

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Mrs. AmyBeth Hodges. Mr. Jacob Schindel was absent. Borough staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter; Borough Manager Charles Gable; Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Solicitor Harold Eastman; Chief Joseph Dougherty; Planning Director Becky LaBarre; Finance Director Nicolette James; and Chad Clabaugh, Borough Engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc.

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Linda Atiyeh, Kathy Shirey and Michael Weiss representing Gallery 30, 26 York Street; Colleen Lingle, HARB Member, 444 Kohler Mill Road; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Patricia Lawson, 515 Carlisle Street; Peggy Gustafson, 429 Carlisle Street; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; Chris Berger 156 Seminary Avenue; Judi McKee, 256 Baltimore Street; Ron Frenette, 811 Johns Avenue; Becka Fissel, Borough Parking Enforcement Officer and Dallas Plank.

Vice President Scot Pitzer began the meeting with a moment of silence in recognition of the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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

President Krummerich announced an executive session of the Borough Council was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the August 28, 2017 work session consistent with sections 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(3) 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) and 708(a)(3) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the qualifications for employment, the terms and conditions of employment, and the evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any employees or prospective employees of the Borough; and (2) to discuss matters and receive information from the Borough Manager and the Borough Engineer relative to the possible purchase or lease of real property by the Borough.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve the September 11, 2017 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve the August 14, 2017 Public Hearing and Council Business Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve the August 28, 2017 Council Work Session minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street, addressed Council to make a few statements: One that the Liquor License Transfer is a move in the right direction by opening another business in the downtown area; and also was great that the Mayor recognized members of the community and the college lacrosse team. Mr. Shestok also asked Council to remember the important work that Main Street provides to the Borough as the budget season approaches.

Peggy Gustafson, 429 Carlisle Street, said that Colleen Lingle has been an excellent member on HARB, and recommends that Council reappoint her to the Board tonight.

Colleen Lingle, HARB Member, said that she would be grateful to serve another term on HARB.

Special Presentations:

Mayor Streeter presented a Good Samaritan Award to Barbara Brand a local resident who helped Beth Hall of Hanover, who collapsed on a downtown sidewalk in April. Mrs. Brand took the woman and her service dog to the hospital and stayed with them while she was treated.

Mayor Streeter presented a proclamation declaring Constitution Week September 17-23, which marks the 230th anniversary of the Constitution signing. Representatives from the Gettysburg Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) accepting the proclamation were Frances Clayfoot, Barbara Greeley, Sallie Sites and Amy Sites.

Mayor Streeter presented the Eddie Plank Award to members of the Gettysburg College's 2016-2017 NCAA Division III National Champion Women's Lacrosse Team. He said that the award is named after a Major League Baseball Hall of Famer from Gettysburg, and the award recognizes athletic achievements by individuals with ties to the Borough.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mrs. Naugle to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. The vote passed 6/1 with Mr. Pitzer the dissenting vote.

Councilman Pitzer asked for an explanation as to why invoices totaling \$12,489 submitted by investigator Carl Segatti is over the \$7,500 originally authorized by Council.

Borough Manager responded that it also includes pre-employment background investigations for police candidates along with other items that he was also hired to provide.

Moved Mrs. Hodges, seconded Mr. Heyser to accept the J. P. Harris Tax Exoneration reports for tax years 2007 thru 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mrs. Hodges to accept recommendations by the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) made following its review on Wednesday August 16, 2017 and approve Certificate of Appropriateness #COA-17-0112, Steven & Deborah Garvick – 53-55 Chambersburg Street, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Pitzer asked Planning Director LaBarre if she is still in need of a recording secretary as requested by the Planning Commission. Planning Director LaBarre responded that the secretary is no longer needed because Karen Mesher has been reassigned from the Parking Department to assist in the Planning Department.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mrs. Naugle to appoint Colleen Lingle to the Borough of Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board for a five-year term, expiring on September 12, 2022, to serve in the capacity of a licensed real estate broker on the HARB pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Historic Districts Law. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Dougherty reported that the police department is switching from .40 caliber to 9-milimeter handguns. He said that the new weapons ammunition costs are less per round which is a considerable savings for the Borough. The department will trade in approximately 7000 rounds of .40 caliber ammo. Chief Dougherty also noted that the department is trading in 23 used weapons for \$175 each. He pointed out that the FBI and other agencies are also making the switch.

Chief Dougherty announced that he was recently elected as Chairman of the Board of Survivors, Inc.

Chief Dougherty said that he had the pleasure of giving a Battlefield tour to Francisco Campbell, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the United States. He was in Gettysburg for the 11th Annual Salsa on the Square event sponsored by Project Gettysburg-Leon.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to appoint Christopher Evans, an eligible applicant from the list of candidates for entry level patrol officer certified to the Borough Council by the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Gettysburg to the position of entry level patrol officer of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Hodges, seconded Mrs. Naugle to authorize a COLA increase for retired police pensioner Kevin Wilson, to be paid from the Police Pension Plan effective August 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adopt a resolution to excuse the police from making contributions to the Police Pension Fund for 2017. The vote passed 6/1 with Mr. Weaver the dissenting vote.

Chad Clabaugh reported that the Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL) project to develop bicycle and pedestrian routes will begin on September 25th. They will begin with sidewalk improvements near the Post Office on Buford Avenue and then move towards Reynolds Street. Mr. Clabaugh also reported that the 2017 Street Improvements and repairs are near completion. He pointed out that the approximate \$581,000.00 worth of work will come under budget.

Councilwoman Hodges said that constituents have reported the new pavement seems rougher on the streets, stones are flung up from the streets, and it's also an increase in noise. Chad Clabaugh responded that the pavement is rougher which causes the tires to be louder, but said that these surfaces are becoming more prevalent nationally because they improve traction and safety. He noted that the method is tearing up existing pavement and reapplying it with additives, which costs about \$3 per square foot versus \$15 for new asphalt.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Heyser to approve the Notice of Intent (NOI) Application and Pollution Reduction Plan for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit and to authorize the Borough Engineer to submit the application to the Department of Environmental Protection. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Gable said that he will provide the MS4 information on the Boroughs Website for citizens to review.

Manager Reports:

Manager Gable reported that the "Coffee and Conversation" recently held at McDonalds was well attended. Some of the issues discussed were concerns with the police staffing levels, and said that they would absorb a tax increase to use for the police department. Also college student parking issues in which Manager Gable explained that if it's not an RPP street than anyone can park on them.

Manager Gable announced that the next "Coffee and Conversation" will be held on September 28th at 1:00 at the Best Western Hotel on Steinwehr Avenue.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Gettysburg Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Heyser to adopt a resolution for the purposes of determining and affixing the boundaries of a deteriorated area within the Borough of Gettysburg comprised of the following six (6) properties: 1. Adams County Tax Parcel ID No. 16007-0109—000 (103 Carlisle Street); 2. Adams County Tax Parcel ID No. 16007-0125A—000 (102 North Stratton Street); 3. Adams County Tax Parcel ID

No. 16007-0125—000 (108 North Stratton Street); 4. Adams County Tax Parcel ID No. 16007-0126—000 (North Stratton Street); 5. Adams County Tax Parcel ID No. 16007-0141—000 (151 North Stratton Street); and 6. Adams County Tax Parcel ID No. 16007-0140—000 (153 North Stratton Street), as identified and determined by the Borough in anticipation of the subsequent enactment of an ordinance authorizing the granting of tax exemptions for certain new construction and improvements to be made within such deteriorated area consistent with the provisions of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA). Motion carried unanimously.

Liaison Reports:

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

Councilwoman Naugle reported that GMA has developed a Capital Improvement Plan that includes multiple future projects including two new water storage tanks, refurbishing the existing water storage tanks, development of a new well, and water main replacement work on Stratton Street, Broadway and High Street. Total estimated cost of all projects is \$13, 384, 00. The Authority is now looking at financing options. Financing would be coordinated with the pay-off of an existing bond in 2018. She also said that GMA's engineering firm has been approved to begin working on the design of water main replacements proposed in the capital improvement plan.

Councilwoman Naugle provided Council members with information from the PA Municipal Authorities Association comparing the cost of water for public and private water systems. Private water systems consistently charge more for water. GMA charges slightly less (\$313 for 60,000 gallons) than the average public system in the US.

Main Street Gettysburg

Deb Adamik, President, MSG reported that the Baltimore Street Project is working on building relationships and has positive support in the community. She also noted that the various groups are meeting to discuss coordinating the many Christmas events throughout Gettysburg during the month of December. Mrs. Adamik said that GARMA, Baltimore Street Events Committee, Steinwehr Avenue, Elm Street and the Library are meeting to coordinate activities.

Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 1:00 PM.

Elm Street

Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PICPI announced that the 2nd Annual Olde Getty Place Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 8 AM to 3 PM. She

also noted the upcoming events: Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 24th and Christmas Parade December 2nd.

Adams County Boroughs Association

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6:15 PM.

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

Councilwoman Naugle reported that ACTPO in conjunction with the Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD) are seeking public input for the Adams County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The survey can be taken online or by contacting ACOPD.

Elected Official's Comments:

Councilman Pitzer announced that he and Councilman Heyser will be conducting a Town Hall meeting in October, date to be determined. He said that anyone with agenda items should contact them.

There were no public comments at this time.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:20 PM. President Krummerich reconvened the Council meeting at 9:29 PM.

With no further business to come before Council, moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary