

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

December 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, Councilmen McDermott, Ritter, Seagrist, Winchell, Jr. Councilman Lopez, Mayor Ritter, Chief Spotts, Solicitor Schorpp, Secretary Stough, and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Also present Cress – Sentinel, Miller – Patriot News, Shea Arbogast, David Black, Susan Bashore, Bud Brown, Jim Clay, Rich Corman, Bob Dietrich, Kara Collins, Steph Gochenour, Floyd Kautz, Jr., Kyle Miller, Lee Miller, Jack Neibert, Brad Sgrignoli, Richard Sgrignoli, Jay Stoner, Paul Sukeena, and Phil True. Councilmen Eichelberger and Whitcomb were absent.

GUESTS

Manager Stough advised President Rider that the four (4) applicants for the Jr. Councilperson program were present and would like to introduce themselves to Borough Council. The applicants were as follows:

1. Kara Collins, 1113 Apple Drive, Apt #6, a junior at Mechanicsburg Senior High School. Ms. Collins expressed an interest in the position, as she is considering a career in government.
2. Phil True, 1107 Baldwin Street, a junior at Mechanicsburg Senior High School. Mr. True stated that he is currently on the Student Council Executive Committee at his school and would like to see, first hand, how decisions are made at the Community level.
3. Kyle Miller, 25 West Coover Street, a junior at Mechanicsburg Senior High School. Mr. Miller addressed Borough Council about his career goals and his interest in the opportunity that the Jr. Councilperson position creates for a student to experience and participate in the local government process.
4. Paul Sukeena, 12 West Locust Street, a junior at Mechanicsburg Senior High School. Mr. Sukeena expressed his interest in the position and the opportunity to become involved in this community.

President Rider thanked the applicants for their participation. Manager Stough noted that an appointment would be made at the December 17th Borough Council meeting.

David E. Black addressed Borough Council regarding the establishment of a Technology Corridor Enterprise Zone, which would run from Hershey to Shippensburg along or near existing rail lines. Mr. Black explained the project and asked Borough Council to please send a letter of support to Secretary McNulty at the Department of Community and Economic Development. Councilman Seagrist asked Mr. Black if the Borough Council would be required to provide any funds towards development. Mr. Black responded that the Borough would incur no costs as a result of their support of this project. President Rider thanked Mr. Black for providing Borough Council with information on this project.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

President Rider asked if there were any citizens in attendance that would like to address Borough Council and there were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough stated that he has received the following correspondence:

1. Manager Stough reported that he received a thank you letter from Kenneth R. Shaffer of 14 South George Street for work performed by the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff during a recent problem with his sewer lateral.

2. Correspondence was received and forwarded to Borough Council regarding changes in the Central Pennsylvania Energy Consortium bi-laws.
3. A letter was received from Senator Mowery thanking Borough Council for their letter of input on the Regional Asset District.
4. A letter was received from Lauren O'Neil of 1203 Mitchell Drive regarding the condition of the road surface on Mulberry Drive, and a letter will be sent responding to her inquiry.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough reported that the building project is proceeding ahead of schedule and the projected completion date is April 3, 2003.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ritter reported the following:

- ◆ Chief Spotts was elected as the President of the Cumberland County Chiefs of Police Association on November 20th. This Association includes all law enforcement agencies in Cumberland County.
- ◆ The guest speaker at the December 9th Crime Watch meeting will be Garry Eichelberger, Chairman of the Borough Council Highway and Public Safety Committee.
- ◆ The 175th Anniversary Celebration is in the planning stages, the next meeting will be at the Borough Office on December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The December 1st Holly House Tour, which supports the Mechanicsburg Public Library, was a great success.

Trivia Questions: Before Seidle Hospital was built there was a large home on the Northwest corner of Simpson and Filbert Street. This home was for many years the oldest section of Seidle Hospital. What was the original purpose of this home and what was its original "name".

Answer: It served as the home for the President of Irving College, and the name of this home was "Argyle".

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

- ◆ Officers Demmy, Vincent and Curtis received letter of commendation from citizens for help with incidents over the last several weeks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor had no report.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Seagrist was not in attendance.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling Committee: Winchell: NONE

Finance-Appropriations-Insurance: Rider. NONE

Health-Recreation: Rider: NONE.

Public-Safety-Highway: Eichelberger: Chief Spotts noted that the Public Safety Committee will meet December 11th at 7 p.m. to discuss the on-street trailer parking ordinance and skateboard regulations.

Public Communications: Eichelberger: Manager Stough reported that the newsletter would be mailed tomorrow.

Copies were distributed to Borough Council.

Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action: Seagrist: Councilman Seagrist asked the Manager for an update on the noise complaint received from the Walnut Villas Property Owners Association. Manager Stough reported that Hampden Township staff has met with representatives from Ralston Purina to address the noise concerns of residents. Councilman Seagrist then asked if the Manager could post meeting agendas on the Borough Website in advance of the meetings. Manager Stough indicated that he would do that.

Property-Building: Ritter: NONE

School Board: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported that a farewell ceremony will be held at the Intermediate School from 3:30 to 5:00 tomorrow, December 4th. This Saturday, December 7th, the Recreation Commission will hold a family night at the Senior High from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Community Development: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported that the Delta Development report has been received and will be added to the December 17th meeting for discussion.

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

Fire Committee: Winchell: Councilman Winchell reported that the Fire Committee met on November 25th at the Borough Office. Firefighter discount cards were distributed to the Fire Chiefs of each department. The Borough Solicitor will research the needed paperwork to proceed with a two percent loan in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of a new fire engine, with the condition that an additional \$50,000 be available if the engine is built in Pennsylvania. This item will be added to the next Borough Council meeting agenda. Discussions were held on the Borough Fire Engine specifications. Fire Committee meeting will be held on January 27th at 7 p.m. at Citizens Fire and Rescue and Beth Burkholder will speak at that meeting on her role as the Borough's workplace safety and training consultant.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR December 17, 2002

Budget Action: Consider Resolution approving adoption of the 2002 General & Highway fund budgets and authorizing advertisement of 2003 meeting schedule.

- ◆ **Discussion and possible motion to go out to bid for a telephone system for the new Municipal Center.**
Manager Stough reported that if the telephone system can be purchased under ten thousand dollars, we will not have to go out to bid, however, if all the price quotes come in over ten thousand, we may need to prepare bid specifications and go out to bid.
- ◆ **Resolution recognizing Tom Gabel for his service to the Borough's Shade Tree Commission**
Manager Stough noted that Mr. Gabel is resigning after many years of service to the Community.
- ◆ **Resolution recognizing Jr. Councilperson Lopez for his service over the past year.**
As Mr. Lopez is the first Jr. Councilperson and has helped to implement the program, a Resolution will be prepared in recognition of his service over the last year.
- ◆ **Possible action on establishing 25 m.p.h. speed limit on Gross Drive.**
Manager Stough indicated that the Chief and Solicitor have researched the matter and the speed limit on Gross Drive could be lowered by motion of Borough Council, as it is not designated in the Borough Ordinance as 35 mph.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing to Solicitor to advertise an Ordinance to change the on-street parking regulations for oversized vehicles and trailers.**
This item will be discussed at the Public Safety meeting on December 11th.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible approval of Joint Recreation agreement.**
The Borough Solicitor and the School District Solicitor have not yet discussed the matter.
- ◆ **Consider request of Cystic Fibrosis for their Great Strides Walk to be held at Memorial Park in 2003.**
A letter has been received requesting to hold their annual Great Strides Walk at Memorial Park on May 10, 2003.
- ◆ **Adoption of a public records policy.**
The Solicitor has drafted a Resolution establishing fees and a policy outlining how the Borough will handle requests for public documents.
- ◆ **Consider appointment to fill a three-year term on Zoning Hearing Board to expire December 31, 2005.**
Manager Stough indicated that Thomas Viehman's term expires this year and he is interested in being reappointed.
- ◆ **Consider appointment for two two-year terms on Plumbing Board to expire December 31, 2004.**
Manager Stough asked Borough Council to consider elimination of the Plumbing Board as the requirement for plumbing licenses was revoked from the Borough Code in 2000. Councilman Seagrist expressed his belief that Council had already eliminated the Plumbing Board. Manager Stough noted that he would investigate the matter further and report back to Borough Council.
- ◆ **Consider appointments to fill two four-year terms on the Planning Commission to expire December 31, 2006 and one one-year term to fill the term vacated by Mr. Baker.**
Manager Stough reviewed the openings on the Planning Commission, and indicated that Mr. Tom Klaum has asked to be considered for re-appointment. Mr. Corliss, a current Civil Service Commission member, had expressed an interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission. A letter of interest has also been received from Ed LaClair. Nancy Hanlon has requested interested in appointment to the Planning Commission.
- ◆ **Consider appointment to fill a one five-year term on the Shade Tree Commission to expire December 31, 2007.**
Manager Stough noted that the resignation of Mr. Tom Gabel would create an opening on the Shade Tree Commission. Patrick Strohl, 113 South Broad Street, expressed interest this summer when the Commission was expanded and Nancy Cichocki will be submitting a letter of interest this week.

- ◆ **Consider appointment to fill a six-year term on the Police Civil Service Commission to expire December 31, 2008.**
If Mr. Corliss is not reappointed there will be a need to appoint someone to this position.
- ◆ **Consider appointment to fill two five-year terms on the Recreation Commission to expire December 31, 2007.**
Both Mr. Phil Dolson and Ms. Lorrie Weber's terms are up this year and both expressed an interest in being reappointed.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of a Jr. Councilperson for the 2003 calendar year.**
Manager Stough noted Council can review the letters of interest and consider the four prospective candidates and make a decision at the next meeting.
- ◆ **Consider Adoption of Tax Ordinance setting the tax millage for 2003**
The Solicitor noted that the Ordinance has been advertised.
- ◆ **Authorization to close books December 31, 2002 and pay all outstanding bills, make deposits.**
Manager noted that this is a routine item that needs to be done each year.
- ◆ **Appointment of Borough Solicitor & Borough Engineer for 2003.**
This item is required as Council appointed both positions for a one-year period last January.
- ◆ **Exoneration of Delinquent Per Capita Tax.**
A list of exoneration will be provided to Borough Council before the next meeting.

GUESTS:

President Rider called for citizen comments, and there were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Seagrist asked that a copy of the list of residents that expressed interest in serving on committees through the Borough survey be provided to Borough Council again, for their consideration.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before Council, President Rider moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. An Executive Session on a personnel issue to follow with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Manager