

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
TROXELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2021**

President Jacob Schindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following **Councilors present:** Vice President Wesley Heyser, Mr. Christopher Berger, Mr. John Lawver, Mrs. Judith Butterfield and Mr. Matthew Moon. Ms. Patricia Lawson was present via telecommunications. **Staff present included:** Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary Sara Stull; Borough Solicitor Harold Eastman, Barley Snyder; Police Chief Robert Glenney, Parking Manager Rebecca Fissel; Director of Historic & Environmental Preservation Debra English; Planning Director Carly Marshall; Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present included: Jill Sellers, President of Main Street Gettysburg; Sue Cipperly, 314 North Stratton; Marion Ecker, 48 East Stevens Street; Jane Gwyn, 339 E Lincoln Avenue; Scott Howell, Bendersville Borough Council; Sarah Skoczen, Carrol Valley; and Brecca Faust, 47 Trevor Court. Representing the press was Jim Hale with the *Gettysburg Times*; and filming by *Community Media-ACCTV*.

Announcements

President Schindel announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg will be conducted immediately following this evening's work session consistent with section 708(a)(1) and section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the termination of employment and the terms and conditions of employment of current, former or prospective Borough employees; and (2) to review and discuss matters of Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

President Schindel announced that a special brush pick-up has been scheduled for the week of June 28th due to the recent storm.

Public Comment – Restricted to Old Business and New Agenda Items (not tabled items).

Sue Cipperly, 314 North Stratton said that she and several of her neighbors began a Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Program for the free-roaming cat population in their neighborhood a few years ago at their own expense. She said that by returning cats to where they were caught creates a stable cat community with less fighting among cats.

Marion Ecker, 48 East Stevens Street said that she has three mother cats that had produced babies in her back yard, and that she and Ms. Cipperly used the TNR Program and now other cats do not come into her yard.

Scott Howell, Bendersville Borough Council Member said that they began TNR approximately ten-years ago with the help from Dr. Lisa Wolkind of Forever Love Rescue. They received assistance from the Nobody's Cats Foundation in Camp Hill and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mr. Howell said they trapped aggressively and captured 55 cats, and since then they only need to trap as needed. He said that the population has decreased dramatically and noted that the left ears of the cats are clipped to identify them as being neutered.

President Schindel asked what Bendersville budgets annually for animal control. Mr. Howell said that they budget \$250 and provide space in a garage where the cats are held until they are neutered. He noted that volunteers take care of the animals and not Borough employees.

Sarah Skoczen, former Carrol Valley Council Member said that they began TNR in 2015 with the Borough providing \$500 the first year and then \$1,500 the following year as well as garage space. She said that 230 cats have been trapped, and noted that only a few have been trapped during the past two years.

Brecca Faust, Christian Cat Lady, 47 Trevor Court said that she began a pet ministry to help cats, and began TNR in which she had approximately 40 cats neutered. She said that there are organizations to help, and many people that would volunteer to help with this program.

Public Comment (open to items not on the agenda)

Sue Cipperly, 314 North Stratton thanked the Public Works personnel and volunteer firefighters for their quick response following the recent storm causing trees downed and other significant damage.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary