

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

September 17, 2002

7:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Rider led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ATTENDANCE: Roll call was taken with the following present: President Rider, Vice President Eichelberger, Councilmen McDermott, Ritter, Seagrist, Whitcomb, Winchell, Mayor Ritter, Jr. Councilman Lopez, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Secretary Stough, and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Also present were Miller – Patriot, Cress – Sentinel, Brad Baney, Ron Blanch, Rich Corman, Bob Dietrich, Phil Dolson, Charles Fries, David Hoover, Floyd Kautz, Jr., Andy Lahr, Keith Marston, Larry Seagrist, Charlie Sheriff and Jay Stoner. Also in attendance were Rick Hedin and Bud Brown from ARRO Engineering.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- 1.) Manager Stough requested the addition of an Executive Session for discussion on a personnel and real estate matter with no action to be taken.
- 2.) Chief Spotts requested the addition of action on his request to have School Police approved as Special Fire Police as per his memo of September 16<sup>th</sup>.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman McDermott moved, Councilman Eichelberger second, approval of the agenda with additions as noted. The motion carried, 7:0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

◆ Floyd Kautz, Planning Commission Member, requested on behalf of the Planning Commission that Borough Council authorize Planning Commission to begin to review the Zoning and Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance for future submission and recommendation of Borough Council. After discussion and advice from the Borough Solicitor, Councilman Seagrist made motion, seconded by Councilman Winchell to authorize the Planning Commission to begin reviewing the Boroughs Subdivision/Land Development and Zoning Ordinances and recommending changes to Borough Council. The motion passed, 7:0.

GUESTS: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Letter was received from Mr. Dunkleberger, owner of Cabin Crafts, thanking Borough Council for continuing the two hour downtown parking. Manager Stough noted that the Chamber has sent out letters to property owners in an attempt to identify parking spaces that may be available for rent in the downtown area. Mr. Dunkleberger indicated that he has two spaces available for lease.
- 2.) A fax was received from the Tri-County Borough's Association setting the date for their next meeting as Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Interested Council members should let Jon know as soon as possible so he can make reservations.
- 3.) An e-mail was received regarding a traffic issue on Gross Drive. The matter has been forwarded to the Police Department and Public Safety Committee for review.
- 4.) The Mechanicsburg Commons Subdivision plan will be coming before Borough Council at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Winchell moved, Councilman Whitcomb second, approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2002, Regular Council meeting as submitted. The motion carried, 7:0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS: Councilman Whitcomb moved, Councilman McDermott second, approval of the monthly reports as submitted. The motion carried, 7:0.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

◆ Manager Stough reported that Comcast Cable Franchise renewal is nearly complete. Last week an Arborist met with Comcast representatives to iron out some of the issues relating to the issues of tree damage. An Ordinance will be

required to establish a formal relationship between the Borough and Council of Governments prior to the acceptance by Comcast of COG acting as compliance officer for this agreement.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

- ◆ September 4<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce held a meeting at the Mechanicsburg Area Public Library to discuss "Two Hour Free Parking at Risk".
- ◆ September 9<sup>th</sup> Crime Watch meeting. Dom Tarquin, our Crime Watch leader, has been selected to receive the 2002 Governor's Citizen Crime Prevention Volunteer Recognition Award. This award will be made in co-operation with the Mechanicsburg Police Department on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Harrisburg.
- ◆ September 11<sup>th</sup> Mechanicsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 6704 held a ceremony of remembering and reflection of the events of one year ago. Local police, fire departments, emergency technicians and military were present. A breakfast followed.
- ◆ A service of Remembrance was held at the square by the Chamber of Commerce, followed by an informal breakfast at the Washington Fire Company.
- ◆ The First Church of God held a September Remembrance Service at 6:45. Firefighters, police and rescue workers were honored.
- ◆ September 18<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast for Municipal and School Officials at the Mechanicsburg Area Public Library 7:30 – 9:00 AM.
- ◆ September 20<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans of Mechanicsburg will hold a candlelight vigil on the square starting at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Officiated two weddings.

Trivia Question: What is the present name of the Mechanicsburg High School Yearbook? For extra points can you name any prior names?

Answer: The correct answer is The Artisan, this name was selected in 1936. President Rider knew the correct answer. Other names before were The Pirate, Sands, Bon Voyage, LeMemoire and the Torch Annual. No one knew the other titles as provided by Librarian, Charlotte Henneberger.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

- ◆ Monthly Report has been distributed.
- ◆ Officer McCreary received a letter of appreciation from a citizen for his assistance and service.
- ◆ I have applied to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children for a full grant for a LOCATOR (Lost Child Alert Technology Resource) System to help us better investigate missing and abducted children.
- ◆ I have applied to PennDOT to change the times for the School Flashing Lights on Walnut Street to reflect the new school times at Northside Elementary.
- ◆ You have my memo regarding the speeding complaint on Alison Ave. Unless directed differently by Council, no other action appears warranted.
- ◆ Chief Spotts reviewed, with Borough Council, the Solicitor's interpretation of Section 308, Chapter 15 of the Borough Code, which includes camper-based trailers in the parking prohibitions. The Chief noted, however, Motor Homes are not prohibited. If Council desires, the Chief stated that the Manager, Solicitor and he will develop a proposed amendment to the Ordinance to ban vehicles based on size, weight and/or length. A discussion followed on the matter; Chief Spotts noted that proposed revisions would be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor had no report.

#### FIRE CHIEF REPORT

President Rider stated that in the absence of the Fire Chief, the report would be moved to the end of the meeting agenda.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling Committee: Winchell: NONE

Finance-Appropriations-Insurance: Rider: President Rider noted that the Finance Committee met last Friday to discuss possible funding options for several Borough projects. A presentation was made on bond financing. President Rider asked that a Resolution be prepared for the October meeting honoring Adam Weber on his Eagle Scout Award. President Rider will present the Resolution at the ceremony scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Health-Recreation: Rider: President Rider asked Mr. Dolson, of the Recreation Commission, if he had anything to add on the Pool Feasibility Study reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Dolson had nothing to add at this time.

Public-Safety-Highway: Eichelberger: NONE

Public Communications: Eichelberger. Manager Stough noted that the Newsletter will go to the printers on Thursday and be mailed by September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action: Seagrist: Councilman Seagrist asked Borough Council to please consider Jeff Shatzers letter of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 regarding ballfield signage and to add this item to the October agenda.

Property-Building: Ritter: NONE

School Board: McDermott. NONE

Community Development: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported that October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Union Church meeting. The Delta Development process is moving along, and another public meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at the First Church of God Community Center. Councilman McDermott thanked the Chamber and churches, as well as Washington Fire Company for their services on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

W.S.C.O.G.: Ritter: Councilman Ritter reported that Comcast has included in this months billing, on behalf of West Shore COG, a flyer encouraging residents to volunteer with local Fire Companies and EMS units. About 60,000 flyers went out - West Shore COG provided the flyer and Comcast picked up the mailing cost.

Fire Committee: Winchell: NONE

Agenda Items:

- ◆ **Consider Ordinance 1042 updating the Borough's Parking Ordinance.**  
Councilman Winchell made motion, Councilman McDermott second, adoption of Ordinance 1042 amending the Borough parking ordinance. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 in favor, none opposed.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution #13-2002 honoring Robert Guzmich for his years of Service to Citizens Fire Company.**  
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman Whitcomb, to pass Resolution #13-2002 honoring Robert Guzmich for his volunteer fire service. The motion passed, 7:0.
- ◆ **Consider Trust Assignment for Counsel Trust Company T/A Aris Trust for both the Uniform and Non-Uniform pension plans.**  
Manager Stough explained to Council that Counsel Trust will be providing Aris with trust accounting services through a software program that Aris currently does not have and there would be no additional cost to the Borough. A discussion followed about the relationship between the two companies; after considerable discussion, President Rider asked if an Aris representative could attend the October meeting. The matter was tabled to next month.
- ◆ **Consider request of Washington Fire Company for use of the Borough Square for a community display during Fire Prevention week October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to approve the use of the Borough Square by the Washington Fire Company for a Fire Prevention display October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
The motion passed, 7:0.
- ◆ **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 all residents on the block received letters informing them of this request. One resident asked if he could get in and out of his home, and was assured that one side of the roadway must be keep open due to emergency vehicle traffic. Councilman Winchell made a motion to approve the Special Event request of Joe Lehmer for a Block Party on October 5, 2002 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to include the 600 & 700 blocks of Cocklin Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eichelberger and passed, 7:0.
- ◆ **Consider request of Toni Tarell for a street light installation in the vicinity of 306 West Locust Street.**  
Council received a memo from Manager Stough on this matter. Manager Stough asked that Council consider setting a policy on this matter for future reference. Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the request for a street light at 306 West Locust Street. Councilman Whitcomb seconded the request, which failed, as the matter was tabled by a later motion. A discussion on the cost and implications of future request ensued. Chief Spotts stated that he reviewed his records and had only two complaints in this area this year. Councilman Winchell stated that he is in favor of setting a policy first, and then revisiting the request to see if it meets the criteria of the policy. President Rider made a motion to establish criteria for street lighting requests. Councilman Winchell seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 in favor( Eichelberger, Rider, Ritter, Seagrist, Winchell), 2 opposed (McDermott, Whitcomb).
- ◆ **Consider request of Chief Spotts to use Carlisle Fire Police for traffic control at the Halloween Parade.**  
Councilman Eichelberger made a motion to approve the Carlisle Special Fire Police for the Halloween Parade and to accept workers compensation liability for them at this event. Councilman Seagrist seconded the motion, which passed 7:0. Chief Spotts then asked that the Borough Council appoint the School Police as Special Fire Police. Solicitor Schorpp noted that under State regulations, the Mayor must confirm appointment of Fire Police. Chief Spotts then asked the Borough Council to approve the use, upon confirmation of the Mayor of Mechanicsburg School Police as Special Fire Police. Councilman Whitcomb made a motion to approve appointment of Mechanicsburg School Police as Special Fire Police, upon confirmation of the Mayor. Councilman Seagrist seconded the motion, which passed, 7:0.
- ◆ **Consider possible action on funding of pool renovations as outlined in the Feasibility Study as requested by the Recreation Commission.**  
Manager Stough stated that Borough Council has received a memo outlining the Recreation Commissions needs relative to seeking grant funding. If a grant is approved, Council is not obligated to accept the funding. Councilman Winchell made a motion, seconded by Councilman McDermott, to authorize the Recreation Commission to make

application for grant funding for pool renovations as outlined in the Recreation Commission memo of September 12<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved unanimously.

◆ **Consider approval of a health care plan provider for the Uniform and Non-Uniform personnel.**

After review of many plans, Manager Stough recommended to Borough Council that they contract with Capital Blue Cross to provide the PPO 250 plan with Dental provided through United Concordia and a Vision Plan similar to the present plan. Manager Stough reviewed the rates with Borough Council. The Manager noted that Police Association has approved the proposed plan. Councilman Seagrist made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ritter, to contract with Capital Blue cross for the coverage outlined by Manager Stough and approved by the Police Association. The motion passed, 7:0.

◆ **Discussion and possible action on joint refuse/recycling contract.**

Manager Stough noted that the only change proposed is the change in start time to 6 a.m. from 5 a.m. Our Solicitor as well as Camp Hill's Solicitor want to add an intergovernmental cooperation agreement as part of this contract. Councilman Winchell made a motion, seconded by Councilman McDermott, to authorize the joint bid for refuse/recycling services. The motion passed, 7:0. Councilman Eichelberger then made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft the intergovernmental cooperation agreement. Councilman Whitcomb seconded the motion, which passed, 7:0.

◆ **Discussion regarding the COG planning day scheduled for September 21, 2002.**

Councilman Ritter reported that the planning day has been rescheduled to three shorter meetings. Councilman Ritter will be attending on behalf of Council as the appointed West Shore COG representative.

◆ **Discussion on Jr. Councilman program for 2003.**

Manager Stough asked if Borough Council would authorize staff to contact the School District to seek candidates for the Junior Councilperson position next year. Councilman McDermott made a motion, seconded by Councilman Eichelberger, to authorized the Manager to seek candidates for the Junior Councilperson position for 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Update on bridge repair, other upcoming projects and funding options.**

Manager Stough distributed a packet of information on proposed Borough projects and possible funding options. Also included is a review of sewer rates and billing options for Borough Council consideration. Manager Stough noted that it is hard to prepare for the 2003 budget without direction from Borough Council on these needed infrastructure improvements and proposed financing. President Rider suggested that the Finance Committee schedule another meeting to review these issues further. President Rider scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for October 1st at 6 p.m. and directed the Manager to advertise the meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES PAID: Councilman Eichelberger moved, Councilman Ritter second, approval of expenditures paid from August 1, 2002 through August 30, 2002 in the amount of \$141,589.42 for the General Fund and \$3,054.53 for the Highway Aid Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Seagrist reported on the ceremony on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Post Office in conjunction with the issuance of a 911 commemorative stamp. Plaques were presented and are currently on display at the Post Office. Chief Seagrist attended training on safety and traffic control. The Chief reported that the Library had two false alarms and he is working to correct the problem with Sue Erdman.

GUESTS: NONE

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman McDermott reminded everyone of the Library open house this coming Sunday. He also noted that the Shade Tree Commission had another informative meeting and will start meeting on a monthly basis.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before Council, President Rider adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m., with a brief executive session on a personnel matter & a real estate matter to follow with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough  
Borough Manager