

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL, 30, 1991

7:30 P.M.

Vice President Ditzler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Eline, Mr. DeHaas, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Frazee, Mr. Witt and Mr. Schmitt in attendance. Others present include Mr. Sterner, Mr. Oyler, Chief Gantz, Mayor Linn, Mr. Lawver, Dr. Powell, Sebastian Hafer, Holly Giles, Kim Alexander from WGET, Tracy Lower from Gettysburg Times and Terry Burger from The Evening Sun.

Mr. Ditzler stated the purpose of the meeting is to appoint a replacement in the second ward, to elect a new President, and any other business that may come before Council.

Mr. Ditzler asked for nominations at this time for the vacancy created by Harry Stokes' resignation in the Second Ward.

Mrs. Simpson briefly described the process of choosing candidates for this position. The Search Committee considered three nominees which include Holly Giles, John Murphy and John Welshonce. The Committee was unanimous with John Murphy.

Moved Mrs. Simpson, seconded Mr. Frazee to nominate John Murphy, 114 West Broadway. Motion Carried.

Moved Mr. Witt, seconded Mr. DeHaas to nominate Holly Giles. Motion Carried.

Moved Mr. Witt, seconded Mr. DeHaas to nominate John Welshonce. Motion Carried.

Mr. Eline moved that the nominations be closed at this time.

Mr. Frazee commented Mr. Murphy would be a good man to fill this vacancy, is 65, and retired. He has been in Gettysburg 1 year, a member of the Rotary and chairman of the USS Gettysburg Commissioning Committee which he spends 30-40 hours a week the last 4 months on this project. He is a highly experienced administrator, serving in the Navy in intelligence, US and abroad. He is very interested in serving the community.

Mrs. Simpson read a letter from Holly Giles. She has lived in Gettysburg for 25 years in the 2nd ward in which her business is also located. She is a member of the Travel Council, Chamber of Commerce, YWCA, and Historical Pathways. She is a very enthusiastic person.

Mr. Welshonce called several members of Council stating that he is very interested.

Mr. Eline asked if any of these nominees are on the ballot which they're not.

The question arose as to the length of term for this replacement. Mr. Oyler interpreted the Borough Code to indicate the replacement will serve until the 1st Monday in January 1992.

Call for Vote on Mr. Murphy: Yeas - Mr. Frazee, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Schmitt, and Mr. Eline. Mr. Ditzler declared the vote to be in favor of Mr. Murphy.

Moved Mr. Frazee, seconded Mrs. Simpson to appoint John A. Murphy of 114 West Broadway, to fill the vacancy on Council in the 2nd ward. The term will expire on 12-31-91. Motion Carried.

Mayor Linn assumed the Chair to conduct the election of a new Council President, and asked for nominations.

Moved Mrs. Simpson, seconded Mr. Ditzler to nominate Mr. Schmitt.

Moved Mrs. Daniels, seconded Mr. DeHaas to nominate Mr. Frazee.

Moved Mr. DeHaas, seconded Mr. Ditzler to close nominations. Motion Carried.

Vote on Mr. Schmitt - Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Ditzler, Mr. Eline and Mr. Schmitt.

Vote on Mr. Frazee - Mr. Witt, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. DeHaas and Mr. Frazee.

Mayor Linn cast the deciding vote for Mr. Frazee, declared him to be elected to the position of Council President, and turned the chair over to him.

Mr. Frazee remarked that he is not looking forward to the headaches of President but will do the best he can to keep things on an even keel for the remainder of the year. Those who may want to be candidates will then have an equal chance for election at the reorganization in January.

Mr. Frazee reported for the Parking Committee that Mr. Codori of Barlow Street will be able to be part of the RPP Program. Wade Avenue will be long term metered parking. The Committee will reconsider busses on Carlisle Street by the Hotel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Borough Manager