

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 13, 2015

Vice President Jacob Schindel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Mr. John Butterfield, Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Ms. Rebecca Brown, Mr. Robert Krummerich, Mr. Scot Pitzer, Mr. Leonard Andrews and Mayor William Troxell. President Michael Birkner was absent. Staff present included: Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Chief Joseph Dougherty; Planning Director Scott Dellett; and Public Works Director Dan Hilliard.

Others present included: Sergeant Kevin Wilson, Pam and Richard Wilson; Police Officers' Sgt Larry Runk, Larry Weikert, Chris Folster, Bill Orth, Dennis Bevenour and Michael Carricato; Edith Smith, Police Secretary; Karen Mesher, Management Assistant; Deborah Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Emmett Patterson, McDonalds, and Main Street Gettysburg Board Member; Wendy Allen, Lincoln Into Art Gallery; Jessica Bosley, Outreach Coordinator, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania; Darlene Brown, ACHA/PICPI, 40 East High Street; Nancie Gudmestad, Shriver House Museum, 309 Baltimore Street; Kathy Jacob, Farnsworth House; Lizzie Pellegrino, Gettysburg Community Theatre, 49 York Street; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; Wesley Heyser, 226 North Stratton Street; Michael Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Becki Redwine, 267 Baltimore Street; Rebecca Brown, 785 Baltimore Street; Ruth Brown, 785 Baltimore Street; Marybeth Sprankle, 333 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

Vice President Schindel welcomed everyone to Sergeant Wilson's cake reception, in honor of his retirement after 32 years of service to the Gettysburg Borough Police Department.

Vice President Schindel announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg 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 terms and conditions of employment as related to the staffing of the Borough Police Department and the evaluation of performance of certain Borough employees.

Susan Naugle made a request to remove a motion under her tab regarding a request to complete an impact assessment of the proposed Gettysburg Crossing Development.

**Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Krummerich to approve the July 13, 2015 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mr. Krummerich to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 special Borough Council meeting, and the regular Borough Council meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mrs. Naugle to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2015 special Borough Council meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Special Presentations:**

**Jessica Bosley, Outreach Coordinator, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania,** presented a plaque to Borough Council in recognition of the Borough joining the Community Partnership program.

**Deborah Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg,** addressed Borough Council in regards to improvements for the Baltimore Street Corridor. She asked that Council provide a letter of commitment to the South Mountain Partnership to provide a \$5,000 match in support of the 2015 Mini Grant application. (See presentation attached)

**Wendy Allen, Lincoln Into Art Gallery,** also spoke on behalf of Main Street, and the importance of a grant to complete a Master Plan for streetscape enhancements and improvements for the Baltimore Street Corridor. (See attached)

### **Public Comment:**

**Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street,** commended the Community Development Committee for discussing the impact with the Straban Township development. He noted this could possibly affect businesses in town. Mr. Strauss also expressed his concern with the County Courthouse discussing moving its Human Resource building out of town. He said that this would affect the Borough in many ways. Mr. Strauss asked that Borough Council contact County representatives to express their concerns.

Mr. Butterfield noted that he did serve on a committee with Judge George to review options for the County properties. He will plan to attend the upcoming County meeting if the Human Resource announcement is made.

**Michael Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street,** thanked the chief and Borough staff for monitoring "bike week" that went well this year. He also expressed concern with the weeds at several properties that the Code Enforcement Officer should address. Mr. Shestok applauded Deb Adamik and Wendy Allen regarding the Baltimore Street Revitalization project. He feels Main Street is doing a good job for the Borough.

**Lizzie Pellegrino, Gettysburg Community Theatre, 49 York Street,** presented Borough Council with a petition requesting that the Amusement Tax Ordinance be repealed. She said that the theatre should be exempt from taxation.

**Steve Hemler, 535 York Street,** expressed his concern that Borough Council is worrying about Straban Township and should be more concerned with the County Courthouse moving offices out of the Borough. He suggested that someone should attend the County meetings to express concerns.

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### **Mayors Remarks:**

Mayor Troxell presented Sergeant Kevin Wilson with a Key to the Borough and a proclamation honoring his thirty-two years of service to the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Mrs. Edith Smith, Police Secretary, presented a plaque on behalf of the Police Department to Sgt Wilson. An overwhelming standing ovation took place at this time. Sergeant Wilson thanked everyone and said that he is appreciative, and that he has enjoyed his years with the Borough.

### **Jacob Schindel**

#### **Public Works**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mr. Butterfield to enact an ordinance accepting dedication of Lefever Street, as straightened, relocated and constructed by the Gettysburg Area School District, by its Deed of Dedication, for use of Lefever Street by the traveling public as part of the public street system of the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mrs. Naugle to enact an ordinance laying out, opening, ordaining and accepting for dedication a portion or strip of land to be added to Zerfing Alley East between Fifth Street and Sixth Street, as offered by Deed of Dedication from the American Legion Club of Gettysburg for the purpose of widening Zerfing Alley East for use by the traveling public as part of the public street system of the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mr. Krummerich to adopt a resolution to submit the application for traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the intersection of Baltimore Street and Lefever Street. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA)**

Mr. Schindel reported that GARA didn't meet in June, and that the next meeting will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Weaver expressed his concern that the Recreation Park doesn't appear to be as busy as in prior years, and that the usage might be declining. He also asked if Director Brian Devost is providing proper marketing for the building and fields. Mr. Schindel responded that he doesn't believe the park activity is declining, and noted a new flag football team has begun using the facility. He also said that Director Devost does need to provide more marketing, and noted that this has been discussed at their meetings.

## **John Butterfield**

### **Finance**

**Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mr. Krummerich to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Butterfield reported that in April the Borough received \$13,692.57 in Pillow Taxes. He said that this is 8.1% ahead of last year's pillow taxes that were collected.

## **Susan Naugle**

### **Community Development**

Mrs. Naugle reported that the Committee discussed the impact of the proposed Gettysburg Crossing Development in Straban Township. She said that there will be more discussion regarding this subject.

**Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Ms. Brown to approve and authorize the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for New Applications Items A (43-45 Baltimore Street), and B (28 Breckenridge Street), as set forth in the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting of the Historic Architectural Review Board consistent with the findings and recommendations of HARB as set forth therein. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Main Street Gettysburg**

**Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Ms. Brown to authorize the Council President (Borough Manager) to provide a letter of commitment to the South Mountain Partnership to provide \$5,000 as part of the Borough's 2016 Budget as match in support of the 2015 Mini Grant application submitted on behalf of the Baltimore Street Committee by Main Street Gettysburg for funds to complete a Master Plan for streetscape enhancements and improvements for the Baltimore Street Corridor. A roll call vote was taken. YEA: Mr. Andrews, Ms. Brown, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Krummerich, Mrs. Naugle, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Schindel. NAY: Mr. Pitzer. Motion carried 7-1.**

At this time some discussion took place regarding the grant match and the Baltimore Street Revitalization project.

### **Gettysburg Municipal Authority**

Mrs. Naugle reported that the contractor for the Interceptor Project has been given notice to proceed by GMA, and is expected to start construction in late July. Construction will begin in the area of Sixth Street.

## **Gettysburg Inner Loop**

Mrs. Naugle reported that the Chesapeake Bay Trust has accepted the final report for the grant to design stormwater improvements on Race Horse Alley, and will be releasing the final grant payment of \$4,726.

## **Graham Weaver**

### **Public Safety**

**Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Butterfield to adopt a resolution approving and adopting the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) dated July 2015 for Gettysburg Borough. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **USS Gettysburg**

Mr. Weaver reported that the USS Gettysburg Crew was in town for a brief visit recently.

## **Rebecca Brown**

### **Human Resources**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mrs. Naugle to adopt a resolution appointing Karen M. Mesher as Assistant Secretary of the Borough of Gettysburg. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mr. Butterfield to appoint R. Clem Malot, MCP CFM, of Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. the Borough's Building Code Official, as the building inspector member of the Historical Architectural Review Board of the Borough of Gettysburg to complete the unexpired term of Aubrey Burkholder which will expire in August 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mrs. Naugle to authorize the execution of a stormwater management operation and maintenance agreement with Gettysburg College for the Lincoln Statue and Sidewalk Improvements Project. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Manager Report**

Manager Gable reported that William Gardner, Parking Enforcement Officer will begin work on July 14<sup>th</sup> as a full time employee.

Manager Gable reported that the Civil Service Commission scheduled the Entry Level Patrol Officer examination to take place in August.

Manager Gable reported that staff training will be held the third week in July. The Borough Building will have limited office hours during that week, and the cashier window will be closed during training.

### **Borough Secretary**

**Moved Ms. Brown, seconded Mr. Pitzer to accept the J.P. Harris Tax Exoneration report for tax years 2011, 2013 and 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Department Reports**

Chief Dougherty reported that the Bike Week Event went well, and that only three complaints were received regarding motorcycles.

Scott Dellett reported that the County Office of Planning and Development will hold a public workshop and open house on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

**Charles Strauss** addressed Council pointing out the importance of the County Courthouse using the buildings that they own located in the Borough, and hopes that Council will encourage them not to move their offices out of town.

**Moved Mr. Butterfield, seconded Mr. Krummerich to adjourn the meeting to an executive session at 8:50 PM.**

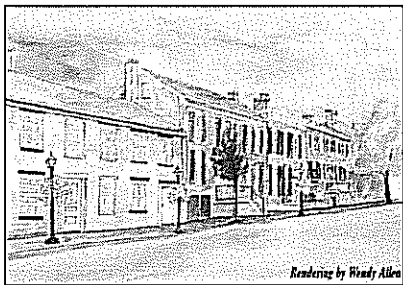
The meeting reconvened at 9:40 PM and made the following motion.

**Moved Mr. Krummerich, seconded Mr. Pitzer to authorize the Public Works Department to hire a part time employee. Motion carried unanimously.**

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Krummerich, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary



**Baltimore Street Revitalization Master Plan Grant  
South Mountain Regional Partnership  
Grant Funding Plan & Match Request  
Gettysburg Borough Presentation and Results  
July 13, 2015**

Deb Adamik, President of Main Street Gettysburg, presented the following information to the Borough Council on July 13, 2015 and Wendy Allen, owner of Lincoln Into Art on Baltimore Street, presented the attached speech. The \$5,000 donation to the Baltimore Street Revitalization Project was approved 7 to 1 with a roll call vote and Councilman Pitzer was the only nay vote.

<b>Project:</b>	Master Plan for Baltimore Street Revitalization Project
<b>Cost:</b>	\$30,000
<b>Grant:</b>	South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant
<b>Amount of Grant Requested:</b>	\$15,000
<b>Match Needed:</b>	\$15,000
<b>Request of Borough of Gettysburg:</b>	\$5,000

**Past Contributions for lights -- \$21,000**

**Gettysburg Foundation -- \$5,000**

**Adams County Community Foundation -- \$5,000**

**Destination Gettysburg -- \$3,500**

**Gettysburg Rotary -- \$3,600**

**National Trust for Historic Gettysburg -- \$5,000**

*Note: This money purchased the lights for the first block as a demonstration block of what would be coming to gain community support. Lights will be installed in November 2015. The lights are purchased and stored at the Borough.*

**Requests for Match include:**

Borough	\$5,000
Gettysburg Hospital	\$5,000
Gettysburg Foundation	\$3,000 (Rec'd letter of support)

Destination Gettysburg	\$3,000
Adams County Foundation	\$15,000
Adams County Planning	\$5,000 (TBD)

General Requests to organizations and community for both financial support and letters of support. include:

- Seminary Ridge Museum and Foundation
- Gettysburg Area School District
- Adams County Economic Development
- ACNB
- Adams County Historical Society
- Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce
- Steinwehr BID
- GARMA
- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Columbia Gas
- Library
- Emails to Baltimore Street businesses and property owners



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## Baltimore Street Revitalization Project

**Mission:** To improve the economy, create jobs and enhance the quality of life within the Baltimore Street District.

### Goals

- Increase business opportunities
- Growth in property values
- Develop employment prospects
- Improve livability and mobility
- Increase safety measures
- Improve visual landscape
- Develop a community identity □ Recruit new businesses

### Strategy

- Arts & Culture District
- Variety of shops, restaurants and activities
- Healthy Community – recreation and fun
- Beautification – design, flowers
- Safety – sidewalks, lighting, benches
- Showcase historical significance – waysides, Lincoln, tours
- Community identity, unity and pride



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## Baltimore Street Revitalization Project

### Process to Achieve the Vision:

#### Short Term:

- Start to build the team and commitment
- Business recruitment
- Branding, marketing and events
- Design and beautification
- Budget and funding

#### Long Term:

- Expand team and partnerships
- Streetscape and Infrastructure Improvement
  - Create a vision and develop Master Plan 2015 - 2016
  - Design phase and bidding 2017
  - Construction 2018
  - Project Closeout 2019
- On-going business support and recruitment
- On-going marketing and events



Baltimore Street Revitalization  
Gettysburg Borough Meeting  
July 13, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Public Comment: Wendy Allen

Gettysburg's Baltimore Street—I am hard pressed to think of another street in America (or maybe even the world) that offers residents and visitors such a rare and exciting experience. From its role in the Underground Railroad, to it's role in the Battle of Gettysburg, to President Lincoln's visit in 1863, to other Presidential visits—Baltimore Street encapsulates America's ever-continuing story of courage, liberty, and equality.

Along with other streets in Gettysburg, Baltimore Street became a part of the Gettysburg battlefield. On July 1, 1863 a 10-year-old Charles McCurdy watched the last of the Union soldiers stampede southward past his Grandmother's house on Baltimore Street to take refuge on Cemetery Hill. He wrote "soon they passed and individual Confederate soldiers appeared, but strange to say there was no organized pursuit. These soldiers began searching the house for Union soldiers whom they thought might be hiding within. A posse stopped before the gate behind which my mother was standing and inquired: 'Madam, are there any Yankee soldiers in your cellar? No, she replied-there are no soldiers in my house. There were two soldiers concealed in his grandmother's house, (where they were) but not in his mother's house.<sup>1</sup>

**There are many stories from the brave citizens who lived on Baltimore Street. These stories need to be shared.**

But, of course, what makes this battlefield street so very different from other streets that have seen cataclysmic struggles is what happened here in November 1863. From the moment President Lincoln arrived in Gettysburg on the evening of the 18th to when he left the following evening, emotions ran high. Somewhere between 15,000-20,000 people poured into Gettysburg to try to get a glimpse of the President. President Lincoln was glad to be here.

Thirteen-year-old William Tipton admired Lincoln without reservation. He wrote: "My eagerness to see and hear the President—whom I regarded as much above all other men, and second only to the Almighty—centered all my attention on Mr. Lincoln and no word or movement of his escaped my attention. I had heard that Mr. Lincoln was the

homeliest man in the country, but when my eyes beheld that sad but kindly countenance, those strong rugged features seemed handsome to me.”<sup>2</sup>

**There are many stories like this from the brave citizens who lived on Baltimore Street. These stories need to be shared.**

A great awakening occurred in Gettysburg on November 19th, 1863. Abraham Lincoln knew the nation would never be as it was prior to the war's outbreak in 1861. The nation, win or lose, would be an entirely different place. Lincoln knew that society would have to adjust to new realities. He took the central sentiment of the Declaration of Independence—equality—and reasserted that sentiment into the Gettysburg Address, “dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” Without mentioning the word “slave” Lincoln was creating the bridge between the racial oppression of slavery and the promise of equality contained in the Declaration of Independence.

This was a deeply profound change.<sup>3</sup>

**This story is beautifully told at the David Wills house operated by the National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation. We need to deliver more visitors to it from a beautifully revitalized Baltimore Street.**

After the ceremony, Lincoln returned to the Wills House and met Gettysburg's own Confederate-fighting John Burns. They walked arm-in-arm to the Presbyterian church on Baltimore Street. It must have been a sight to behold, a very tall Lincoln, even taller wearing his stovepipe hat walking with the slightly stooped 69-year-old veteran.<sup>4</sup>

**This story needs to be shared everyday on Baltimore Street.**

It was also noted that the President went out of his way to meet as many local residents as possible. Shaking hands continuously and greeting children. He left the residents of Gettysburg uplifted.

**There are many stories like this from the brave citizens who lived on Baltimore Street. These stories need to be shared.**

It's time to bring a new light to Baltimore Street so that all the world, yes the world, can experience these rare and exciting stories. The Shrivvers, the Garlacks, the Wills, Jennie Wade, General Schimmelfenning, President Lincoln-all great stories that makes Baltimore Street more than a living museum, it is a street that has witnessed courage, liberty, and equality. Baltimore Street's story is so significant that Gettysburg College faculty, staff, and students recreate the 1863 walk down the entire length of Baltimore Street, from Lincoln Square to Soldier's National Cemetery, to hear the Gettysburg Address. It is called *First Walk* and takes place in late August.

Baltimore Street deserves improved sidewalks. It deserves streetlights to make a splendid connection from the Square to Steinwehr Avenue, from the Wills House to the Soldier's National Cemetery. Baltimore Street deserves a more distinguished streetscape.

Elaine Henderson and I from Lincoln Into Art want to thank Main Street Gettysburg for their hard work facilitating this grassroots Baltimore Street Revitalization effort. We will be making a monetary contribution to it for the matching request knowing that all the contribution will go to the request. We will also continue to volunteer our time and talents to this very important revitalization effort.

Thank you,  
Wendy Allen, Artist  
Lincoln Into Art Gallery  
329 Baltimore Street  
Gettysburg, PA 19325

#### Notes

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4. Black, *Gettysburg Remembers President Lincoln: Eyewitness Accounts of November 1863*, 52.