

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 1993

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all of Council present: Mr. Ditzler, Mr. Zellner, Mrs. Rice, Mr. DeHaas, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Troxell, Mrs. Gustafson, and Ms. Giles. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Manager Sterner, and Dr. Powell. Representing the press: Sharon Hare of the Hanover Evening Sun and Lucy Basalla of the Gettysburg Times.

Dr. Powell gave a brief summary of the proposed reallocation of \$16,000 in the FY-1992 Community Development Block Grant Program from "Recreation Facilities-playground equipment for the Recreation Park" to "Acquisition/Relocation for the acquisition of the Brandon Trailer Court at 230-232 South Washington Street. He noted that these funds would be used to assist the Borough in meeting expenses created by the purchase of the property above noted, especially for demolition/removal of the trailers, site clean up, and costs connected with the relocation of the tenants now residing there. Some of the funds are needed immediately while others would be expended over a 42 month period. He then distributed an estimated budget, showing actual expenses to date and projected expenses based on the maximum relocation allowance permitted per household. He noted that this budget did not reflect any additional cost for acquisition that might be required if the Court added compensation to the former owner.

There were a number of questions from members of Borough Council on the Brandon Trailer Court project. Ms. Giles asked why the Borough had to pay an average of \$650 per household for a moving allowance, suggesting that it would be much less expensive for the Borough to move the tenants. Dr. Powell acknowledged the fact, but pointed out that under the requirements of the Uniform Act the tenants had the choice of accepting a moving allowance or having actual moving costs paid. In most cases tenants prefer the allowance. President Simpson asked about the projected \$38,000 in relocation costs over the next 42 months, and whether that figure might be reduced. Dr. Powell noted that one household has received a Section 8 certificate and will have only a modest relocation expense, and another has applied for Section 8 assistance and may begin assistance in less than a year. If that happens, the household relocation allowance will be reduced. Two other households are not eligible for Section 8 assistance, however, and will need the maximum allowance projected. There were a few additional questions on the timetable for relocating the tenants. With no further comments or questions, President Simpson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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