

MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING
36 West Allen Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257

April 6, 2004

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:30 PM President Winchell called the Council meeting to order.

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

ROLL CALL: Roll call taken with the following present: President Winchell, Vice President Whitcomb, Councilmen Humes, McDermott, Rider, Ryder, Seagrist, Jr. Councilperson Geiger, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer.

Also in attendance: Cress – Sentinel, John Campbell, Brian Curtis, Dave Daniel, Bob Dietrick, Jae Elwell, Lawrence Fry, Paul Heeter, Matt Hlavac, David Hoover, Ed LeClear, Kyle Miller, Jack Neibert, Charlie Sheriff, Jay Stoner, Jai Smith, Cody Witmer & Mark Yinger.

GUESTS: Ed LeClear, of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center, addressed Borough Council regarding downtown revitalization. Mr. LeClear suggested that a non-profit organization be formed to focus on the Main Street revitalization. He explained the first step is to create a board of individuals and write by-laws for the organization and then apply for 501.C.3 status. Mr. LeClear explained the four areas that would be addressed by this group and the subcommittees that would need to be formed. A five-year action plan will be required, before funding can be obtained for a Main Street Program through DCED. Mr. LeClear reviewed the program funding with Borough Council and the eligible activities under the Main Street Community Grants program. Mr. LeClear explained this is a five-year program, with no local match required the first year. The second through the fourth years a \$90,000 match is required at the local level, with Council being responsible for 1/3 of this cost or \$30,000 over a four-year period. Mr. LeClear then answered questions from Council on the program and its success in other communities. President Winchell thanked Mr. LeClear for the information.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

1. Councilman Ryder requested addition of the approval of the Earth Day Event sponsored by the Citizen's Advisory Recycling Committee, after discussion, the Solicitor noted that this did not require Council action, so it would not be added to the agenda. Manager Stough will make the Borough insurance carrier aware of the activity to insure liability coverage.
2. Councilman Humes requested the consideration of endorsing a private downtown organization formation.
3. Manager Stough requested discussion on the Senior Adult Center Lease agreement.
4. Manager Stough requested addition of an update on the proposed joint composting site.
5. Councilman McDermott requested discussion on re-allocation of the hydrant rental fees in the budget.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman McDermott made a motion, Vice President Whitcomb second, approving the agenda with the additions noted. The motion carried with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough report:

1. Harrisburg Area Transportation Study will hold a Technical Committee meeting Friday, April 9th at 9 AM and a Coordinating Committee meeting Friday April 30th ay 9 AM.
2. A memo was received from West Shore COG regarding participation in their equipment and service sharing program. The Manager will update our list of equipment.
3. Modern Transit Partnership invites Borough Council to attend an event, Thursday, April 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM where they will introduce the "Railcar of the Future".
4. A letter was received from Monroe Township, with a \$1,000 check towards the renovations at the Mechanicsburg Swimming Pool. A thank you note was sent in response to this donation.
5. A letter was received from Gomer Stephenson, owner of an apartment building on Gale Street, expressing his dissatisfaction with the 2004 tax increase.

6. A letter was received from Stan Sechrist regarding the Borough owned storm water detention facility in the lot adjacent to his property. This letter was given to the Solicitor and Council for review.
7. Borough Staff provided assistance to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, providing letterhead and envelopes for the business mailing in conjunction with the Great Strides Event scheduled in the Borough on May 15th.
8. A letter was received from Shirley Kyle of 421 West Simpson Street expressing her dissatisfaction with the sewer and refuse rates and recent tax increase. This letter will be in Council packets this week.
9. An e-mail was received from Becky Schreiber, 28 West Coover Street, requesting speed limit signage on her street. It has been referred to the Public Safety Committee for review.
10. A letter was received from a Property owner on Broad Street regarding handicapped curb cuts for ADA accessibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2004 Council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- ◆ Manager Stough reported he has completed the Building Codes Officials Administrator training.
- ◆ Manager Stough gave an update on the Borough Web site noting that the site averages 998 hits per day. He stated that the most frequently visited pages are Borough's Officials page and the Around Town page.
- ◆ Upper Allen Women's Club golf outing will benefit the Mechanicsburg pool. Applications and sponsorship forms are available this evening for any interested parties.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported:

March 19th – attended donor reception and celebration of the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library's Capital Campaign and Expansion Project.

March 20th – Officiated wedding at the Union Church

Upcoming Events:

April 9th – 50th Annual Good Friday Breakfast sponsored by the Community Service Clubs of the Mechanicsburg area will be held at the First Church of God's Community Center.

April 12th – Larry Sulpizio, Borough Health inspector, will be the guest speaker at the Crime Watch meeting.

April 17th – Opening Day for Mechanicsburg Little League at the York Street Field.

Trivia Question: Lee Iacocca of Chrysler Corporation. Visited Mechanicsburg on a regular basis in the 1950's. Why and where?

Answer: Lee Iacocca worked for the Ford Motor Company selling farm tractors. He sold to Parker and Rankin Kuhns, trading as Kuhn's Brothers Ford at the northwest corner of Allen and Market Streets.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Spotts noted that a citizen letter of commendation was received regarding Sgt. Pellman's work at a recent incident. Chief Spotts requested the 2004 Park Security Program be added to the April 20th agenda for consideration.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Schorpp had no report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Seagrist reported:

- ◆ Council members received his monthly report.
- ◆ The ad for the sale of the Fire Truck has been placed in PA Fireman Magazine.
- ◆ The ad also appeared in the Sentinel on March 30th.
- ◆ Packets were mailed out to vendor dealing in used Fire Equipment.
- ◆ The Bid opening will be May 17th.

President Winchell asked for a copy of the ad, and Chief Seagrist indicated that he would provide a copy for Council. Vice President Whitcomb asked if the packets sent out were requested. Chief Seagrist indicated that he contacted several companies and six of them requested information be sent to them.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT

Jr. Councilperson Geiger reported:

- ◆ Mechanicsburg speech and debate teams brought back several awards from the state competition at Susquehanna University.
- ◆ Mechanicsburg students did an excellent job in putting together this year's musical.
- ◆ Mechanicsburg students received four medals (2 gold and 2 silver) for their scores on the National Latin exam.
- ◆ The Junior-Senior Prom will be held a week from this Saturday.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development/Downtown - Humes – The meeting scheduled for April 12th has been postponed.

Fire Committee – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported that Council received notes from the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at Washington Fire Company at 7 PM.

Highway/Public Safety – Winchell – No report

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Whitcomb – No report.

Public Communications – McDermott- Councilman McDermott stated that he would like to schedule a committee meeting for April 20th at 6:30 to discuss the upcoming Newsletter and communication improvement.

School Board – Ryder- Councilman Ryder attended School Board meeting where they voted to keep the K-5 at Elmwood Avenue and possibility close Filbert and Shiremanstown Elementary. Councilman Ryder indicated that the bleacher project is beginning and asked Manager Stough if a permit was obtained, and he indicated that Codes Officer Ressler has been contacted regarding the bleachers. Councilman Ryder indicated that the School District would be renovating the Broad Street School entryway and make temporary classroom units currently in place permanent. Councilman Ryder added the School play, which he attended, was excellent.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell- No report.

Health/Recreation – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist noted that the Recreation Commission will meet on April 13th at 7:30 PM. The Friends of the pool will meet on April 20th at 7 PM. Manager Stough distributed information regarding the pool consultant RFP, noting that a consultant has been assigned through the Recreation TAP grant, and he may be able to give some insight on the RFP specifications. Councilman McDermott noted that the Recreation Commission did a wonderful job with the annual Easter egg hunt held last Saturday at Memorial Park.

Loan Review Committee- Humes –No Report.

Property/Buildings – Rider – No Report.

Recycling Committee – Ryder- Councilman Ryder reported that the Citizens Committee met and discussed many items including an Earth Day Clean up event scheduled for April 24th at 9 AM. The Chamber of Commerce has purchased recycling containers for Jubilee Day and will be providing some of these containers for use at the Mechanicsburg High School. Ads are being sold for the exterior of the containers to help to defer the cost. Councilman Ryder requested a copy of the recycling study for himself and Councilman Humes. Councilman Ryder noted that phone books and junk mail can be recycled and the committee is looking at magnets, which can be printed and distributed via the newsletter to help to remind residents of which items can be recycled. Cardboard recycling in the receptacle across the street has been doing well and the Borough receives funding for every ton of refuse removed from the waste stream. Councilman Seagrist asked about amending the Borough Ordinance to allow food waste composting. Councilman Ryder noted that he has videos available on the pay as you throw program, and will be doing some research on this for possible inclusion in future refuse contracts.

W.S.C.O.G. - McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported that the next meeting would be held April 19th at 7 PM. Emergency Service brochures will be included a future edition of the newsletter.

AGENDA ITEMS April 6, 2004:

- ◆ **Consider Special Events application of Audrey Logar, Gross Drive Neighborhood Picnic.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to approve the application of Audrey Logar to close Gross Drive on August 7th from 12PM to 8 PM for a Neighborhood Picnic with the condition that the applicant must coordinate drop off and pick up of the barricades required with the Highway Department and leave the fire lane open for emergency vehicles. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Special Events application for Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk.**
Manager Stough noted that the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is requesting relief from payment for fire and police service costs. Solicitor Schorpp noted that Council does not have the power to waive the fees. Councilman Rider made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to approve the request of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to hold their annual Great Strides Walk on Saturday May 15th from 10 AM to 1 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ **Consider request of the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to use The Borough Seal for a Borough Flag.**
Councilman Rider made a motion to approve the request of the Mechanicsburg Chamber for use of the Borough Seal on an official Borough Flag, to be designed by the Chamber. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Councilman Seagrist noted that the colors are maroon and steel.
- ◆ **Consider request of the Foot Traffic Group and Mechanicsburg Chamber for use of the public sidewalks for Concerts on the square, Thursdays beginning June 3rd and ending August 26th from 7 PM to 9 PM.**
Councilman Rider made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to approve the request of the Foot Traffic Committee and the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to hold summer concerts at the square on Thursday evenings beginning on June 3rd and continuing through August 26th, from 7 to 9 PM. The motion carried by a vote of 7:0.
- ◆ **Consider request of the Foot Traffic Group and Mechanicsburg Chamber for Street closure on August 28th for an Arts and Craft Days event.**
Councilman Rider made a motion to approve the request of the Foot Traffic Committee and the Mechanicsburg Chamber to close South Market Street between 7 AM and 6 PM on Saturday, August 28th for Mechanicsburg Arts and Crafts Day, with the stipulation that the applicant pay for all signage required by PennDOT in conjunction with the road closure and that the fire hydrant is kept clear for emergency service vehicles. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Chief Spotts will coordinate the road closure permit and cost of signage with the applicant.
- ◆ **Consider request of the Foot Traffic Group and the Mechanicsburg Chamber for closure of Market Street on Sunday, September 18th for Antique Days.**
Councilman Rider made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to approve the request of the Foot Traffic Committee and the Mechanicsburg Chamber for closure of South Market Street between Main and Simpson for Mechanicsburg Antiques Day, from 10 AM to 7 PM, with the stipulation that the applicant pay for all signage required by PennDOT in conjunction with the road closure and that the fire hydrant is kept clear for emergency service vehicles. The motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Consider request of the Foot Traffic Group and Mechanicsburg Chamber for street closure of Main Street on Friday November 26th for a Dickens Christmas, which will include carriage rides.**
Manager Stough reviewed this request, noting that the road closure was due to the carriage rides. Discussion followed about the cost of closing the road and the possible traffic concerns on a Friday evening. Councilman Rider made a motion to deny this request, which he withdrew for lack of a second. Councilman McDermott made a motion for approval seconded by Councilman Humes. After considerable discussion on the detour route, commercial vehicle traffic, the cost of the signage and man power required, Councilman McDermott amended his motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to table this matter to allow the Chief and Manager to review the proposed route and determine the costs and confer with the applicant on these concerns. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider request of the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club to use the shaded sidewalk area in front of the Railroad Station from 10 – 6 on Saturday June 26th for a plant sale. They are also requesting use of the restrooms.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilman Rider. Manager Stough expressed concern over opening the building without any Borough personnel in attendance to supervise the activity. Vice President Whitcomb echoed the Manager's concern. Councilman Seagrist asked if this organization has hosted events in Mechanicsburg prior to this request. Councilman Humes noted that they have had flower shows at the Library. Councilman Seagrist stated that he sees this event as an opportunity to bring foot traffic to the downtown area. Manager Stough suggested that a security deposit could be required. Councilman Seagrist amended his motion to approve the use of the sidewalks and rest rooms at the train station by the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club for their plant sale and garden tour on Saturday, June 26th from 10 AM to 6 PM, with the provision that the applicant provides a security deposit and takes responsibility for cleaning of the rest room after the event. Councilman Rider amended his second of the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Handicapped parking request of Bonnie K. Pearl of 127 East Simpson Street.**
Chief Spotts reported that the additional information requested from Mrs. Pearl has not been received. Councilman Rider made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb to table this request till the next Council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Consider Handicapped parking request of Robert Gally of 416 S. High Street.**

Chief Spotts reviewed his recommendation with Borough Council for this application. Councilman Rider made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to approved the handicapped parking request of Robert Gally at 416 South High Street. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Consider request of Chief Spotts for a K-9 Unit for the Police Department.**

Chief Spotts noted that he distributed a memo on April 1st regarding this matter. An acquisition strategy is in place and an agreement has been reached with K-9 handler and bargaining unit regarding compensation. Wal-Mart is the primary corporate sponsor of this program. Councilman Rider asked what the on-going cost per year would be to the Borough. Chief Spotts indicated that it would be about \$3,700 per year.

Councilman Ryder asked if that figure would include up keep and veterinarian bills for the dog. Chief Spotts indicated that it would. Councilman Ryder asked how much time the patrolman would spend doing K-9 work and how much time doing typical patrol duties. Chief Spotts indicated that dog would accompany the officer during regular patrol duties. Councilman Ryder asked about other available K-9 units in the County. Chief Spotts indicated that Carlisle Borough currently has two K-9 units and the Cumberland County Sheriff Department had a dual trained drug and patrol dog, but upon retirement of the dog due to medical problems, they replaced the dog with an explosive detection dog. Councilman Ryder asked if the school was contacted regarding their desire to use the services of the K-9 unit. Chief Spotts indicated that the Department has arranged for K-9 units to search the school before and in discussion last year the school district had indicated that they might be willing to contribute towards the expenses involved with this program. Councilman Ryder asked if the Chief feels that there has been a need in the past for this type of unit in the departments work. Chief Spotts indicated that he does not have statistics available, but he feels that a K-9 unit is a very effective tool to have available to the department. Councilman Ryder asked about the amount of time that the dog would be out on mutual aid calls in other jurisdictions. Chief Spotts indicated that in discussion with handler and union limits would be in place on use outside the borough and on the amount of overtime paid for out of Borough service.

Vice President Whitcomb asked about the current mutual aid policy. Chief Spotts indicated that the current policy restricts overtime and limits mutual aid to incident based on the severity and nature of the call. Vice President Whitcomb questioned what happens if a dog is required in another jurisdiction and the dog and officer is off duty. Chief Spotts indicated that if the officer and dog are called in from off duty status to assist another jurisdiction he would take compensatory time at the discretion of the Borough. Vice President Whitcomb asked if the handler and the dog would designate a vehicle for use, and if this vehicle would go home with the handler and be out of service when he is not on duty. The Chief indicated that would be the case, however, the car could be put into line service if a need arises. Vice President Whitcomb asked if the vehicle would be a sedan or the four-wheel drive vehicle. Chief Spotts indicated it would be a sedan. Increased mileage on the remaining three marked units was discussed. Vice President Whitcomb asked about scheduling of the handler and the dog. Chief Spotts indicated that the officer has agreed to work a schedule to maximize the availability of the dog, which includes mostly 2-10 shifts, with a few day shifts and this schedule is based on call volume.

Councilman Seagrist asked how requests from the school district for K-9 services are currently handled. Chief Spotts indicated that the school contacts him and he coordinates the service with another jurisdiction, such as Carlisle.

Vice President Whitcomb asked why Wal-Mart is donating monies to the Borough of Mechanicsburg, when they are located in Silver Springs Township. Chief Spotts indicated that Wal-Mart contacted him regarding a donation. Councilman Rider indicated that Wal-Mart strives to serve and contribute to the communities were they are doing business, not just the jurisdictions in which they are located. Councilman Seagrist asked if Wal-Mart was provided with options for donation other than this project. Chief Spotts indicated that the pool, traffic signal, and the Library were discussed. Jae Elwell, General Manager of the Mechanicsburg Wal-Mart, addressed Borough Council regarding his decision to donate monies to the K-9 unit stating that this donation would benefit Mechanicsburg and the county and it was a project that Wal-Mart could fund almost the total cost. He stated that his donation to a larger project, would not be as significant and the scope of the other projects mentioned were quite large. Mr. Elwell relayed his past experience with K-9 units and expressed his feeling that this is not only a good work tool, but also a good public relations tool for the department. He noted that in the past he has helped to provide bullet proof vests for K-9 units, but this is the first opportunity to provide the entire cost of a dog, which he views as a significant contribution to the residents of the Borough. He noted that \$10,000 was contributed by Wal-Mart Corporation with the additional \$4,500 raised by employees of the store through various fund raising events held over the last six or eight weeks.

Councilman Seagrist noted that he is grateful for the generosity of Wal-Mart in making this donation. Councilman Seagrist indicated that as one of the Council members overseeing the budget for the residents of Mechanicsburg, he feels that he has a fiscal responsibility to the tax payers and is hesitant to get behind a program that may cost the tax payers additional expense in the future, in light to the tight budget and recent tax increase. Chief Spotts noted that other corporate sponsors have expressed interested in helping with on going costs and all of the cost will probably be covered through community donations. Dave Daniel, owner of Combs & Scissors, indicated that he would support this program in the future and has spoken to the Bon-Ton Manager and Carlisle Saturn and they have indicated that this is a project they would be willing to support. Chief Spotts indicated that as a result of the article written by Joe Cress other businesses have expressed interest in helping with the on going costs, however, he has not accepted other offers of support, as the program has not been approved.

Councilman Seagrist made a motion to table this request till the May 4th meeting, to allow Chief Spotts to gain commitments for the underwriting of future costs. Councilman Rider seconded the motion. Councilman Ryder asked if tabling this would impact Wal-Mart's decision to contribute. Mr. Elwell indicated that a month delay will effect his decision, however, a two-week delay would be acceptable. Councilman Seagrist amended his motion to table this matter till the April 20th Council meeting. Councilman Rider seconded the amended motion which passed with 6 members voting in the affirmative and Councilman Humes voting against. Chief Spotts asked if he could gather information from potential contributors to show coverage from private sources of the annual operation expenses for this program. The Solicitor indicated that this would be appropriate, as long as the Chief made all contributors aware that this program was subject to the approval of Borough Council.

◆ **Authorization to advertise changes to the street sweeping and parking regulations.**

Manager Stough requested that Council table this item, pending additional information from the Solicitor. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to table this item. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor

◆ **Consider request for donation of bulletproof vest to William Hesse.**

Chief Spotts reviewed this request with Borough Council. Solicitor Schorpp cautioned Council regarding this request, stating that liability may be a factor, as the manufacturer's guarantee for the vest expires after five years. After discussion and on advice of the Solicitor, Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to deny the request. Councilman Rider seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and update on implementation on uniform building code.**

Manager Stough reviewed the matter with Council and suggested that this matter be tabled until the next Council meeting. Councilman McDermott asked for a consensus of Council on participation in a joint appeals board. Manager Stough expressed concern about the proposed start up contribution of \$1,000 for the joint appeals board. Vice President Whitcomb echoed the Manager's concern about upfront cost. After general discussion, President Winchell took a pole with all members favoring an in-house appeals board with the exception of Councilman McDermott who favored joint participation and Councilman Ryder who did not wish to voice an opinion at this time. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to table this discussion till the next Council meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Consider letter of support to the School District for Fire Safety Training.**

Councilman McDermott made a motion to table this matter. Councilman Rider seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

◆ **Consider submitting quote on the street sweeping in Dillsburg Borough.**

Manager Stough reviewed this matter with Borough Council stating that the rental cost would be \$90 per hour plus the cost of transportation. The cost would be \$1,080 for 12 hours and \$90 per hour for any additional time required plus the cost of transportation. Councilman Rider made a motion to support submitting a price quote of \$1,080 plus transportation costs to Dillsburg Borough for twelve hours of street sweeping services. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion. Councilman McDermott stated that he would prefer to see more street sweeping service within the Borough. Vice President Whitcomb asked what days the services would be performed. Manager Stough indicated that it would be two-week days, once during the year. Mr. Mark Yinger noted that several years ago the sweeper was used in Dillsburg and their driver ran over a curb and the sweeper was damaged. Manager Stough noted that our personnel would be operating the sweeper. After discussion, President Winchell called for a vote and the motion passed with five in favor (Humes, Seagrist, Rider, Ryder, Winchell) and two against (McDermott, Whitcomb).

- ◆ **Consider authorization to contract Penns Valley to review and re-index the Borough Code of Ordinances.**
Manager Stough reviewed the quote from Penns Valley for update and re-indexing of the Borough Code of Ordinances for a cost of approximately \$2,400. Councilman Rider asked where the money for this work was budgeted. Manager Stough indicated it would be paid out of the legal services line item of the budget. Councilman Rider made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to proceed with the update as per the price quote submitted. Councilman Humes seconded the motion. Manager Stough asked that Council also authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to work together to prepare the required ordinance revision in conjunction with the update. Councilman Rider amended his motion to include authorizing the Manager and Solicitor to prepare any required ordinance revisions. Councilman Humes seconded the amended motion. Vice President Whitcomb asked if the new parking revisions would be included in the update. Manager Stough indicated that they would not have Penns Valley move forward until the parking amendments have been adopted. The Solicitor advised that several ordinances would need to be passed prior to the final update of the Codified Ordinance book. After some additional discussion the motion passed with all in favor.

At this time President Rider excused himself, as he had a 9:30 PM commitment.

- ◆ **Consider contracting for repairs and painting of the Train Station.**
Manager Stough reviewed the work required to fix the train station exterior. All the wood replacement and the painting would be approximately \$9,000. Councilman Ryder asked where the money for this expenditure was coming from. Manager Stough indicated that it would be paid out of the 409 building improvements line item in the general fund budget. Councilman Ryder made a motion to approve moving forward with the repairs and painting at the Train Station. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. President Winchell asked that the Manager make an effort to move forward with the sale/lease of that property. Manager Stough indicated that he would check with CAT transit on the status of the their acquisitions efforts.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on sound system for the Council Chambers.**
Manager Stough indicated that he has contacted eight different companies and received quotes from two companies. Morefield Communications quoted a price of \$3,852 for hanging microphones. PA Entertainment Group quoted a price of \$4,950 for tabletop mics. Discussion followed on the quotes and the benefits of hanging versus tabletop mics. Manager Stough indicated that he has some concerns about feedback, with the speaker and wireless mic proposed for the audience. Manager Stough noted that JP Lilly Company of Harrisburg was in, but had no submitted a quote yet, but they want to propose microphones in front of each Councilmember. Councilman Ryder voiced his opinion that the hanging microphones will not provide appropriate sound quality for the audience. Manager Stough suggested that we request Morefield to bring in another microphone and a speaker to judge how the mic will project voices for amplification. Councilman Ryder suggested a pancake mic that would be desk mounted. Manager Stough indicated that type of microphone would not be appropriate with all the paper being shuffled across the desk, particularly during Planning Commission. A brief discussion followed on the heating system in the Council Chambers, with the Manager explaining that the repairmen were out today to look at the heating system. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder to table this matter until a demonstration can be arranged. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on a Community map.**
Councilman McDermott stated that he has received information from two different companies about publishing a Borough Map and community directory. Councilman McDermott made a motion to authorize Print to publish a community directory. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider authorization to form a 501.C.3 organization to promote downtown revitalization.**
Councilman Humes made a motion for Council to support the formation of a non-profit organization for the purpose of downtown community revitalization, with no financial commitment. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on provisions of the Senior Adult Center lease.**
Manager Stough noted that he had a request to use the Senior Adult Center for church services on Sunday mornings. Manager Stough stated that this use, in his opinion, does not fit the description outlined in the lease.

◆ **Update on proposed Joint Composting Site.**

Manager Stough reviewed information regarding the proposed site. The Borough may consider rental of the land to the facility as an avenue to receive compensation to the Borough for use of their land. Councilman Humes asked if the expenses would be divided fifty-fifty between the township and the Borough. Manager Stough indicated that the operation would be a fifty-fifty split. Silver Springs is allocating a loader to be used at the facility. Councilman Humes asked if the usage would be monitored. Manager Stough indicated that we did not anticipate monitoring drop off participation at this time.

◆ **Relocation of the fire hydrant expense line item in the budget.**

Councilman McDermott made a motion to move the fire hydrant rental fees from the fire budget and place that expenditure into a public works/utilities line item. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor, after a brief discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Jay Stoner, 124 East Locust Street, expressed concerns about liability issues when renting out the street sweeper to Dillsburg. Manager Stough indicated that our carrier indicated that there would be no additional premium required.


ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Manager Stough asked that Council members return the first copy they received of the Borough Audit, and he would provide a corrected copy.

Councilman Ryder informed Borough Council that on Thursday the 29th at 6 PM there will be a mixer sponsored by the Historic District Committee to unveil the proposed historic district to Council and select individuals by invitation. The PHMC toured the proposed district last week and concurred with the basic proposal.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:50 PM President Winchell adjourned to an executive session on matters of potential litigation and personnel with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary