

MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND
BOROUGH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING
36 West Allen Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6282

June 3, 2003

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:30 p.m. Vice President Eichelberger called the Council meeting to order

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

ATTENDANCE: Roll call taken with the following present: Vice President Eichelberger, Councilmen McDermott, Seagrist, Whitcomb, Winchell, Jr. Councilperson Miller, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer. President Rider and Councilman Ritter were absent.

Also in attendance: Harry Baker, Tom Bender, Kirk Corliss, Rich Cornman, Carl Hursh, Floyd Kautz, Jr., Blake Lawrence, Jack Neibert, Karen Pepper, Ed & Elaine Preston, Charlie Ryder, Charlie Sheriff, Bob Sudak, Frank Sudak, Steve Sudak, & Cody Witmer

GUESTS

Vice President Eichelberger presented Frank Sudak with Resolution 4-2003, passed by Mechanicsburg Borough Council, in honor of his induction into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Vice President Eichelberger presented Resolution 6-2003, recognizing and thanking Citizens Fire and Rescue for 100 years of service to Mechanicsburg Borough. Chief Blake Lawrence accepted the Resolution on behalf of Citizens Fire and Rescue.

Floyd Kautz, Chairman of the Planning Commission, addressed Borough Council on the recent activities of the Planning Commission relative to designation of a Historic District and update of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kautz informed Council that the Planning Commission is meeting monthly and moving forward on both items. He stated that they hope to have some public meetings in the fall on the Historic District and will be coming to Council in the fall with cost estimates and funding options for an update of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough noted that he had no additions to the agenda; however, he would like to move item three, rental of parking spaces from the museum, on this evening's agenda to the June 17th agenda and place item six from the June 17th agenda on this evening's agenda, as we now have three price quotes for cleaning services at the 36 West Allen Street building. Manager Stough also asked to move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting for discussion on a personnel matter with no action to be taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman McDermott moved, Councilman Whitcomb seconded, approval of the agenda with the changes noted by Manager Stough. The motion carried, 5:0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- ◆ Charlie Sheriff, 431 West Keller Street, asked Vice President Eichelberger on the status of his request that the Mechanicsburg Commons property, owned by Mr. Mark Hughes, be mowed, as the grass and weeds are very high. Manager Stough stated that the Codes Officer was out taking pictures to send grass letter yesterday, and that this property was on his list.
- ◆ Karen Pepper, 331 West Main Street, asked if Borough Council had made any decisions regarding the parking of motor homes along streets. She stated that a motor home, parking along her street, is obstructing her view as she leaves her driveway and is concerned about the lack of visibility. Vice President Eichelberger stated that Chief Spotts has provided a memo to Council on this matter for their review and action at the meeting on June 17th. Vice President Eichelberger stated that he has looked into her problem, but is not sure that the changes being considered are going to help in her particular situation. Councilman Seagrist asked if the motor home in question is parked in this location year around. Ms. Pepper responded that it is usually parked there from May 1st; it was also parked there a few months last fall. She noted that it must have been parked somewhere else during the winter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) A letter was received from PennDOT regarding the 2005-2006 Betterment Program. This program allows the Borough to submit for repairs a list of PennDOT streets that has potholes or alligator spots. This is not a program for full-blown traffic projects, but a vehicle the Borough can use to address maintenance issues on State Routes. Mr. Yinger at the Highway Department will compile a list for submission.
- 2) We received approval for the Jubilee Day and Library banners to be hung. The Chamber is not going to hang Jubilee Day Banners, but the Library will be using the approved spaces.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough reported that Chief Seagrist and Chief Spotts have received notice that their grant applications for equipment for an exercise facility to increase the physical fitness of the Emergency Service providers has been approved. The space in the front of the 34 West Allen Street side of the building can be used for this facility. Chief Spotts has gotten some equipment donated and Manager Stough noted that even some Council Members have indicated that they may have some equipment available. The grants will cover the carpeting of the room as well as the purchase of several pieces of equipment. There will be no general funds expended for the project, and passkeys will be provided to indicate which individuals are using the facilities. Councilman Winchell asked if all Borough Employees would be able to use the facility. Manager Stough indicated that all employees will be able to use the facility.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported:

May 24th – Shade Tree Commission planted an American Beech Tree in Memorial Park to honor the 175th Anniversary of the Borough.

May 25th – Troy O'Neil was sworn in to the Fire Police; Troy is an EMT and works at the 911 center.

May 26th – Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Area Veterans Council. Parade was cancelled and the service was held at the Mechanicsburg VFW. Korean War Veteran, Brigadier General Uzal Ent, was the guest speaker.

May 26th – Sixth Annual Lincoln Cemetery Service sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of Mechanicsburg. Twelve Civil War Soldiers are buried there. It was my honor to introduce the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Doug Kirkland, giving his Gettysburg Address.

Sent four citations to Hemlock Council Girl Scouts earning the Gold Award of Scouting.

Delivered one Citation to a Boy Scout earning the Eagle Award.

Officiated one wedding.

Crime Watch Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 9th at the Senior Adult Center. John Mathis, Supervisor for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Enforcement Department, will be the guest speaker.

Trivia Question: In 1923 a group of local businessmen visited what town and came back with the idea to form a Farmers and Merchants Day, which today is know as Jubilee Day, the largest one day street fair in the East?

Answer: Gettysburg. They were Bushman, Westhauser, Ryan and Bidde. Councilman Whitcomb knew the answer and won a ticket to the Mayor's Ball.

Mayor Ritter displayed the Civil War Days poster advertising the upcoming 175th Anniversary-related events scheduled for June 28th and 29th. Mayor Ritter asked that anyone with a place to display a poster, please take one off the table in the rear of the room on their way out.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Spotts had no report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor had no report

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

1. Chief Seagrist reported on the recent trip made for a preconstruction meeting with the company designing the new fire engine. Upon review of the design, members of Citizen's Fire and Rescue requested several changes. The changes requested will increase the cost of the truck by \$10,739 dollars. A letter has been sent to Citizens Fire and Rescue requesting that they bear the additional costs of the changes. Plans are on display at the rear of the room.
2. Chief Seagrist reported that the Blood borne pathogen training is going well. Tonight at Company 28, Beth Burkholder is conducting a training session.
3. Tomorrow the fire pumps will be tested on the four pumpers

4. In July a complete hose testing and ariel and ladder testing will be completed.
5. May fire report will be in the Council packets next week.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recycling Committee: Winchell: Councilman McDermott reported on the Recycling Committee meeting held this evening. The recommendations from the Recycling Feasibility Study were discussed. We are going to look for resident volunteers to review the recommendations made and suggest the best way to implement the suggestion to increase our recycling rates and promote community awareness regarding recycling.

Finance-Appropriations-Insurance: Rider: No Report.

Health-Recreation: Rider: No Report.

Public-Safety-Highway: Eichelberger: Vice President Eichelberger stated that Council has received the Chief's memo regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles. Solicitor Schorpp will be providing some additional information to Borough Council prior to the next meeting on this issue. Much discussion followed on the enforcement of provisions of the PA Vehicle Code, which places some limits on the parking of oversized vehicles, as outlined in Chief Spott's memo. Solicitor Schorpp asked Ms. Peffer if the vehicle in question is parked along the curb on the street, or in a driveway. Ms. Peffer indicated that the vehicle in question is parked along the street, but there is no curbing in this area. Vice President Eichelberger clarified that the motor home in question is parked on the owner's property, next to his garage, and extends slightly into the roadway. Chief Spotts indicated that about six inches is parked on the roadway and the rest of the vehicle is parked on the owner's property. Chief Spotts indicated that he agrees that there is an issue of visibility at Ms. Peffer's location; however, he does not see how the Borough can change the ordinance to address this particular situation. Much discussion followed on this specific location and the motor home in question. Councilman Whitcomb suggested that if Ms. Peffer backed into her garage instead of pulling in, it might increase her visibility when she pulls out into traffic. After some additional discussion, Vice President Eichelberger indicated that Council would review all the information provided and discuss this matter further on the meeting June 17th. Councilman Seagrist asked what criteria was required to designate a pedestrian crosswalk. Chief Spotts indicated that he would need to check Title 67 on the PennDOT rules and regulations, but he believes that it would have to be for the accommodation of pedestrian traffic. Chief Spotts indicated that he would review that matter further.

Public Communications: Eichelberger. Manager Stough indicated that the summer newsletter is due out June 12th. Staff is hoping to send the newsletter to the printers by Friday.

Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action: Seagrist: Councilman Seagrist called Borough Council's attention to the profile of Mechanicsburg Borough in the PSAB magazine this month.

Property-Building: Ritter: No Report

School Board: McDermott: Councilman McDermott reported that the old Intermediate school will be used as a 4th & 5th grade school. A discussion followed about the need for additional crossing guards with younger children using this school. Councilman Whitcomb indicated that he feels there will be a lot of requests for adult crossing guards at intersection, which will impact both the school and the borough, financially. Chief Spotts indicated that we are now already having problems getting enough school crossing guards and he believes the Borough will need to meet with the School District to discuss this matter and other traffic concerns.

Community Development: McDermott: No Report

W.S.C.O.G.: Ritter: Vice President Eichelberger noted that the COG auction is tentatively scheduled for July 23rd.

Fire Committee: Winchell: No Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR June 3, 2003

- ◆ **Consider action on Ordinance 1051 to amend the Code of Ordinance relative to compensation for elected and appointed officials.**
Councilman McDermott made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 1051 with the revisions as discussed. Councilman Winchell seconded the motion. The motion passed 5:0.
- ◆ **Consider action on Resolution 5-2003 to change the Borough Personnel Policy regarding health insurance for appointed officials.**
Manager Stough indicated that no action is needed at this time.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action regarding cleaning services at the new Municipal Center.**
Manager Stough reviewed with Borough Council the three quotes for cleaning services for the new building. He asked Borough Council to contract with Conscientious Cleaners for cleaning services as they have the low price quote and have been providing good service to the Borough. The cost of cleaning service will be \$314.50 per month for the Administrative areas of the building and \$485.00 per month for the Police Department areas. This will be done on a monthly basis with no contract being entered into at this time. That allows Borough Council to consider an in-house, part-time cleaning person if they choose to do so in the future. Councilman Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by Councilman Winchell, to contract with Conscientious Cleaners for cleaning service on a monthly base at the prices quoted. The motion passed with all in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR June 17, 2003

- ◆ **Consider award of bid for the 2003 paving program.**
Manager Stough noted that the paving program has been advertised for bid.
- ◆ **Consider award of the Deduct portion of the Mulberry Drive – Church Road bid project.**
Numbers are still being compiled to determine if it is in Council's best interest to take the deduct on the bid award as discussed at the last Council meeting.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to apply for a 902 Recycling Grant for the purpose of purchasing a new leaf collection truck.**
Highway department has a truck that is used for leaf pickup and snow removal. Manager Stough has scheduled a meeting with our DEP representative to discuss the possibility of partial funding for replacement of this truck with a 902 grant. This truck would allow us to implement a yard waste collection program in the future. Additional information will be in the Council packets.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing Solicitor to draft an amendment to the street sweeping ordinance.**
Highway Superintendent Yinger has compiled the list that was e-mailed to Council members and provide to the Borough Solicitor to draft an amendment to our current ordinance for your consideration.
- ◆ **Consider authorizing the Solicitor to draft amendments to the Borough Ordinance regarding on street over sized vehicle parking.**
This item was discussed at length earlier under public safety committee.
- ◆ **Review of Handicapped Parking Permit application of Sheila Davidson of West Locust Street.**
Chief Spotts noted that he has reviewed the application and will have a memo for Council in their packets.
- ◆ **Consider revisions to the handicapped parking permit application as submitted by Chief Spotts.**
Manager Stough noted that it is in progress and can be discussed further on the 17th.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on paving of Memorial Park parking area.**
Manager Stough stated that the Highway Department rented a roller and packed the areas that had broken apart. They may need to do this again in a month or two to get through the summer.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on request of Fire Chief Seagrist for use of former Police Car #40.**
Car 40 is at Duncan's for a review of the needed work.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on acceptance of DCNR Grant to rehabilitate the Borough Swimming Pool.**
Manager Stough indicated that he has informed Tonya Brown that this is on the agenda for the meeting of the 17th.
- ◆ **Update on implementation of a Downtown Manager Program through DCED and formation of a 501.C.3 organization to implement the program.**
Councilman McDermott indicated that he had nothing new to report at this time.
- ◆ **Discussion on rental of parking spaces from the Museum.**
Manager Stough indicated that he is researching the agreement to see if it is a formal lease, or just a verbal agreement.

GUESTS

Vice President Eichelberger asked if a list of printers has been compiled to bid on the printing of the next (fall) newsletter. Manager Stough indicated that he had not done that yet, as we have some time before we will be ready for the next edition.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Vice President Eichelberger asked Council if anyone had any other matters to come before Council and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 p.m. Vice President Eichelberger adjourned the Public meeting and reminded Council that there would be an Executive Session for discussion on a personnel matter with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary