state. He provided Council with copies of the draft Articles of Incorporation and Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority Ordinance that will be enactment at a special Council meeting on November 26.

Public Comments:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street said that the federal mandate is “a fact of life, so I’ll accept it,” and noted that it will help the environment. He asked that Council have a process for property owners to be able to appeal the fee. Mr. Shestok also said to be sensitive to the water drainage issues along Baltimore Street.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Heyser to adjourn the public hearing at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara L. Stull".

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

Gettysburg Borough Stormwater Authority

GBSA

- I. Need for a stormwater Authority
 - a. New MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Regulations
 - i. MS4 Permit has 6 MCM's:
 - 1. **MCM #1** - Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts
 - 2. **MCM #2** - Public Involvement/Participation
 - 3. **MCM #3** - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E)
 - 4. **MCM #4** - Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
 - 5. **MCM #5** - Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) in New and Redevelopment Activities
 - 6. **MCM #6** - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations
 - ii. Attached to the MS4 permit is the Chesapeake Bay Requirement for a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP)
 - 1. Gettysburg's plan was submitted last year, commented on by DEP, was revised this summer and was recently resubmitted for review by DEP.
 - 2. Calls for \$188,000 annually for Pollution Reduction related projects.
 - b. Maintenance of sewer system
 - i. Ageing system (built from masonry arches, terracotta clay or corrugated metal) is failing and otherwise undersized in many locations.
 - ii. Replacement of this infrastructure is very expensive. For instance Stratton Street is a \$1million project and a similar project with a similar price tag on Chambersburg Street needs to be planned.
 - iii. The last 4 projects, Stratton, Carlisle, Long, and East Middle have been funded through loans.
 - c. Floodplain Management - FEMA regulations, new flood maps, and flood mitigation
 - d. Associated Administration
- II. Stormwater Authority will allow for a mechanism to fund these efforts.
 - a. First it's important to note that the above list is largely defined by impervious coverage
 - b. Current Borough Code doesn't allow a service fee to be collected by the Borough which would fairly assess all properties with impervious coverage.
 - c. HB 914 has been pending for a long time. Borough cannot afford to wait any longer as MS4 efforts have begun a year ago.
 - d. It is not prudent to continue to fund infrastructure projects with loans.
 - e. Council weighed other options and determined this is the best option.

III. How it works

- a. After the Authority is Established, the members will develop a budget based on funding needed
- b. Impervious Coverage will be calculated for each parcel
- c. A tiered system will be developed. For example:
 - i. 0 to 5,000
 - ii. 5,000 to 10,000
 - iii. Over 10,000
- d. Each parcel will be put into each category
- e. Credits will be given for Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- f. Fees will be collected on Quarterly Basis

Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer
C. S. Davidson, Inc.
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