

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

August 6, 2002

7:30 P.M.

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

ATTENDANCE: In attendance were, President Rider, Vice President Eichelberger, Councilman McDermott, Ritter, Seagrist, Whitcomb, Winchell, Mayor Ritter, Chief Spotts, Solicitor Schorpp, Secretary Stough, and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Also present Cress – Sentinel, Miller – Patriot, Nancy Hanlon, Floyd Kautz, Jack Neibert, John Petrie, Larry Seagrist, Charlie Sheriff and Alan Vandrew. Junior Councilman Lopez was absent.

GUESTS:

John Petrie, Past President, and Alan Vandrew, current President, were in attendance representing the Mechanicsburg Rotary Club. Mr. Petrie presented Borough Council with a check for \$1,000 toward the refurbishing of the downtown holiday decorations. President Rider thanked the Rotary Club for the donation on behalf of the Borough Council. Manager Stough thanked the Rotary for their help in the recent Mechanicsburg T-Shirt sale.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were no comments at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough stated that he has received the following correspondence:

1. The Manager received correspondence from the County Commissioners on the Interstate 81 corridor project. President Rider asked that this be put on the agenda for the August 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
2. A letter was received from the First Church of God in regard to two hour parking. The letter will be discussed under the committee section of the agenda.
3. A request was received from Vietnam Veterans of Mechanicsburg for the use of the square in front of PNC Bank on Friday Evening, September 20<sup>th</sup> for their annual candlelight vigil. This item will be on the next agenda and the letter will be in this week's Council packet.
4. A letter was received from Waste Management agreeing to the proposed extension of the Refuse/Recycling contract through December 31, 2002. This item can be discussed further under Recycling Committee.
5. Information has been received from PSAB on the Fall Conference in October. Interested Council members should see the Manager for details.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager noted that the Highway Department has painted 3,023 feet of Crosswalks, 252 ft. of Vascar lines, 8 school crossings and 96 Stop bars. Ninety gallons of paint were used. The street sweeper has also done a once over on all the Borough Streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Mayor Ritter attended the Downtown Committee two hour parking meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> and the Delta Development focus group meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ August 6<sup>th</sup> is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Against Crime. Mechanicsburg Crime Watch is asking residents to participate by turning on outside porch lights between 7 and 10 p.m. to prompt neighborhood awareness.
- ◆ August 12<sup>th</sup> is the Crime Watch Meeting. The guest speaker will be Chris Toddes who will provide a Martial Arts demonstration.
- ◆ The Mayor also officiated at two weddings this month.

Trivia Questions: What year was the Mechanicsburg Shade Tree Commission Ordinance enacted?

Answer: Ordinance number 832 establishing the Shade Tree Commission was enacted on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1973. No one in attendance knew the correct answer.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

- ◆ Chief reported that Lieutenant Myers and Officer McCreary both received letters of commendation on their actions in two separate incidents.
- ◆ The Civil Service Commission will be meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and the update of the eligibility list should be added as

an agenda item for August 20<sup>th</sup>, contingent upon approval of this action by the Civil Service Commission at their meeting.

- ◆ Two handicapped parking requests have been received and a memo will be in Council packet for Friday.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor had no report.

#### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- ◆ Chief Seagrist reported that 20,522 feet of Fire hose was tested and only 400 ft of hose failed to pass the test.
- ◆ Ladders were tested and all twenty-five ladders passed the inspection.
- ◆ Truck 8 was tested and four items were found to be deficient. One item has already been repaired at Minnich's garage.
- ◆ One structure fire occurred in the Borough and the State Fire Marshall is investigating.
- ◆ A Fire Engine Specification is going to be held and specification should be distributed to Borough Council by the next Council meeting.
- ◆ Chief Seagrist invited Council members to attend a trip is planned to Lewistown on August 17<sup>th</sup> to look at their new engine.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling Committee: Winchell: Councilman Winchell noted that he and Manager Stough have been attending meetings at Camp Hill Borough regarding the possible of bidding jointly with several municipalities for refuse/recycling services. Manager Stough reviewed the negotiations thus far with Borough Council and noted that the Borough's contract can be extended through December 31<sup>st</sup>, to correspond with the other municipalities contact expiration dates. The bid will include an individual bid option for each municipality, should they chose not to participate in the joint bid. Councilman Winchell asked if we had heard from DEP on the Recycling Feasibility Study. Manager Stough indicated that he is meeting tomorrow with a representative from RW Beck, the firm assigned as our consultant for this project. Councilman Eichelberger quested the time extension on the Waste contract. Manager Stough indicated that he will review this issue with Solicitor Schorpp.

Finance-Appropriations-Insurance: Rider: NONE

Health-Recreation: Rider: NONE

Public-Safety-Highway: Eichelberger: NONE

Public Communications: Eichelberger: Fall edition of the Borough newsletter has a copy deadline of September 3rd.

Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action: Seagrist: Councilman Seagrist reported that he will continue to look into the way in which neighboring municipalities are handling cost of living increases for retirees, and will provide this information to Borough Council. Councilman Seagrist also asked that Borough Council add a Resolution honoring Katherine Adams for her service to the Boroughs Volunteer Fire Company.

Property-Building: Ritter: NONE

School Board: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported that the school board will meet next Tuesday.

Community Development: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported on the downtown Committee meeting held July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. The highlights of the meeting were distributed to Borough Council in their packets. Solicitor Schorpp indicated that he has responded to the Borough Manager on the questions, which arose from the meeting. It was noted by the Solicitor that parking spaces could be stripped on the street, as the Ordinance already provides for this. Manager Stough noted that business owners cannot be required to furnish off street parking to tenants if the rental units are existing. West Locust Street will be repainted for parking as a trial to see if this helps with parking congestion. The Committee did not come up with any recommendations for Borough Council, however, many options were discussed. The suggestion of making the Municipal Parking Lot, "No Parking between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m." was discussed, as were several other options suggested. Much discussion followed, after which Manager Stough noted that this item will be placed on the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for further discussion.

W.S.C.O.G.: Ritter: NONE

Fire Committee: Winchell: NONE

#### AGENDA ITEMS FOR August 20, 2002

- ◆ **Consider award of bids for the renovation of the new Municipal Center.**  
Manager Stough reported that the pre bid meeting was held last Wednesday with 32 contractors in attendance. Bids are due by August 13<sup>th</sup> and will they will be reviewed with recommendation to Borough Council in their packets next Friday.
- ◆ **Consider Ordinance 1041 updating the Boroughs Parking Ordinance.**  
This Ordinance will add three handicapped parking spaces and eliminate one space as well as provide for the "No Parking" area approved for Jim Heffelbower's business on East Allen Street.

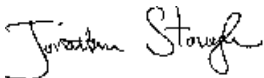
- ◆ **Action on Handicapped Parking Permit applications for Louette Hopple of 12 East Locust Street and Anna Henninger of 11 East Keller Street.**  
A memo on these from Chief Spotts will be in Council packets Friday.
- ◆ **Action on request of United Way to hang banners in the downtown business district.**  
Manager Stough reported that he spoke with Mr. Capitia that United Way is proposing to hang eight to ten banners in the downtown area. They are looking to have Comcast hang the banners. A Certificate of Insurance with the Borough as additional insured will be no problem.
- ◆ **Update on the Delta Development strategic plan.**  
Manager Stough reported that stakeholder interviews have been scheduled both with special interest groups, such as business owners, emergency services, Planning Commission, residents and Borough Staff and also with individuals with extensive knowledge of the community. The first was held last Wednesday with members of the Steering Committee and all is proceeding on schedule. The first public meeting held by Delta will be August 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First Church of God Community Center. Manager Stough reported that post cards will be mailed out to every resident advising them of the public meeting.
- ◆ **Discussion on Street Sweeping in regard to the drought situation.**  
Manager Stough reported that all streets have been swept and Council can consider the matter of returning to regular schedule at the next meeting.
- ◆ **Update on Mulberry Drive Bridge.**  
A meeting needs to be scheduled with representatives from Norfolk Southern as the bridge is in their right-of-way. The Borough Engineer is working on scheduling this meeting. The maximum cost of the bridge repair will be \$530,000. This includes the design and engineering costs. The Church Road Bridge will cost approximately \$340,000 to repair. The stormwater drainage issue from Broad Street would cost approximately \$725,000 to address, from the High School to the stream. The other stormwater area discussed Elmwood, Maplewood and Darla and this area would needs repairs in the amount of about \$300,000. Borough Council needs to consider, as we look for financing options for these projects which projects we are looking to include in the financing project.
- ◆ **Update on sidewalk and curb reconstruction project.**  
Sidewalk work is moving forward on Market Street and Brandy Lane will be paved in the next couple of weeks.
- ◆ **Salt Shed construction.**  
The estimated cost of the this project is about \$24,000 and it is possible that we can use Liquid Fuels funds for this project. The siding will not be put on till spring 2003 due to lack of man power going into the fall season. Councilman Whitcomb asked about the height of the door opening on the salt shed. The Manager reported that the door opening will be twenty feet.

GUESTS:

There were no comments from residents assembled.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before Council, President Rider moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. An Executive Session on a personnel issue to follow with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough  
Borough Manager