

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

July 2, 2002

6:45 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: President Eichelberger called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

**Discussion on possible cost of living (COLA) increase for retirees.**

Manager Stough discussed the information he received from ARIS regarding cost of living increases for retired personnel. The Manager stated that a cost of living adjustment is built into the uniform pension plan, however, there is none contained in the non-uniform plan. He reviewed the two options proposed with Committee members.

1. a one time 5% increase for all non-uniform pension recipients. This would be across the board and would generate a projected MMO responsibility of approximately five thousand dollars.
2. a one time increase of 1% per year of retirement with a cap of ten years (10%). This would generate a projected MMO responsibility of approximately eight thousand dollars, but would provide a boost to those employees that have been on a fixed income for an extended period of time.

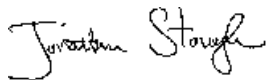
A brief discussion followed on the two proposals and the fact that these increases have not been calculated into this year's budget. The Manager noted that if approved the MMO would fall into next years budget. Councilman Seagrist reviewed with Borough Council the information he has obtained from neighboring municipalities on how they deal with this issue. He will collect some additional information and distribute it to Borough Council. Manager Stough will obtain some additional information and the matter will be discussed again at a future date.

**Review of anticipated expenditures for upcoming projects not included in this year's budget.**

Manager Stough reviewed with Borough Council a list of upcoming projects that are facing the Borough. Discussed were the replacement of Church Road and Mulberry Drive bridges and the stormwater issues in this area of the Borough. Also discussed was the Elmwood/Maplewood sewer project. He also reviewed some options for funding these projects. Also discussed were the wastewater treatment expenditures versus revenues and the current method of assessing sewer rents. Also discussed was the recent tipping fee enacted in the new State budget and the possible effect of this on our refuse hauling fees in the upcoming contract. Council directed the Manager to prepare some more detailed figures for their review and consideration at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:20 President Rider adjourned the Finance Committee meeting



Jonathan S. Stough  
Borough Manager

