

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 28, 2007**

President Theodore Streeter called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Ms. Holliday Giles, Mr. John Murphy, Ms. Caroline Smith, Mr. Dick Peterson, Mr. Robert Miller, Mr. Michael Birkner and Mayor William Troxell. Mr. Jamie Fleet and Mr. William Monahan were absent. Staff present included Manager John Lawver, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Finance Director Ramona Overton, and Code Enforcement Officer Bea Savage.

Others present included Frank Leber, Bond Council, John Butterfield, 999 Sunset Avenue, Robert Krummerich, 125 W Broadway, Susan Naugle, 650 Red Patch, Darlene Brown, ACHA/PICPI, Gene Golden, borough vent, Dennis Dunleavy, Alexandria, Virginia, friend of Mr. Murphy, representing the press were Scot Pitzer of the *Gettysburg Times* and Scott Braden with the *Evening Sun*

Moved Mr. Murphy seconded Mr. Peterson to adopt the proposed 2008 Borough Budget in the amount of \$4,500,534. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Miller to approve and ordinance fixing the tax rate for fiscal year 2008 at 14.38 mils and the occupation tax rate at 30 mils. Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Eastman gave a brief summary on the EMS/Local Tax Enabling Act which was established to provide revenue for police, fire and emergency services; road construction and maintenance; the reduction of property taxes and for other purposes as may be specified for such tax from time to time.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Ms. Smith to adopt an ordinance repealing ordinance #1298-04, which imposed, levied and assessed a tax for emergency and municipal services upon persons engaged in an occupation within the Borough of Gettysburg and enacting this ordinance providing for the assessment of the tax, for the use of funds collected, for administration and enforcement of the tax, and for interest, fines and penalties for violations of this ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Birkner asked if the tax amount collected would change. Solicitor Eastman responded it would remain the same \$52.00.

Frank Leber, Bond Council gave a brief summary of the General Obligation Bond to be used for and towards a refunding project. All related costs, fees and expenses would be included.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Peterson the enactment by Council of Ordinance #1340-07, in the form presented to this meeting, authorizing the incurrence of general obligation debt of this Borough to be evidenced by a General Obligation Bond, Series of 2008, in the maximum principal amount of \$435,000.00 to provide funds for and toward a refunding project that consists of refunding this Borough's General Obligation Note, Series of 2006, and the payment of related cost, fees and expenses. YEA: Ms. Smith, Mr. Birkner, Ms. Giles, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller and Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Birkner asked what the advantages of a 12 year bond as opposed to a 6 year or other time frame. Mr. Leber responded if you go beyond 12 years you can't get a fixed rate so that's why he looked at the 10-12 year time line. He also noted if you go lower it affects the budget.

Mr. Birkner asked if the Borough could pay the note off before 12 years without a penalty. Mr. Leber responded yes it can be paid off at anytime without a penalty.

Mr. Leber gave a brief summary of the 2008 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be used as needed. The borough would only pay interest on the amount drawn down and this note would expire in December 2008.

Moved Mr. Murphy, seconded Mr. Birkner to adopt Resolution #122807, in the form presented to this meeting, authorizing the incurrence of tax and revenue anticipation debt of this Borough to be evidenced by a 2008 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, in the maximum principal amount of \$300,000.00. YEA: Ms. Smith, Mr. Birkner, Ms. Giles, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Miller and Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Streeter reported that in June PLCM contacted the Borough to host the annual 2008 PLCM convention to be held in Gettysburg. He had contacted Karen Hendricks to work as an independent contractor at no cost to the Borough.

Moved Mr. Streeter, seconded Ms. Smith to hire Karen Hendricks as an independent contractor to handle the 2008 PLCM convention with all cost to be paid from contributions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Birkner asked why PLCM didn't hire Karen Hendricks instead of the Borough. Mr. Lawver responded the funding must process through the Borough.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to adopt an ordinance of the Borough Of Gettysburg amending Chapter 15, part 1 section 108 of the code of ordinances relative to use of streets by processions and assemblages. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Miller to authorize the solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance amending the parking rates for all metered and non metered parking within the Borough. Rates to be \$1.00 per hour for all two hour meters; .25 cents per hour for 12 hour meters; .75 cents per hour in the parking garage; \$60.00 per month in the parking garage and \$24 per sticker per year for all RPP parking in the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leber addressed council and thanked them for the many years of service. He noted he has worked with the Borough over 20 years and feels Council has done many great things in structuring the Borough.

With no further business to come before council moved Mr. Miller, seconded Ms. Giles to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary