

**BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG**  
**59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 8, 2016**

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Mrs. AmyBeth Hodges. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Manger Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Chief Joseph Dougherty; Finance Director Nicolette James and Chad Clabaugh, C. S. Davidson Engineer, Inc., Borough Engineer.

Others present include: Mike Williams, Athletic Director, and Brandon Guiher, Head Track and Field Coach, Gettysburg Area School District Athletic Department; Jack Bream, Co-founder of Eddie Plank Award; Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, Pa Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Tom Jolin, Healthy Adams Bicycle Pedestrian Inc. (HABPI); Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street; and Suzanne Shealer, 230 Springs Avenue.

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

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the July 25, 2016 Borough Council work session consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act.

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council shall be conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of this meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the termination of employment by resignation or retirement, and the terms and conditions of employment of current or former Borough employees; (2) to provide information and discuss matters in connection with the Borough's collective bargaining agreement with its police officers' union, Teamsters Local 776; (3) to provide information and to discuss and consider matters in connection with the possible purchase of real property by the Borough of Gettysburg; (4) to consult with the Borough Manager and the Borough's solicitor in connection with information or strategy on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough of Gettysburg and its employees in connection with the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (5) to review and discuss Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or could lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

**Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Schindel to approve the August 8, 2016 Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mrs. Naugle to approve the July 11, 2016 Council Business Meeting and the July 25, 2016 Council Work Session Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comment:**

**Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street**, applauded Chief Dougherty and Mayor Streeter for holding another community meeting. He said that he is concerned that Council members don't understand what the police department does, and encouraged a ride along for a few hours to observe. Mr. Shestok also expressed his concern that Council is not involved with the Adams County Planning office to discuss the Adams County Comprehensive Plan. He suggested that Manager Gable add this to the agenda for discussion.

Susan Naugle responded that the County is scheduling a meeting in the near future with all municipalities involved.

**Special Presentation:**

**Jack Bream, Co-founder of Eddie Plank Award**, gave a brief overview about the athlete's Hall of Fame, and noted that several plaques honoring athletes are displayed at the Charlie Sterner Recreation Building. He said that the best local athlete was Eddie Plank who played in a professional league for seventeen years. The Eddie Plank Awards were named for him to be given to successful athletes.

At this time Mayor Streeter presented Ravaughn Dillard with the Eddie Plank Award in recognition as the PIAA State Triple Jump winner.

Brandon Guiher, Track and Field Coach, on behalf of Ravaughn, who is out of town, said that he had quite a season this year. He earned the District Championship for the first time this year. Ravaughn also qualified for the Junior Nationals this year and said that it was quite an experience for him.

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

**Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to authorize a COLA increase for retired police pensioner William Laughman, to be paid from the Police Pension Plan effective June 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.**

Manager Gable reported that the search committee reduced the fifteen applicants down to eight for phone interviews, to begin this Friday for the Planning Director

position. Four will be chosen for onsite interviews, and his goal is to have someone in place by this fall.

President Krummerich asked what it's costing the Borough to manage the work needing done in the Planning Department due to the absence of a director. Manager Gable responded approximately \$11,000 to date to outsource some of this work.

**Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve and authorize the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for Items B (125 North Stratton Street) C (55 Chambersburg Street), D (20 West High Street), and E (529 Baltimore Street), as set forth in the minutes of the July 20, 2016 meeting of the Historic Architectural Review Board consistent with the findings and recommendations of HARB as set forth therein. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mrs. Hodges to approve the application and resolution for the replacement of the existing in roadway crosswalk lighting with pole mounted rectangular rapid flashing beacon pedestrian crossing warning devices at the intersection of Carlisle Street and Stevens Street. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mrs. Hodges to authorize entry into an indemnity agreement, or an amendment to the previously authorized boundary line and right of way agreement, with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel relative to the Gettysburg Inner Loop bicycle/pedestrian right of way in the area of South Reynolds Street and West Middle Street. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chief Dougherty reported that the community work shop meeting held recently was well attended. He said that he asked citizens in attendance for ideas of how the police can better interact with the community. He said a suggestion was to do a video and place it on the police Facebook page. Chief Dougherty also reported that the National Night Out went very well.

Chief Dougherty said that he provides the Mayor with a monthly report of the police activities, which in the past was submitted to the manager as part of a report supplied to Borough Council. He said that since this is not prepared anymore, he would be willing to provide Council with a copy of the report if they wish.

Scot Pitzer said that he doesn't understand why the public perception is that Council doesn't know the police department. He said that he speaks to all of the officers. Chief Dougherty said that it was a statement made by a citizen at the community meeting, but he doesn't know why the remark was made.

## **Manager's Report:**

Manager Gable reported that officials from Sekigahara, Japan will be in Gettysburg to participate in a signing ceremony to formalize a "Sister City" relationship with Gettysburg and also a "Sister Park" with the Gettysburg National Military Park. The ceremony is scheduled for Monday, September 5 at 2:00 PM at the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station on Carlisle Street. This event is open to the community, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Manager Gable said that both he and Mayor Streeter were invited by the Ambassador of Japan to a dinner reception at his residence in Washington DC on September 3rd. He said that they are looking forward to attending this event.

**Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Heyser to adopt a resolution appointing Stephen M. Brown to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board to serve a five (5) year term expiring on March 15, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Pitzer to appoint Peggy Gustafson to the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board to serve a five (5) year term expiring in August 2021. The vote passed 6/1 with Mr. Schindel as the opposing vote.**

**Moved Mrs. Hodges, seconded Mrs. Naugle to appoint Philip Goble to the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board to serve a five (5) year term expiring in August 2021. The vote passed 6/1 with Mr. Schindel as the opposing vote.**

**Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mrs. Hodges to appoint Andrew Keyser to the Gettysburg Civil Service Commission to serve a six (6) year term expiring in August 2022. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Liaison Reports:**

### **Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority**

Mr. Schindel reported that there has been a lot of activity at the recreation park. He said that there have been compliments from the community with the work of the new Recreation Director. Mr. Schindel said that they hope to secure Act 13 funding from the County to be used for projects.

### **Gettysburg Municipal Authority**

Mrs. Naugle reported that GMA is currently working on updating its website, and is using the same vendor as the Borough to develop it. It will provide more information and bill paying options for its customers. Mrs. Naugle also reported that they authorized their engineers to design for the replacement of the sewer on Long Lane.

## **Main Street Gettysburg**

Deb Adamik announced that a Polish Pottery Bingo will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Gettysburg Fire Department to benefit the Baltimore Street Historic Pathway Revitalization project. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Mrs. Adamik reported that they applied again this year to the South Mountain Partnership, and is one of ten that they are considering. She also reported that the new board is doing more fundraising. Mrs. Adamik said that there is misperception in the community about where Main Street gets their money. She said it's important to mention that they don't get any operational money from its 99.9% of the grants they secure. Mrs. Adamik said that their budget is \$151,000, and that ten-years ago, it was approximately \$250,000; so they must continue to raise money for their operation.

Mrs. Adamik said that it has been great to have Main Street in the Borough office. She said it has been a great partnership, and she can work closely with Borough staff helping with projects.

## **Elm Street**

Darlene Brown reported that they are currently planning the Halloween and Christmas Parades.

## **Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield**

AmyBeth Hodges reported that Alex Hayes and Megan Arnold of the YWCA attended the BID meeting to discuss the upcoming Gettysburg Battlefield Marathon.

## **USS Gettysburg**

Graham Weaver reported that the USS Gettysburg continues to be in dry dock for repairs.

## **Adams County Council of Governments**

Mayor Streeter reported that this was the first meeting he attended, and said that the highlight was the reappearance of the Legislative Delegations: Senator Alloway, Representative Moul and Representative Tallman.

## **Council:**

Wesley Heyser announced that he and Scot Pitzer will be hosting a Ward 1 Town Hall meeting on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Gettysburg Fire Department.

**Public Comment:**

**Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street**, announced that WGAL will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Gettysburg Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session at 8:15 PM.

**The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 PM, and with no further business, moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Schindel to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary