

MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING
2 West Strawberry @ North Market Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6282

May 7, 2002

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Eichelberger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: In attendance were, Vice President Eichelberger, Councilman, McDermott Ritter, Seagrist, Whitcomb, Winchell, Mayor Ritter, Junior Councilman Lopez, Chief Spotts, Solicitor Shorpp, Secretary Stough, and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Also present Cress – Sentinel, Miller – Patriot News, Ron Blauch, Bob Dietrich, Floyd Kautz, Jack Neibert, Debra Ralph, Larry Seagrist, Charles Sheriff, and Jay Stoner. President Rider arrived at 7:45 p.m.

GUESTS:

◆ Debra Ralph, Owner of Debbi Enterprises, LTD, located at 11-17 Railroad Avenue, spoke to Borough Council about her dissatisfaction with the recently enacted two-hour parking regulations in the downtown business district. Ms. Ralph indicated that she understands the need to turn over parking spaces on Main Street, but feels that the two-hour restriction in the municipal parking lot and on the side streets will not provide enough parking for her beauty school students or the patron of her business. Ms. Ralph indicated that long term parking on the street and in the municipal lot does limit the available spaces for business patrons and employees.

Manager Stough reported on the price of the needed signage to post the two-hour parking area. A discussion followed on the options related to enforcement of the parking regulations and the possibility of posting the Main Street area and delaying posting of the municipal parking lot so parking alternatives could be explored. Vice President Eichelberger shared a short article on parking in the downtown Carlisle business district. After much additional discussion, Manager Stough was directed to order the needed signs and to proceed with posting of the Main Street and other streets, but delay posting of the municipal lot. It will take about four weeks to order and install the signs. Enforcement cannot begin until the signs are posted.

◆ Charles Sheriff, 431 West Keller Street, addressed Borough Council on the issue of use of public property for gatherings by private interest groups. Solicitor Schorpp indicated that the proposed parade and special events policy would allow the Borough to insure that groups has proper insurance coverage and would allow for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by the Borough for such gatherings. The Solicitor indicated that free speech is a first amendment issue and can not restricted by local ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough noted that a request was received from the Mechanicsburg Chamber for use of the former Drivekore parking lot at the future municipal center for parking of bank employees during the Jubilee Day festivities on June 20th. This item will be added to the May 22nd agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

◆ Manager Stough indicated that his written report for April has been distributed and he would be happy to answer any questions. There were no questions

MAYOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Mayor Ritter helped to celebrate National Library Week by reading to first graders at the library. He also attended the annual Friends of the Mechanicsburg Area Public Library Dinner held April 24th at the Trindle Springs Church Hall.
- ◆ Mechanicsburg Police department and the Mechanicsburg High School support the South Central PA Highway Safety Program. Cumberland County and Franklin County High Schools competed April 30th at Summerdale for the best student driving team. The Mechanicsburg team won again for the fifth straight year.
- ◆ Crime Watch meeting will be held May at the Senior Citizens Center at 7:00 p.m. Lawrence Sulpizio, Health and Sanitation Officer for the Borough will speak Officer Pellman will give a police incident update.
- ◆ R.J. Harris, local radio talk show host will be the guest speaker at the DARE (Drug Alcohol Resistance Education) graduation May 17th at 1:00 p.m. Officers Demmy and Vincent teach this program.
- ◆ May 18th is the Cystic Fibrosis "Great Strides" walk will be held at Memorial park at 110 a.m. Last year this event raised 30,000 dollars for this worthwhile cause.
- ◆ Citizens Fire and Rescue Company #2 holding their annual banquet Saturday May 18th at the Mechanicsburg Club.

Trivia Question: The Mechanicsburg Museum Association oversees and maintains building within the Borough, what are they?

Answer: Old freight Station, Stationmaster's House, Frankenberger Tavern and Washington Street Station.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

- ◆ Chief distributed his monthly report
- ◆ Received a request from Silver Spring Twp. to consider installing a "Stop Sign Ahead" sign on Schoolside Drive approaching York Circle. A memo has been distributed on this issue and additional information will follow.
- ◆ We have 13 eligible and desirable candidates for the Park Security Officer (PSO) program, 9 of which are seeking college internship credit. The PSO Program cannot accommodate all the hours necessary for everyone to meet their individual internship requirements. I would like Council to authorize a Ride-Along Program. A memo has been distributed on this issue. Chief Spotts indicated that he has checked with the Borough insurance carrier and Solicitor and this should not present a liability issue, as a signed waiver is required. Chief Spotts requests this item be added to the May 22nd agenda.
- ◆ The Borough has received the Permit from PennDOT for Jubilee Day and plans for the event are on target.
- ◆ Also, for the first time, the Police Department, the Borough and the Crime Watch will share an informational booth on Main St. for Jubilee Day.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – NONE

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- ◆ Held Fire Drill at the Mechanicsburg Sr. Citizens Center and reviewed Fire Safety and Smoke Detector information.
- ◆ Attended meeting at the Mechanicsburg Chamber regarding Jubilee day and held a meeting with both Fire Company Officers on preparation for Jubilee Day.
- ◆ Issued a burn permit to Wilcox Forging.
- ◆ Attended Lower Allen Township Fire Company Banquet
- ◆ Scheduled Fire Hose testing for June and Aerial and Ladder testing for July.
- ◆ Chief Seagrist informed Council that the Post Office stand on Jubilee Day will feature 500 post cards featuring draw lings of both Washington and Citizens Fire Stations as a one-day special issue item.
- ◆ Received an estimate for repair to Fire Pump on Engine 127 from W.W. Engine for \$8,450.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling Committee: Winchell: Councilman Winchell reported on the Recycling Committee meeting held April 30th. Carl Hursh of Pennsylvania DEP spoke to the committee about a possible recycling grant for \$6,000 to conduct a feasibility study to increase recycling rates. Councilman Winchell asked that the proposed feasibility study grant be added to the agenda for the May. Also discussed was the possibility of a joint leaf-composting program with Silver Springs Township. Items to be considered for recycling in future contracts include junk mail and cardboard.

Finance-Appropriations-Insurance: Rider. NONE

Health-Recreation: Rider: Manager Stough noted that the recreation grant bid would be covered under agenda items

Public-Safety-Highway: Eichelberger: Councilman Eichelberger noted that all items were covered in Chief Spotts report.

Public Communications: Eichelberger: Spring Newsletter was mailed April 29th.

Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action: Seagrist: Councilman Seagrist reviewed the rules for composting of leaves and yard waste within the Borough. Manager Stough noted that food waste is prohibited from being added to compost under the current ordinance.

Property-Building: Ritter: Councilman Ritter noted that the Building Committee will meet on May 13th at 3 p.m. to review the proposed

School Board: McDermott: School board will vote on Tuesday on the preliminary 2002-2003 school budget.

Community Development: McDermott: Postal Carrier food collection drive will take place this Saturday. Councilman McDermott asked Council to consider the addition of two seats to the Shade Tree Commission. This would allow two more Borough residents the opportunity for community service. A brief discussion followed about the services of the Commission. Councilman McDermott asked that this issue be added to the May 22th meeting.

W.S.C.O.G.: Ritter: Manager Stough noted that he has received correspondence on the possibility of COG forming a joint appeals board to serve member when the uniform construct code is adopted. Council directed the Manager to complete and return the survey.

Fire Committee: Winchell: Councilman Winchell reminded Council that a Fire Committee will met on May 13th, 7 p.m. at the Borough Office.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR May 22, 2002

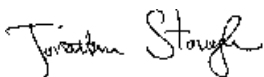
- ◆ **Consider action on the Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan of Chalmer Kauffman, 208 North Market Street.** – Manager Stough noted that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of this subdivision plan, which will divide an existing parcel containing two dwelling units into two separate parcels, to allow for the sale of one dwelling unit. Two waiver requests will be presented to Borough Council for action.
- ◆ **Consider action on Ordinance 1040 amending the Borough Code in order to adopt a parade policy.** – The proposed ordinance which will regulate parades and special events was advertised in the Sentinel on April 25th and Council can take action at the next meeting
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 4-2002 authorizing participation in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Management Caucus.** – This new program provides training and a new certification program for Borough Managers.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 5-2002 for support of Volunteer Fire Service funding.** - This resolution supports continued funding for Volunteer Fire Service in the Pennsylvania State Budget.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 6-2002 honoring Donald Beistline.** – Manager Stough noted that former Borough Employee, Donald Beistline passed away recently. A resolution recognizing his employment service will be prepared for the next meeting. Mr. Stough noted that he has spoke with Mrs. Beistline and all pension issues have been resolved.
- ◆ **Consider directing the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 1041 amending the Borough Code related to Street Cut Permits.** – Engineer Bruening has provided a sample ordinance, which will be reviewed by the Manager and Borough Solicitor. A draft will be prepared by the solicitor to make some changes to our current ordinance to help with the costs of restoration to the paved services after utility cuts are made. A discussion followed on some areas in the streets that need attention. Manager Stough noted that recently Highway Department Supervisor Yinger has inspected the cuts made over the last six months and letter were sent to the appropriate utilities asking them to make repairs.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing Solicitor to advertise an Ordinance revising the Borough's subdivision and land development fees.** – The current Ordinance only allows for the collection of thirty-five dollars for application, review and recording of plans. The revision would allow for the Borough to recover some of the engineering review costs associated with the review of land development and subdivision plans.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing Recreation Commission to go to bid for services as per Recreation Grant bid packet.** Manager Stough asked Borough Council to consider advertising the June 5th work session for award of the Recreation bid. Bid opening will be scheduled for the May 22nd Council meeting. This will give YSM the grant consultants, an opportunity to review the bids and make recommendation to the Recreation Commission, so they can make recommendation to the Borough Council.
- ◆ **Consider request of Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce for help with the purchase of replacement Holiday Decorations for the downtown business district.** – Request was received to help with funding of new Christmas decorations for the downtown business district. Manager Stough was directed to get some additional information from the Chamber, so this could be discussed at the next meeting.
- ◆ **Discussion on Street Sweeping in regard to the drought situation.** – Highway has been sweeping as it rains.
- ◆ **Consider action on promotion of Officer to the vacant Sergeant Position and also the new Lieutenant Position** – A Civil Service Commission meeting has been scheduled for May 9th to certify the eligibility list for the two promotions.

GUESTS:

- ◆ Ron Blaugh, 215 South Broad Street, addressed Borough Council on the road cuts and the materials used for repairs. He also offered his service to an appeals board as an engineer. He asked Borough Council to look at the storm water issue in conjunction with the construction at the Mechanicsburg Area High School. Manager Stough indicated that he and the Borough Engineer will schedule a time to inspect the work and discuss the storm water issue with the School District in the near future.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before Council, President Rider moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. An Executive Session on a personnel issue to follow with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Manager