

SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday August 2, 1990

President Stokes called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with all of council in attendance. Also present was Attorney Oyler, Attorney Wolf, Attorney Frank Leber and Attorney Dick Woods of Rhodes and Sinon, Steve Neibler, Mr. Swinn. Unable to attend were the Mayor Linn and Mr. Lawver.

Mr. Stokes stated the purpose of the meeting is to consider an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority as proposed by the Authority, and to conduct any other business that may come before them.

Mr. Frazee asked Attorney Wolf, the Solicitor for GMA, to explain the proposal to Council.

Attorney Wolf stated that GMA passed a Resolution authorizing a bond issue for Piney Mountain Home - subject to Council approval. They have done issues for hospitals and the college in the past. A lot of precise detail work is involved so it would be more efficient to have Council amend the articles to cover broad general purposes rather than just this issue.

Mr. Frazee read the paragraph from the ordinance that is to be added to the Articles of Incorporation. This would authorize GMA to finance and do other things with respect to any sort of project which is authorized in the State Law, the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945.

Mr. Woods explained that the intention is not to specifically broaden the powers of the Authority to permit them to do a wholesale type of additional financing - rather to avoid the additional cost associated with GMA undertaking each new project on an "add on" basis. By permitting them to undertake those powers that are granted under the Authorities Act, with the understanding that a new project must be endorsed by Borough Council. The project that is now being undertaken falls under the definition of a health center. To date Council has authorized projects on behalf of hospitals. Broadening the definition to add nursing homes as health centers will enable Piney Mountain and other 501C3's providing continual care to be eligible for tax exempt Authority financing. This will be subject to the Authority and Borough Council's approval.

Mr. Oyler noted that if Council approves the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation as requested it will still be necessary for Borough Council approve any particular project. Mr. Oyler further stated that there are 2 Resolutions and 1 Ordinance; the Ordinance is to amend the Articles of Incorporation and the resolutions deal with the proceedings to authorize the Authority to undertake this particular project. The documents have been prepared by Mr. Woods firm and they seem to be in proper order.

Mr. Wolf stated that to date GMA has not received any remuneration for this work but it has been suggested that GMA receive a modest upfront payment to recover expenses. This would not go into the water & sewer account but would be kept in a separate account to pay the expenses.

Mr. Wolf also noted that the Gettysburg Hospital encourages us so it can enlarge its service area. Piney Mountain is located in western Adams County.

Steve Neibler noted that the Office of Aging supports Piney Mountain's request for assistance. More beds at Piney Mountain will help accommodate the Adams County area's senior citizens.

Other items of concern were discussed:

Piney Mountain nursing home is owned and operated by the Milton Wright Memorial Home Inc., a non profit organization.

The amount of the issue will be 3.5 to 4 million dollars, secured at a local bank. Rates will be determined at the time of the sale.

It was noted that the Borough incurs no liability nor does it guaranty the issue.

Should Council vote no on this proposal, another Municipal Authority would be asked to handle the financing.

Mr. Woods assured Council this bond issue would not effect Council's nor GMA's borrowing ability nor bond rating.

Moved Mr. Frazee, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt the Ordinance to amend Gettysburg Municipal Authority's Articles of Incorporation. Motion Carried.

Moved Mr. Frazee, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt a resolution to authorize GMA to conduct the necessary public hearings for Council, to report same to Council, and to authorize the President and Vice President to execute a Certificate of Approval on behalf of the Borough. Motion carried.

Moved Mr. Frazee, seconded Mr. Schmitt to adopt the resolution to approve GMA's undertaking of the Piney Mountain Home bond issue. Motion Carried.

Other Business:

Moved Mr. Frazee, seconded Mrs. Daniels to approve advertising of the RPP Ordinance with the changes on pages 3 & 4 to delete the words "Bed & Breakfast Establishments". Motion Carried

Mr. Stokes noted the official welcoming of the Main Street Manager will be held on August 29 at 4:00 pm. and the Historical Pathway Project committee will be meeting on August 23rd.

Moved to adjourn at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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