

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

September 3, 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, Junior Councilman Lopez, Mayor Ritter, Chief Spotts, Solicitor Schorpp, Secretary Stough, and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Also present Cress – Sentinel, Ron Blauch, Bob Dietrich, Bart Miller, Nancy Hanlon, Floyd Kautz, Jack Neibert, Larry Seagrist, Charlie Sheriff, Jay Stoner, and Wayne Wade

GUESTS: Wayne Wade of Wade Associates was present to review the recent Pool Feasibility Study with Borough Council. Mr. Wade explained that the Feasibility Study is the first step in determining what improvements are needed to be in compliance with State regulations and also a tool and a requirement in the application process for grant funding to make improvements to the swimming pool. He discussed the direction that is the trend in public pool facilities and noted improvements that could make the pool area ADA compliant. Mr. Wade noted that the application deadline for Keystone Grant funding is approaching and that Council needs to look at the proposed improvements to determine if they want to seek funding for any or all of the items needed. President Rider thanked Mr. Wade for his presentation and noted that the Borough Council Finance Committee would schedule a meeting to review the study in depth. Councilman McDermott noted that the Recreation Commission would be doing that at their meeting next week.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- ◆ Bart Miller, Pool Manager, asked Borough Council to please consider the matter and keep in mind that the grant application deadline is October 1, 2002 and improvements are needed at the pool. Manager Stough noted that some funding for ADA compliance issues may be available through the County CDBG funding program.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough stated that he has received the following correspondence:

1. Manager Stough reminded those in attendance of the Chamber's Service of Remembrance to be held September 11th Memorial service to be held on the square at 8:30 a.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Mayor Ritter attended the August 21st Delta Development's town Meeting at the Church of God Community Center. The meeting was well attended and Manager Stough led with good opening remarks.
- ◆ Met with Manager Stough and United Water of Pennsylvania Public Affairs and General Manager on August 28th to discuss service to the Borough during the water emergency in June.
- ◆ Mayor officiated two weddings.

Trivia Questions: Mechanicsburg Borough at one point had three Hotels. Name them

Answer: National, American House and Merchants Hotel. No one in attendance knew the correct answer.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

- ◆ Chief reported that Monthly Report not yet ready for distribution.
- ◆ Officers Kreitzer, Demmy and Hlavac all received letters of appreciation from citizens for their assistance and service.
- ◆ We have received necessary Permit to close streets for the Halloween Parade from PennDOT. I will have the appropriate information regarding approval of Carlisle Fire Police to assist with the Parade.
- ◆ You have my Memo of August 29, 2002 regarding interpretation of Section 308 of Chapter 15 and direction from Council and/or the Solicitor would be helpful. Council discussed trailer parking briefly and asked the Solicitor to review this Section of the Code and provide Borough Council with his comments.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor had no report.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- ◆ Chief Seagrist reported that he attended a meeting with Councilman Ritter on August 21st in Carlisle regarding retention and recruitment of volunteers in fire service.
- ◆ Met with Washington Company to critique the Columbia Hall fire at the Irving Manor Apartments.
- ◆ On August 23rd, Chief Seagrist went to a fire equipment supplier in Abbotstown to pick up hydraulic ram tool to be used for quick entry and placed one on each of the Borough owned fire engines.
- ◆ Attended funeral services for Robert S. Guzmich of Citizens Fire Company.
- ◆ August 24th performed a test on the High School's new sprinkler system prior to the opening of the school year.
- ◆ Chief also reported helping a Senior Citizen with some malfunctioning smoke detectors.
- ◆ Attended the Cumberland County Fire Chief's meeting in Carlisle.
- ◆ August 28th attended the Delta Development Emergency Services' stakeholders meeting.
- ◆ August 30th there were two automatic fire alarm malfunctions at the Shenandoah apartments at 105 East Allen Street. After three hours, the malfunctioning smoke alarm was found and replaced.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling Committee: Winchell: Councilman Winchell reported that the bid proposal for the joint refuse contract has been distributed to Borough Council for review. This item will be added to the agenda for September 17th. Councilman Winchell asked Council to move the start time of refuse collection from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. Also, the Manager reported that grass clippings be included in the definition of refuse, to prevent the hauler from refusing to pick up grass clippings.

Finance-Appropriations-Insurance: Rider: President Rider asked that a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled for Friday, September 13th at 3 p.m. and directed staff to advertise the meeting.

Health-Recreation: Rider: Revised schedule for Recreation Commission meetings is September 11th, October 9th and November 11th. Memo will be in Council packets.

Public-Safety-Highway: Eichelberger: Councilman Eichelberger noted that the Special Events application on the agenda for September 17th has been reviewed and approval is recommended by the Chief for this event as per his memo.

Public Communications: Eichelberger: Fall edition of the Borough newsletter has a copy deadline of today.

Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action: Seagrist: Councilman Seagrist requested that a Resolution honoring the memory of Robert Guzmich be added to the agenda for September 17th.

Property-Building: Ritter: The upright posts are in for the salt bin and the concrete is expected Thursday.

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

Community Development: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported that next Monday night is the Crime Watch meeting at 7 p.m. The Halloween Parade Association will meet following the Crime Watch meeting, both at the Senior Center. Shade Tree Commission met last week, and will meet again next Tuesday night. Councilman Winchell asked if the trees on Main Street were discussed. Councilman McDermott stated that it was discussed briefly, and further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

W.S.C.O.G.: Ritter: Councilman Ritter reported that Channel 27 will be donating air time for a public service announcement encouraging fire volunteer service.

Fire Committee: Winchell: Councilman Winchell reported that the Engine Specification Committee met prior to the Council meeting and that the specifications will be reviewed at the September 23rd Fire Committee meeting. That meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Washington Fire Company. Councilman Winchell directed the Manager to advertise the Fire Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR September 17, 2002

- ◆ **Consider adoption of Ordinance 1042 changing the Borough parking Ordinance.**
Manager Stough noted that this ordinance would address the changes to the two-hour parking ordinances, error in the location of the "No Parking" area on East Allen Street and the two approved handicapped parking permits.
- ◆ **Consider Trust Assignment for Counsel Trust Company T/A Aris Trust for both the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension plans.**
Manager Stough reviewed the information available with Borough Council and has requested some additional information from Aris on the Counsel Trust Company. Information will be forward to Borough Council as soon as it is received.
- ◆ **Consider request of Washington Fire Company for use of the Borough Square for a community display during Fire Prevention week October 12th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
Councilman Winchell asked Bob Dietrich if the Washington Fire Company would be doing any solicitation. Mr. Dietrich indicated that they would not. Manager Stough noted that this request is the same as the request approved last year.
- ◆ **Consider request of Joe Lehmer of 610 Cocklin Street for a closure of Cocklin Street between Allendale and Norway for a Block Party/ pig roast to be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on October 5, 2002.**
Manager Stough noted that he has spoke with the applicant about leaving a clear path to the Fire Hydrant and letters are being sent to the neighbors in the 600 and 700 blocks of Cocklin Street.

- ◆ **Consider request of Toni Tarell for a street light installation in the vicinity of 306 West Locust Street.**
Manager Stough asked if Borough Council had any questions about this request, and some discussion followed on developing a consistent policy for handling this type of request.
- ◆ **Consider request of Chief Spotts to use Carlisle Fire Police for traffic control at the Halloween Parade.**
Chief Spotts noted that he would have a memo for Council packet regarding this request.
- ◆ **Consider approval of a health care plan provider for the Uniform and Non-Uniform personnel.**
Manager Stough requested that this item be tabled.
- ◆ **Discussion regarding the COG planning day scheduled for September 21, 2002.**
President Rider asked Councilman Ritter if he would represent the Borough at this planning event. Councilman Ritter agreed to attend.
- ◆ **Discussion on Jr. Councilman program for 2003.**
Manager Stough noted that it is once again the time of year to contact Mechanicsburg High School and Trinity High School regarding candidates for the 2003 year.
- ◆ **Update on Church Road and Mulberry bridge projects**
Manager Stough reported that the concrete barricades are in place at the Mulberry bridge location. Chief Spotts reported that someone tried to ramp the Church Road Bridge and failed.

AGENDA ADDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

Manager Stough noted that the Refuse/Recycling Contract, Resolution for Robert Guzmich and Discussion on Planning Commission vacancy would be added to the agenda.

GUESTS:

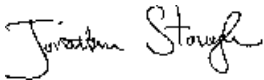
Nancy Hanlon, 38 West Allen Street, asked Borough Council to consider Senior Citizens when considering a flat rate sewer rate increase. She stated that she feels a flat rate charge is unfair to residents that only have a one bathroom home.

Larry Seagrist, Fire Chief, noted that Cumberland County would be changing the regulations to allow county employees to respond to fires while on the job, as the Borough has been doing. He also noted that he saw a public service spot on Channel 27 last evening for Fire Service Volunteers and it was very nicely presented.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Winchell asked if the matter of implementation of handicapped and service vehicle parking was discussed at the last meeting and put in the update of the Ordinance. Manager Stough noted that those items were not included in the revisions to the parking ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before Council, President Rider moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. An Executive Session on a real estate issue and personnel issue to follow with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Manager