

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 31, 2016

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Ms. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Ms. AmyBeth Hodges, and Mr. Wesley Heyser. Staff present included: Mayor William Troxell, Solicitor Harold Eastman, Manager Charles Gable, and Borough Secretary Sara Stull.

Others present include: Harry Hartman, Publisher, the *Gettysburg Times*; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; and Mike Gelner. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

Announcements

An executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the May 23, 2016 Borough Council work session consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act.

An executive session of the Borough Council was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. prior to the commencement of this special 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 and of the termination of employment of current employees of the Borough of Gettysburg; (2) to provide information or to discuss strategy in connection with any grievance matters filed by Teamsters Local 776 or any other matters threatened to be filed by the police officers' labor union; (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 legal counsel 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.

No public comment at this time.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Heyser to authorize the execution of a Release Agreement between the Borough and the Teamsters Local No. 776 Police Officers' Labor Union relative to the employment of Christopher Folster as an

officer of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department and to accept the formal resignation of Christopher Folster effective June 1, 2016 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Release Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Steve Hemler, 535 York Street, said that he feels Council owes Officer Folster an apology for what he has gone through. He also said that he read in the newspaper that a Council member is texting during executive sessions and said that person should resign.

Harry Hartman, Publisher, the *Gettysburg Times*, asked if Officer Folster would be replaced. Manager Gable responded that Council will need to authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct a police officer exam.

Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue, said that he feels the resignation of Officer Folster is a “railroad job and hopes that if some members of Council gets in a jam that no police officer will help them”.

Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street, said that Gettysburg is a great place to live. He asked Council that as the budget season approaches to consider having more community/WARD meetings. Councilman Pitzer replied that the First Ward held two town hall meetings from 2014-2015.

Moved Mr. Weaver, seconded Mr. Schindel to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary