

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

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver and Mr. Wesley Heyser. 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; Public Works Director Dan Hilliard 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; Susan Paddock, Chair of No Casino Gettysburg, 262 Baltimore Street; Chris Berger 156 Seminary Avenue; Patti Lawson, 515 Carlisle Street; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; Ron Frenette and Mike Tallent, 811 Johns Avenue; John Lawver, 524 McMillan Street; Nancy and Kurt Kramer, 12 Wade Avenue; Carolyn George, 262 Baltimore Street, Apt 3; George Muschamp, 149 Carlisle Street; Paul Maschette, 201 South Washington Street; Fredrica Meitzen, 335 Ridge Avenue; Sandra Mackie, 335 Ridge Avenue; Mary Miner, 322 Gettys Street; Zach Gulden, 25 Apple Avenue; Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs, 145 Herrs Ridge Road; Ed and Estelle Cheney, Apt 104 Carlisle Street; and Becka Fissel, Borough Parking Enforcement Officer.

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

President Krummerich read the following prepared statement:

1. “Attend the newly elected officials training. Pay attention in the ethics class. Remember, ethics isn’t whether you are convicted in a court of law as much as in the court of public opinion. Questionable behavior doesn’t just embarrass you or council. It embarrasses all elected officials in the commonwealth.
2. Participate in council debates, publicly and privately. You don’t serve the voters by refusing to join in and miss any hope of compromise. But, respect the right of council members to not join a discussion and don’t annoy them with emails or insist they have to.
3. Respect the right of the public your fellow councilors’ to attorney client privilege. Mr. Eastman will need to provide you confidential information and the mayor will need to discuss police matters. Don’t make them hold back because they don’t trust somebody.

We’ve had a number of important successes in Gettysburg this year, the parking garage purchase obviously leads the list. That’s been a holy grail for council since Charlie Sterner’s time. This council just happened to be in the lucky time and place to close the

deal. Believe I know how hard John Lawver and Flo Ford worked towards this achievement. However, with a couple of exceptions council recognized how essential this purchase was for the business community and made it happen. The civic improvements are humming along. With a couple of exceptions, council took an unfunded 4 million dollar federal mandate and with the hard work of Chad managed to turn it into a massive improvement campaign. One success near to my heart is that we have created a financial apparatus geared towards saving money and not automatically spending it. The reserve fund is growing again. Remember when I first came on council 10 years ago we talked openly about the TRAN and Act 47. We even had actuaries tell us we were headed there if we didn't change. Well we did change and with the hard work of people like John and Mona and Charles and Nicki and Sara, we can see slow growth towards a sounder financial future. Finally, we are seeing the early fruits of council and the mayor's joint effort on law enforcement. We've had some tough patches but we managed to avoid the civil incidents that have plagued so many other communities. A large part of that reason has been the Chief's and committed officer's community outreach efforts – for which we thank him – and the majority of council who hired outside consultants to investigate complaints and assure the public Gettysburg doesn't circle the wagons. On behalf of a grateful community we can also say thank you again to our police and all the other law enforcement agencies who have help us avoid incidents at our parades like our neighbors in Charlotte suffered.”

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

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Pitzer to approve the November 13, 2017 Council Business Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mrs. Naugle to approve the November 27, 2017 Council Work Session minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Gene Golden, Gettysburg Signs, 145 Herrs Ridge Road, expressed his concerns regarding the sign ordinance, stating that citizens have been contacting him regarding existing signs that don't need permits; but that the Planning Department told them they do.

Susan Paddock, Chair of No Casino Gettysburg, presented Council with a map outlining the municipalities that have already opted out of permitting a casino, and urged Council to do the same.

Special Presentations:

Mayor Streeter presented honorary keys to Vice President Scot Pitzer, Graham Weaver and Robert Krummerich for their years of service on Borough Council. Their terms expires at the end of the month.

Council Candidate Introductions: John Lawver, Mary Miner and James Phelps addressed Council, and spoke of their intentions and importance of serving on Borough Council.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Heyser to approve all bills and payrolls for the month as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to accept recommendations made by the Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) following its review on Wednesday November 15, 2017 and approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following applications as presented: #COA-17-0142, 11-13 Baltimore Street – Roger Lund (The Christmas Haus); and COA-17-0143, 250 Baltimore Street – John Buchheister (The Maryland Sutler). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to authorize the setting of a public hearing of the Borough Council to be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM, and to authorize the setting of a special meeting of the Borough Council to be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM, and to authorize the provision of public notice of the public hearing consistent with section 609 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code relative to proposed amendments to the Official Zoning Map of Gettysburg Borough and to the text of the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to authorize the preparation and publication for subsequent enactment at the January 22, 2018 special meeting of the Borough Council of an ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of Gettysburg Borough and the text of the Gettysburg Borough Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Gable reported that electronic car charging stations will be placed in the parking garage and other parking areas in the near future. He said that this was accomplished through grants received by the National Park Service.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Heyser to authorize the preparation and publication for subsequent enactment at the January 8, 2018 general business meeting of the Borough Council of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances for the purposes of increasing the hourly rates for on-street metered parking on Lincoln Square and the surrounding blocks to \$1.50 per hour and to provide a reduced payment for parking violation fines if paid within seven (7) days. Councilman Heyser said that Sunday parking enforcement was approved at the October 30th workshop session and should be included in this motion. Council members Susan Naugle and Scot Pitzer both do not approve increasing meter rates from \$1 to \$1.50 per hour in Lincoln Square. Scot Pitzer also expressed concern with the Sunday enforcement. After some discussion the motion was amended to include Sunday parking.

After amending the motion moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to amend the motion to authorize the preparation and publication for subsequent enactment at the January 8, 2018 general business meeting of the Borough Council of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances for the purposes of increasing the hourly rates for on-street metered parking on Lincoln Square and the surrounding blocks to \$1.50 per hour, Sunday parking enforcement starting at 1:00 PM, and to provide a reduced payment for parking violation fines if paid within seven (7) days. YEA: Mr. Heyser, Mr. Schindel, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Krummerich. NAY: Mrs. Naugle and Mr. Pitzer. The vote passed 4/2.

Public Works Director Hilliard said that the leaf pickup will be concluding soon.

Borough Engineer Chad Clabaugh reported that the Stratton Street Project work is due to begin in early 2018. He said that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM to be held in Borough Council Chambers with the affected property owners. The utility companies will be in attendance to answer questions.

Borough Engineer Chad Clabaugh reported that the Gettysburg Inner Loop Project is progressing well. He said that the bridge construction at Codori Memorials has begun and should be complete by April 2018.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to provide notification to the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Gettysburg to request the Commission's certification of an eligibility list for the position of entry-level patrol officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mrs. Naugle to adopt a resolution to prohibit the location of a Category 4 licensed casino facility within the municipal boundaries of the Borough of Gettysburg pursuant to Act No. 42 of 2017 and consistent with the municipal option as set forth in that statute and to authorize the delivery of the adopted resolution to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board no later than December 31, 2017. YEA: Mr. Heyser, Mr. Schindel, Mrs. Naugle Mr. Weaver and Mr. Krummerich. NAY: Mr. Pitzer. The vote passed 5/1.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Heyser to approve the distribution of the Eichelberger-Stahle Funds to Borough residents as required and recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to adopt a resolution for the purposes of setting, updating and confirming the Borough's fees and charges for the issuance of licenses, permits and the provision of municipal services, to include the amendment of certain rates, fees and charges. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to award the municipal solid waste collection/disposal and recycling contract for the Borough of Gettysburg, for a three (3) year and three (3) month period from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021, to Waste

Connections as the lowest qualified and responsible bidder providing for a fee in the amount of \$215.88 per year per customer for Option 2 of the Borough's invitation for bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Heyser to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the General Fund in the amount of \$ 4,807,878 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$ 4,807,878. After some discussion a roll call vote was taken. YEA: Mr. Heyser, Mr. Schindel, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Krummerich. NAY: Mrs. Naugle and Mr. Pitzer. The vote passed 4/2.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Fire Protection Services Fund in the amount of \$127,500 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$127,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Heyser to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund in the amount of \$110,005 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$110,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Company K Memorial Fund in the amount of \$15 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$ 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$1,808,500 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$3,232,198. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$651,603 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$637,628. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mrs. Naugle to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$10,250 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$82,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$195,473 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$184,100. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Heyser, seconded Mr. Schindel to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$195 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$-0-. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adopt the Borough of Gettysburg budget for fiscal year 2018 containing an estimate of annual revenues and receipts for the Eichelberger-Stahle Charitable Trust Fund in the amount of \$25 and an estimate of annual expenditures in the amount of \$25. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Heyser to enact an ordinance fixing the tax rates of the Borough of Gettysburg for fiscal year 2018 at 3.9320 mills on each dollar of real estate assessed valuation for general Borough purposes, 30 mills on each dollar of occupational assessed valuation for general Borough purposes, and at .25 mills on each dollar of real estate assessed valuation for fire protection services appropriations tax purposes. A roll call vote was taken. YEA: Mr. Heyser, Mr. Schindel, Mrs. Naugle and Mr. Krummerich. NAY: Mr. Weaver and Mr. Pitzer. The vote passed 4/2.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Schindel to set the organization meeting of the Borough Council to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM pursuant to section 1001(a) of the Borough Code and to authorize the provision of public notice for the organization meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mrs. Naugle to set the first monthly general business meeting of the Borough Council for fiscal year 2018 to be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM, and to authorize the provision of public notice for the business meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Schindel to make the Nominations of eligible persons to fill the vacant office of member of Borough Council in the Third Ward in order to fill the vacancy in that elective office occurring by the resignation of AmyBeth Hodges. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of Council announced their support as follows: Mr. Heyser, Mr. Pitzer, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Krummerich support John Lawver; Mr. Schindel supports James Phelps; and Mrs. Naugle supports Mary Miner.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mrs. Naugle to adopt a resolution appointing John Lawver as a member of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg in the Third Ward in order to fill the vacancy in that elective office occurring by the resignation of AmyBeth Hodges and to serve as a member of the Borough Council and hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of Ms. Hodges, which term of office will expire on the first Monday in January 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Liaison Reports:**Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority**

Councilman Schindel reported that regrading will take place on the Swope ballfield. He reported that GARA received \$1500 from the Giving Spree Program.

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

Councilwoman Naugle reported the GMA Board reviewed the draft budget.

Main Street Gettysburg

Deb Adamik, President of Main Street Gettysburg reported that the Steinwehr Avenue Christmas Events went well.

Elected Official's Comments:

Councilwoman Naugle reported a grant was awarded in the amount of \$31,600 for the Grand History Trail Feasibility Study from PA DCNR with matching funds from an Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space grant. GARA made the application with assistance from HABPI.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary