

SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2003

President Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Holly Giles, Jamie Fleet, William Monahan, John Eline, Brian Allen, John Murphy, Caroline Smith, Bob Miller and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Secretary Stull. Also present was borough bond council, Frank Leber of Rhodes and Sinon.

Representing the press were Beth Kanagy of the *Gettysburg Times* and Erin Negley of the *Evening Sun*.

Citizens in attendance:

Jim Watson, Allen McDonnell, Melvin Crouse, Bob Stark, Nesa Mudd and Troy Martin all with the Gettysburg Municipal Authority. Roy Thomas and Frank Ruth, Straban Township Supervisors.

President Streeter opened the meeting and turned it over to the borough bond council.

Frank Leber explained the first resolution which places limitations upon the projects to be undertaken by Gettysburg Municipal Authority. The Authority's power to enter into any contract or project valued at \$10,000 or longer than one year must have Council approval.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution in accordance with the provisions of section 5607© of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities ACT, 53 PA.C.S. CH. 56, as amended and supplemented, placing limitations upon the projects to be undertaken by Gettysburg Municipal Authority and specifying that no additional projects may be undertaken by such Authority without the prior approval of the Borough; providing for related matters; and repealing any resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Roy Thomas asked if the resolution would be available for reviewed by concerned citizens.

President Streeter pointed out that once the resolution is adopted it becomes public record and will be in the minute book.

Frank Leber gave a brief review of the second resolution which authorizes and approves a management agreement between both the Borough and the Authority. Both resolutions would take effect immediately.

Moved Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to adopt a resolution authorizing and approving a management agreement (water system) and a management agreement (sewer system), both between this Borough and Gettysburg Municipal Authority, with respect to the Authority's water system and the Authority's sewer system; authorizing and directing execution, attestation and delivery of said agreements on behalf of this Borough; and authorizing and directing other necessary and proper action. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Leber to explain what an authority is in Pennsylvania and if it's common for Boroughs to have authorities with water and sewer.

Mr. Leber indicated that there are several types of authorities in Pennsylvania, including parking authorities, housing authorities and industrial development authorities, incorporated pursuant to their specific legislation, and municipality authorities, such as Gettysburg Municipal Authority, which was incorporated by the Borough under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, now known as the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act. Mr. Leber indicated that the original purpose for the formation of municipality authorities was to avoid the debt limits imposed by an earlier Pennsylvania Constitution. He further indicated that as a result of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention held in the late 1960's and the enactment of the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act in 1972, many of the original reasons for the incorporation and existence of municipality authorities no longer apply, as a municipality may now undertake and finance many projects directly. He indicated that a municipality authority may be formed by one or more municipalities, for broad or narrow purposes as specified in the Act, and that the governing body of a municipality authority is comprised of a minimum of five members serving for staggered terms, appointed or re-appointed by the incorporation municipality.

With no further business to come before Council, Moved, Mr. Fleet, seconded Mr. Monahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary