

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2016

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mr. Scot Pitzer, Mr. Wesley Heyser, Mrs. Amy Beth Hodges and Mayor William Troxell. Staff present included: Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Chief Joseph Dougherty; Finance Director Nicolette James; Planning Director Scott Dellett; Public Works Director Dan Hilliard and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson.

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Robin Fitzpatrick, Adams County Industrial Development Authority (ACIDA), 1300 Proline Place; Rich Farr, CPTA-Rabbittransit, 1230 Rossevelt Avenue, York; Randy Phiel, Chairman, Adams County Commissioner; Marty Qually, Adams County Commissioner; Cathy and Bill Leedy, Wade and Jodi Leedy and Drew Leedy representing Tommy's Pizza, 105 Steinwehr Avenue; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; Dominic Picarelli, 273 West Street; Bob DeFayette, 100 King Street; Sue Cipperly, 314 North Stratton Street; and Dave Lamberson, Gettysburg Construction Co., 828 Biglerville Road.

Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

President Krummerich addressed his concern with the recent editorial in the *Gettysburg Times*, which suggested that some of staff should have been more politically involved in some of the decisions that Council made. He said that staff runs the day to day operations, and Council will address the political needs. Mr. Krummerich pointed out that it's not the staffs' job to get involved in the political decisions, and hopes that the Times will respect that in the future.

President Krummerich thanked the Public Works Crew, and the assistance from other municipalities for their excellent job in removing snow from town. Manager Gable noted that there was over 72 tons of snow hauled out of town. President Krummerich also noted that there was some controversy about letters sent to residents in regards to snow removal and stressed that no one was fined for not having their snow removed. Manager Gable pointed out that due to the enormity of the snow that residents were given more time to have the snow removed from their sidewalks.

Mayor Troxell commended Officer Brandi Courtesis and Officer Harald Pruy for their quick response to a person who was in need of resuscitation.

President Krummerich announced that an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the January 14, 2016 Borough Council budget workshop session special meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act. An executive session of the Borough Council will be conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of this meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act for the purpose of discussing matters involving the employment, the retirement from employment, and the terms and

conditions of employment of specific Borough employees and to discuss matters of employment related to the staffing of the Borough Police Department.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mrs. Hodges to approve the February 8, 2016 Agenda as Presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Hodges, seconded Mr. Schindel to approve the Council meeting minutes for January 11, 2016; and the Council Workshop minutes for January 14, 2016 and January 25, 2016 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, addressed Council with his concerns regarding Wall Alley. He said that many children walk this alley to and from school, pointing out the hazard with the steep hill that cars can't see these children. Mr. Shestok said that he first brought this to the Safety Committee last year, and would like Council to consider changing it to one-way.

Dominic Picarelli, 273 West Street, addressed Council in regards to his not being reappointed to the Borough Planning Commission. He said that he was not notified that his term had expired or asked to be reappointed. Mr. Picarelli said that he was interested in continuing to serve.

Mr. Weaver and Mr. Pitzer expressed their concern that Mr. Picarelli was not reappointed to the Planning Commission. Mrs. Hodges also expressed her concern, and asked Solicitor Eastman what the procedure is, or who is responsible to notify the Boards and Commissions for appointments. Solicitor Eastman responded that he is not aware of a procedural process. He pointed out that consistently the appointments in December are always appointed during the December Council meeting. Mrs. Naugle explained that the Human Resource Committee would review the expiring terms throughout the year, and present names to Borough Council for appointments during the months that they expire. President Krummerich explained that it is Council's responsibility to make these appointments, but noted that there is no requirement for Council to make reappointments. He pointed out that the state does not allow Council to remove someone from the Planning Commission once a person is appointed. President Krummerich said that Council will make a better effort to notify members of their expiring terms.

Special Presentation

Stratton Street Development (former REDDI Property) - Robin Fitzpatrick, President, Adams County Industrial Development Authority, and Dave Lamberson, Gettysburg Construction Co. Ms. Fitzpatrick gave a brief history and overview of the former REDDI Property. Dave Lamberson then gave a brief description of the Stratton Street Development Concept Plan. He presented Council with plans and showed slides of his development plan. Mr. Lamberson said that they would move the current Transit Authority building to an area closer to the Stratton Street side. He said that the development would include restaurants, rentals and parking. Council asked that Ms. Fitzpatrick attend the upcoming Council Workshop session to discuss the development plans further.

Council Business

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adopt the amended budget of the Borough of Gettysburg for fiscal year 2016 providing an estimate of annual revenues for the general fund in the amount of \$4,681,497.00 and an estimate of annual expenditures from the general fund in the amount of \$4,681,497.00.

After some discussion moved Mrs. Hodges, seconded Mr. Pitzer to revise the proposed amended budget to add an appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Adams County Rescue Mission to use for recycling, and to reduce that amount from the proposed appropriation to Main Street Gettysburg. A roll call vote was taken. YEA: Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Naugle, Mr. Pitzer and Mr. Schindel. NAY: Mr. Heyser, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Krummerich. The motion passed 4 YEA/3 NAY.

Mrs. Hodges said that residents have notified her asking that Council contribute to the Adams County Rescue Mission, because it would benefit all of Gettysburg residents. She said that many people didn't understand why Council would give a large dollar amount to Main Street Gettysburg and not consider a \$500.00 donation to the Rescue Mission.

Mr. Weaver said that private citizens have already contributed to the Adams County Rescue Mission for the recycling program. Mr. Heyser also noted that the Adams County Council of Government has already received the \$500.00, and that he has received the list of contributors. He went on to say that he would not vote for this amendment to the budget. President Krummerich said that also he opposes this because he feels that the borough has already contributed since the Rescue Mission's property is tax exempt. So he feels that this is a payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. Pitzer and Mrs. Naugle said that they were in favor of contributing to the Rescue Mission for recycling. Mrs. Naugle went on to say that recycling is important for the residents, and also a good partnership with the County.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adopt the amended budget of the Borough of Gettysburg as revised for fiscal year 2016 providing an estimate of annual revenues for the general fund in the amount of \$4,681,497.00 and an estimate of annual expenditures from the general fund in the amount of \$4,681,497.00. The vote passed 6 YEA /1 NAY with Mrs. Naugle voting no.

Mrs. Naugle pointed out some of the reasons why she will vote no. This motion removes \$120,000 that was budgeted last year to fix East Broadway, stating that the reduction in the amount of money to fix streets will be neglecting the infrastructure. She also said that this budget eliminates the Borough Newsletter which she feels is a loss to Borough residents. Mrs. Naugle pointed out that Council budgeted \$1,200 to video tape the regular Council meetings, but said that if Council wants to be transparent, then they should also tape the workshop sessions. She feels that the newsletter would get more information out, and that all residents receive it as opposed to everyone not having access to the video taped meetings. Mrs. Naugle said lastly that she regrets that when the first motion was read by

Mrs. Hodges it wasn't clear that the money was being taken from another organization (Main Street). She said that these funds could have been taken from another line item.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Heyser to adopt a resolution appointing Darlene A. Brown as a member of the Borough Zoning Hearing Board in order to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Walton V. Davis due to his termination of residency from the Borough, and to serve as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for the remainder of the unexpired term of Mr. Davis, which term will expire on December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mrs. Naugle to approve and authorize the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for Items A (Gettysburg College, Penn Hall Drive) and B (1 Lincoln Square), as set forth in the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting of the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) consistent with the findings and recommendations of HARB as set forth therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Hodges, seconded Mr. Schindel to authorize the Planning Department to draft an amendment to Part 13 (Parking, Loading and Unloading) of Chapter 27 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Zoning, to extend the Downtown Area Exemption in Section 27-1305 to properties located in the ROR Residential Office Redevelopment Zoning District and to refer the amendment to the Planning Commission for comment. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to authorize the Borough, as a tenant in possession of the Parking Garage property, to consent to and to join in an Easement Agreement between Gettysburg College and PNC Bank for the allowance and accommodation of existing encroachments of each party at the Majestic Theater and Parking Garage properties. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Gable reported that the Sekigahara, Japan delegation will be in Gettysburg this week. He said that the Gettysburg National Military Park will be hosting the delegation, and noted that they will be at the Borough office on Thursday to discuss how to build a tourism economy in Sekigahara.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to enact an ordinance amending certain provisions of the Borough's Police Pension Plan in order to comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mrs. Hodges to enact an ordinance amending certain provisions of the Borough's Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in order to comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Motion carried unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Schindel reported that the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority is currently advertising for an executive director.

Mrs. Naugle report that the Gettysburg Municipal Authority managed to get all the pipes laid for the interceptor project. She said that the crew will be back in the spring to provide clean up work such

as landscaping in the job areas. Mrs. Naugle also reported that GMA is currently discussing the possibility of refinancing a bond.

Mr. Weaver reported that the USS Gettysburg continues to be in dry dock in Bath, Maine as it continues to be repaired.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Pitzer to nominate AmyBeth Hodges for appointment as the representative of the Borough of Gettysburg on the District Administrative Board of Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mrs. Hodges to adopt the Modern Rules of Order: A Guide for Conducting Business Meetings, Fourth Edition, PBI Press, as the official rules of order for the conduct of meetings of the Borough Council. The Rules and Regulations of the Borough Council regarding Conduct of Public Meetings shall be amended accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Comment

Mr. Weaver noted about a recent *Gettysburg Times* article that reported “campaign spending rises”. He said that three candidates recently spent \$4,000 - \$5,000, and said that he hopes this doesn’t discourage citizens from running for office. Mr. Weaver noted that most candidates only spend a modest amount to campaign for office. President Krummerich noted that he didn’t spend anything, and had a contested race the first time.

Public Comment

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, asked what the regulations are for snow removal on the sidewalks. Manager Gable responded that the snow emergency routes are 12 hours, and all others are 24 hours.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session at 8:45 pm.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary