

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 3, 2006

The Gettysburg Borough Council met in duly advertised session at 7:00 PM, April 3, 2006, for the purpose of deliberating on and deciding the Borough of Gettysburg's position relative to the development of a casino proposed to be located in Straban Township, and to deliberate and decide whether to authorize representatives of the Borough of Gettysburg to participate in upcoming hearings to be held by the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission. Councilors present were President Theodore Streeter, Vice President Jamie Fleet, Bob Miller, Holly Giles, Caroline Smith, Bill Monahan, Dick Peterson, Marty Qually, Mayor William Troxell, Borough Manager Sterner and Borough Secretary Stull. Solicitor Harry Eastman was absent. Approximately 75 citizens were in attendance. A list of attendees is attached.

President Streeter began by welcoming all attendees and noted many attending tonight were also in attendance at the March 29th meeting to hear citizen comments. He noted that those wishing to present to the Council must be residents, property owners and/or taxpayers within the Borough. Anyone wishing to speak would have 5 minutes to address Council. Those opposed to the casino voiced their concern that the Borough Council is willing to take one million dollars from Chance Enterprise is unethical included: Ms. Susan Paddock, Mr. Jim Paddock, Mr. George Muschamp, Ms. Janice Pietrone, Ms. Linda Perkins, Mr. Rodney Cromeans and Ms. Alexandra Escalera. Those speaking in favor of the casino included Mr. Vendetti, Mr. Tom Gilbert, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mr. Warren Sheppard, Ms. Suzette Love and Mr. Gene Golden. Mr. Ken Farabaugh addressed Council and asked that they look out for the best interest of the Borough and not vote. The PA Gaming Board is the Authority to make the decision.

President Streeter at this time asked that members of Council wishing to read their prepared statements may do so. A copy of all written statements is enclosed as an official part of this meeting's minutes. Mayor Troxell began followed by Ted Streeter with the majority of the board following his rationale that the borough faced four scenarios: if the council votes not to support the casino and the casino does not materialize, we have lost nothing; if the council votes in favor of the casino and the casino does not materialize, we have still lost nothing; if the council votes not to support the casino and the casino does materialize, we have severely jeopardized our chances of any meaningful share of the revenues; and lastly if the council votes in favor of the casino and the casino does materialize, the Borough of Gettysburg is virtually guaranteed access to a minimum of \$1 million per year.

Mr. Fleet noted that he had seen the written statements submitted for the record by Councilors Qually, Murphy and Peterson as valid reasons for their opposition to the Chance casino proposal.

Mr. Monahan pointed out that his brother Bob Monahan owner of the land that Chance Enterprise has optioned for the construction of the proposed casino has no

financial interest in this project. The opinion of our Borough Solicitor, Harry Eastman, Bill can without conflict of interest vote on this issue.

Speaking in opposition to the Chance Enterprises casino were Councilors Qually, Murphy and Peterson (in that order). Mr. Qually questioned the need for Council to take a position on a Straban Township development prior to some form of Council committee or staff review. Mr. Murphy expressed concern for the economic, job market and community impacts of a casino. Mr. Peterson foresaw a negative impact in his Ward with no guarantees that the Borough would be reimbursed for possible negative impacts in such areas as traffic, crime and social problems. The three opposition statements are enclosed with these minutes.

Moved Mr. Monahan, seconded Ms. Smith to make a motion in favor of authorizing representatives of the Borough of Gettysburg to participate and testify in support of the Crossroads Casino at the PA Gaming Commission Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. A roll call vote was taken. YEA: Caroline Smith, Bill Monahan, Holly Giles, Jamie Fleet, Ted Streeter, and Bob Miller. NAY: Marty Qually, John Murphy and Dick Peterson.

Ms. Giles made a comment that she doesn't feel Council is being bribed at the last minute, that the Borough needing money has long been a problem. The Council has always worked under the Sunshine Law and doesn't like being accused of voting behind closed doors. She pointed out that Council is stating their vote to the Gaming Commission and not whether or not Straban Township will get a casino.

Mr. Qually noted he was concerned that he didn't see Chance Enterprises' proposal for 1 million dollars that just arrived today. He would have preferred to go through the committee structure to review.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Monahan moved, seconded Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary

Enclosures: Written statements of Mayor Troxell, Councilors Streeter, Monahan, Qually, Fleet, Murphy, Miller and Peterson.