

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

December 21, 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, Kautz, McDermott, Ryder, Seagrist, Jr. Councilperson Geiger, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Chief Seagrist was absent

Also in attendance: Cress – Sentinel, Daryl Ackerman, Marty Coover, Kirk Corliss, Bob Dietrich, Barry Heckard, Kyle Miller, & Lekha Ravindraraj.

GUESTS:

There were no guests.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

President Winchell asked for citizen comments and there were none.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

President Winchell added Resolution 31-2004 to the agenda, in honor of Jr. Councilperson Gieger.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition noted. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough report:

1. Information was received from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council on a workshop on the benefits of establishing an environmental council.
2. A letter was received from Citizen's Fire and Rescue Company regarding the e-mail from Mr. Charles Murphy.
3. A letter was received from the Mechanicsburg Planning Commission asking that Council consider appointing Daryl Ackerman to the vacant Planning Commission position.
4. A letter was received from West Shore Chamber of Commerce inviting a Council delegate to their annual dinner on January 17th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ryder made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting as submitted. Councilman Kautz seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, Councilman McDermott second, to approve the monthly reports as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough thanked Marty Coover for his help in identifying the newsboys in the Historic Photograph which appeared in the last edition of the Borough Newsletter. Ron Klair of 82 Longwood Drive knew 20 of the 27 people pictured and both Mr. Coover and Mr. Klair will receive a gift certificate for their participation, courtesy of Snapper's Restaurant.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

December 8th & December 17th the Mayor officiated weddings at the Union Church.

December 11th - Narrated the Holly Trolley Tour for the Mechanicsburg Museum Association, the event was a sellout.

December 14th – Attended the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce mixer at Greenawalt and Company.

December 16th – Hosted St. Joe's cub pack for an achievement tour of the borough office and council chambers.

Trivia Question: The Union Church is the oldest public building in Mechanicsburg. Where is probably the oldest residence in the Borough?

Answer: 74 West Main Street, log home restored by Robert Minor, founder of the Civil War Times.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

The Chief reported receiving letters of commendation for Sergeant Pellman and Officer Montgomery for their performance of duty.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Schorpp had no report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Seagrist was not in attendance.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Geiger reported on the academic awards ceremony held at the high school to honor the academic achievements of students and also the recent choral concert.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development/Downtown – Humes- No Report

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell- President Winchell reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening to discuss tax collector compensation and a possible increase under the new emergency service tax, with both matters to be considered further after additional information is received.

Fire Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the next meeting will be held on January 12th.

Health/Recreation – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported that the next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on January 10th at 7 PM. He also reported that he has been in contact with Wayne Wade regarding the requested information on formation of a pool authority.

Highway/Public Safety – Kautz – Councilman Kautz reported that the S. Market Street closing is on the agenda for this evening.

Loan Review Committee- Humes – No Report.

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Whitcomb – Vice President Whitcomb noted that two ordinances are on the agenda for Council's consideration this evening

Property/Buildings – Kautz –No Report.

Public Communications – McDermott – No Report.

Recycling Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the Recycling Committee will meet on January 4th at 6 PM.

School Board – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that he attended the last school board meeting at which he reviewed photographs of the construction project at the Elmwood Ave School. He reported the work is moving along on schedule. He reported viewing a power point presentation by Tonya Brown, Recreation Director, and asked Councilman Seagrist if he could arrange to have Tonya do that presentation at a Council meeting. Councilman Ryder asked who inspects playground equipment in the Borough. President Winchell indicated that Ms. Brown does the inspections and reports to the Recreation Commission. Councilman Ryder reported that he met with Dr. Bleggi and presented him with the Resolution passed by Council.

W.S.C.O.G. - McDermott – No Report.

AGENDA ITEMS December 21, 2004:

- ◆ **Consider Resolution 26-2004 designating an agent for Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance.**
Manager Stough explained the purpose of this Resolution to Borough Council. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to approve Resolution 26-2004 designating Jonathan Stough, Borough Secretary as agent for the Borough, relative to disaster relief and emergency assistance applications. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 27-2004 in memory of Frances J. Amicucci.**
Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to adopt Resolution 27-2004 in memory of Frances J. Amicucci. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 28-2004 in honor of Dick Wevodau for 8 yrs service to the Planning Commission.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to adopt Resolution 28-2004 in honor of Dick Wevodau and his eight years of service to the Mechanicsburg Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ **Consider Resolution 29-2004 in honor of Roger Jumper for 10 yrs of service to the Recreation Commission.**
 Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to adopt Resolution 29-2004 in honor of Roger Jumper’s ten years of service to the Mechanicsburg Recreation Commission. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 30-2004 in honor of Paul Hanlon for 13 yrs of service to the Civil Service Commission.**
 Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, seconded by Councilman Humes, to adopt Resolution 30-2004 in honor of Paul Hanlon for his thirteen years of service to the Police Civil Service Commission. The motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 31-2004 in honor of Melissa Geiger for her service as Jr. Councilperson.**
 Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist, to adopt Resolution 31-2004 in honor of Melissa Geiger. The motion passed unanimously. President Winchell presented the Resolution and wished Ms. Geiger future success on behalf of Borough Council.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 1065 to change the rate of compensation for elected officials.**
 Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to adopt Ordinance 1065 setting the rate of compensation for elected officials. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Humes	Yea	Seagrist	Nay
Kautz	Yea	Whitcomb	Yea
McDermott	Nay	Winchell	Yea
Ryder	Yea		

The motion passed with five in favor, two against.

- ◆ **Discussion and possible adoption on the proposed 2005 Borough budget.**
 Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb to adopt the proposed 2005 budget as presented and advertised. After discussion, President Winchell called for a vote and the motion passed with five in favor (Humes, Kautz, Ryder, Whitcomb, Winchell), and two in opposition (McDermott, Seagrist).
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 1066 to set the tax milage rate for 2005 at 2.23 mils.**
 Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1066 setting the tax milage rate for 2005 at 2.23 mils. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Humes	Yea	Seagrist	Nay
Kautz	Yea	Whitcomb	Yea
McDermott	Nay	Winchell	Yea
Ryder	Yea		

The motion passed with by a vote of five in favor, two against.

- ◆ **Consider appointment of a Junior Council Representative for 2005.**
 Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to appoint Lekha Ravindraraaj as Junior Council Representative for the 2005 calendar year. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of one - six year term on the Civil Service Commission to expire 2010.**
 Councilman Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to appoint Ranny Singiser to a six year term on the Civil Service Commission to expire December 31, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of two – five year terms on the Municipal Authority to expire 2009.**
 Councilman Humes made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist, to re-appoint David Coover and David Sultzaberger to five year terms on the Municipal Authority to expire December 31, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of one – four year term on the Planning Commission to expire 2008.**
 Councilman Kautz made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to appoint Daryl Ackerman to a four year term on the Planning Commission to expire December 31, 2008. Councilman Seagrist asked why Mr. Ackerman was being recommended instead of Mr. Ciecierski, who also expressed an interest. Mr. Kautz indicated that Mr.

Ackerman has been attending Planning Commission meetings and participating for the last few months. The motion passed with all in favor.

- ◆ **Consider appointment of two – five year terms on the Recreation Commission to expire 2009.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Humes, to re-appoint Jeff Teeter to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to appoint Bob Smith to a five year term on the Recreation Commission. Councilman Seagrist asked if this matter was to be tabled until the Recreation Commission meeting on January 10th. Councilman Ryder withdrew his motion, Councilman Kautz withdrew his second. Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to table this appointment till the January 18th meeting.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of one – five year term on the Shade Tree Commission to expire 2009.**
Councilman McDermott made a motion to appoint Roger Kitchen to a five year term on the Shade Tree Commission to expire December 31, 2009. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of one – one year term on the Shade Tree Commission to expire 2005.**
Councilman Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to appoint Lindsay Folk to the Shade Tree Commission to fill the one year balance of the open position on the Shade Tree Commission, to expire December 31, 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of one – three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire 2007.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to appoint Thomas Witters to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire on December 31, 2007. The motion carried with all voting in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of one – one year alternate position on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire 2005, to fill unexpired term of Chris Knarr.**
Councilman Humes made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to appoint Roger Ciecierski to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate, until December 31, 2005, to fill the balance of the term, which became open when Chris Knarr was appointed to the Planning Commission. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of two Assistant Emergency Preparedness Directors for a term of one year to expire December 31, 2005.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to appoint Michael Gray and Ronald Trace as Assistant Emergency Preparedness Directors for a term of one year, to expire December 31, 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of Borough Solicitor for 2005.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion; second by Councilman Ryder to appoint Ed Schorpp, of Martson, Dearthoff, Williams and Otto as the Borough Solicitor for 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of Borough Engineer for 2005.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb to appoint Steve Barber, of Pennoni Associates, as Borough Engineer for 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of Council Alternate to the West Shore COG for 2005.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to appoint Councilman Ryder as Alternate to the West Shore COG until the re-organizational meeting in January 2006. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of Cumberland County Recorder of Deed as Real Estate transfer tax collector for 2005.**
Councilman Kautz made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to appoint Cumberland County Recorder of Deeds as Real Estate Transfer Tax Collector for 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of G.H. Harris as Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector for 2005.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to appoint G.H. Harris as delinquent per Capita Tax Collector for 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider appointment of Cumberland County and Barry Heckard as delinquent real estate tax collector for 2005.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman Humes, to appoint Cumberland County and Barry Heckard as delinquent real estate tax collector for 2005.
- ◆ **Consider exoneration of delinquent per capita tax as recommended by G. H. Harris.**
Vice President Whitcomb and President Winchell asked the Manager what steps were taken in the collection of delinquent taxes. Barry Heckard, elected tax collector, reviewed the process with Borough Council. Questions were raised regarding one name on the list. Manager Stough will look into that question. Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist, to exonerate the taxpayers recommended by G. H. Harris, as per the memo of December 16, 2004 (attached, Exhibit A). The motion passed with all in favor.

- ◆ **Consider approval of the Tri-County Planning Agreement for 2005.**
Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to approve the Tri-County Planning Agreement for 2005. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on the request from the Mechanicsburg Chamber to close S. Market Street from Main to Simpson on October 22, 2005 for a Craft Fair event.**
After a brief discussion, Chief Spotts stated that he sees no problem with the street closure request. Chief indicated that he has been in contact with Mr. VanBoskirk, and the Foot Traffic Group is considering purchasing barricades which could be used for future events. After some additional discussion, Councilman Kautz made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist to approve the request for the Craft Fair event and street closure. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible approval of Fire Chief job description.**
Councilman Ryder moved for approval of the Fire Chief Job description as presented. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Update on sale of train station property.**
Manager Stough reported that he has spoken with Joan Quick and the Museum officials will be meeting to discuss the pending sale and their possible financing options. Manager Stough stated he indicated to Mrs. Quick that the Borough would probably not be interested in “financing” the sale over a long term. He also reviewed with Council the options for subdivision of the property, and indicated that Council should consider if the Station Master’s House should be included in the same parcel as the Train Station. After some discussion, Manager Stough indicated that he will get back to Council, when he receives additional information from the Museum.
- ◆ **Authorization to close the books December 31, 2004 and pay all outstanding bills and deposit all receipts.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to authorize the Manager to close the books, pay all outstanding debts and deposit all revenues as of December 31, 2004. The motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to approve expenditures in the amount of \$201,646.11 from the General Fund beginning November 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004. The motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Humes asked why the November banking information was not received. Manager Stough indicated that he would check on that.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizens comments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

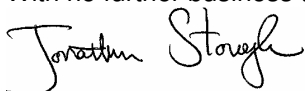
Mayor Ritter commended Manager Stough on his performance in the Christmas Play at his church. Councilman Seagrist asked if a meeting has been scheduled with District Justice Elder. Manager Stough indicated that he e-mailed the proposed dates to her, but has not heard back as yet. Councilman Seagrist reminded Council that the Tri-County Borough Association meeting will be held on January 25th at LaCampana. Councilman Ryder asked if ARIS could provide information for this year and last year, on the same page to make comparison of the funds performance easier. Councilman Kautz asked if the unions had responded regarding possible change of pension carriers. Manager Stough reported that the Police union is interested in exploring other options, however, he has not heard from the non-uniform union. Jr. Councilperson Geiger thanked Council for interesting and rewarding experience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:30 PM President Winchell adjourned the meeting to an Executive Session on a personnel matter. At 9:15 PM President Winchell reconvened the meeting, and indicated that no action would be taken by Council at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before Council, at 9:16 PM President Winchell adjourned the meeting.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary