

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2016

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

Others present include: Gary Pulcini, Capital Markets Management LLC, 147 Hermitage Circle, Ligonier, PA; Jens Damgaard, Rhoads and Sinon; Darlene Brown, PICPI, 40 East High Street; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Charles Strauss, 38 West Middle Street; Harry Hartman, Publisher, the Gettysburg Times; Rodger Goodacre, 105 East Broadway; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue; and Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street.

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

President Krummerich announced that an executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of the June 13, 2016 Borough Council meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(3), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act.

President Krummerich announced that 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)(3), 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 to discuss and consider matters in connection with the possible purchase of real property by the Borough; and (3) 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.

Public Comment:

Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street thanked Susan Naugle and Public Works Director Dan Hilliard for the prompt response in getting the bushes and trees trimmed that were causing a safety hazard. Mr. Shestok also said that he is in favor of the bond issue. He pointed out the need for a new street sweeper and street repairs along with the impending federal regulations.

Rodger Goodacre, 105 East Broadway addressed Council to express his concerns with the bond issue. He stressed the need to pay-off debt and not increase it. Mr. Goodacre asked Council to address the budget issues.

Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street also expressed his concern with the bond issue and said that Council is moving too quickly. He said that Council should act like a homeowner and pay off their debt instead of adding to it. Mr. Goble claimed that President Krummerich's

column in the *Gettysburg Times* said that “the Borough was betting and gambling on the bond”. President Krummerich responded that he did not use the word bet in the column and challenged Mr. Goble to show him where. Mr. Goble also expressed his concern regarding Council members, who are on their phones and computers during meetings and not paying attention to the citizens.

Steve Hemler, 535 York Street asked Council about the closing costs and how they expected to pay this, noting the amount of the loan was four million dollars and that the bond issue total is higher. Mr. Pulcini explained that the amount includes the refinancing of the 2010 bonds. Mr. Hemler accused Mr. Pulcini of misleading the public regarding the \$85,000 cost of the bond. Mr. Schindel told Mr. Hemler to “stop it and that we are not going over this again”. Mr. Hemler told Mr. Schindel to “shut up”. President Krummerich ruled Mr. Hemler out of order. Mr. Hemler continued to object, and President Krummerich told him to sit down.

Council Comments:

Mayor Streeter said that the Hoffman Trust of the Adams County Community Foundation is proposing a \$2,000 grant to the police department to increase foot patrols in the Third Ward. He also said that the Adams County Community Foundation would like to set up an endowment in the name of retired Mayor William Troxell.

After some discussion Council agreed to place both items on the July agenda for approval giving Council time to review the documents.

Mayor Streeter announced that a Japan delegation is planning a visit to Gettysburg on September 5th.

Mayor Streeter asked if there was funding available for him to attend the upcoming PA State Mayors Association Convention. It will be held in Gettysburg, July 21 through July 24, and the cost is \$225.00. President Krummerich responded there is funding in the budget for conferences to pay for this.

Moved Mr. Schindel, seconded Mr. Heyser to enact Ordinance #1440-16 authorizing and securing the Borough’s General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016, to refund the Series of 2010 Bonds and include \$4,000,000 of funding for capital projects described in the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: YEA: Mr. Heyser, Mrs. Naugle, Mr. Schindel, Mr. Weaver and Mr. Krummerich. NAY: Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Pitzer. The vote passed 5YEA/2 NAY.

Mr. Pulcini reviewed the bond sales and new money funding outline. He said that this would include refinancing existing debt, and to borrow four-million dollars in new funds to be used for capital projects. The rate for the new borrowing would be 2.03 percent and the rate for the refinanced debt is 1.61 percent. Mr. Pulcini noted that a portion of the refinancing involves bonds issued by the Gettysburg Municipal Authority. Mr. Pulcini said that this would be a savings of \$187,081 by the time the bonds mature at the end of 2029. He pointed out that due to the interest savings, the new debt requires no increase to the Borough’s budget.

Mr. Damgaard reviewed the ordinance documents and said that if Council accepts the bond purchase agreement, then they will proceed with executing the documents.

At this time discussion ensued regarding the bond issuance, and then a roll call vote was taken.

President Krummerich noted that the Borough is lending the guarantee to the bonds for the Gettysburg Municipal Authority, but that they cannot go out of business unless the Borough dissolves them.

Mr. Pitzer said that he voted no because he feels that four-million dollars is too much money. He also said that the bond numbers work, as long as Council doesn't borrow any more money or refinance the bond in the future.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Schindel to adopt a resolution, required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, authorizing Charles R. Gable, Borough Manager, and Sara L. Stull, Borough Secretary, to execute an agreement relative to the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL) project. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Naugle, seconded Mr. Pitzer to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and acceptance of an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation relative to the Borough's award of funds under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for the Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL) project. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Philip Goble, 132 East Middle Street addressed Council, and said that this obligates future Councils to make good on these bonds. He asked Council to quit focusing on the police department, and said that the legal fees are out of hand. Mr. Goble suggested that Council do a review of all staff to make sure that the structure of the staff will provide the best service for the Borough.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session at 8:10 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:08 PM, and with no further business, moved Mr. Pitzer, and seconded Mr. Schindel to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary