

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

June 21, 2005

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, Ryder, Seagrist, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Councilman McDermott arrived at 7:40. Jr. Councilperson Ravindraraj was absent.

Also in attendance: Cress – Sentinel, Officer Brian Curtis, Keith Marston, Jeff Shatzer, Jay Stoner, Mark Wills and Deb Wirth.

President Winchell thanked Vice President Whitcomb for filling in for him at the last meeting.

GUESTS:

Manager Stough recognized Deb Wirth, Mechanicsburg Little League Association, for her work in organizing the Little League to participate in the Mechanicsburg Community Day at Commerce Bank Park. Little League sold 375 tickets and 28 tickets were sold at the Borough Office. Little League received a check from the Senator's in the amount of \$833. Manager Stough indicated that Friends of the Pool had a table on the concourse where pool information was distributed before, during and after the game. Jeff Shatzer stated that Mechanicsburg Little League will be hosting a tournament for their district at the York Street Field and this money will help to offset some of those expenses. Mr. Shatzer thanked the Manager and Council for the donation. President Winchell indicated that it was a great game and the home team won.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough added the following items:

1. Request of the Mechanicsburg Museum Association to use the Passenger Station on Wednesday, June 22nd & Thursday, June 23rd to set up for the flower show this weekend. Manager Stough noted that staff authorized the Museum use of the Station last night for their Board Meeting.
2. Discussion and possible authorization for a PNC credit card.

Councilman Seagrist asked that naming of the baseball field at Memorial Park be added to the agenda as well.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough reported:

- A letter was received from the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library thanking the Shade Tree Commission for the donation and planting of the redbud tree on Arbor Day.
- E-mail was received, requesting a contact person for the Borough relative to the "Safe Routes to School" grant program. Sally Holbert is working with the School District to prepare an application.
- The Joseph T. Simpson Library sent a letter announcing the 11th annual Holly Trail House Tour on Sunday, November 27th from 12:30 to 5:00 PM.

Councilman Humes asked about the request from Mr. Burrige. Manager Stough explained the situation with the storm drain and indicated that the Highway Department will be researching to see what can be done at this location. It may involve cutting the cartway across Sharon Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ryder made a motion to approve the June 7, 2005 minutes as submitted. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough reported that he has Percs coming to remove the sneakers, from a wire along Keller Street and the baby doll from the wires behind the Presbyterian Church. Keith Marston, of the Highway Department, indicated that the sneakers have been removed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

June 10th – Mechanicsburg Little League Night at the Harrisburg Riverside Stadium – great turnout.

June 13th – Borough Manager Jon Stough was the guest speaker at the Crime Watch Meeting. Sgt. Pellman gave the past 30 days incident report.

June 15th – Mechanicsburg Museum's Lunch and Learn. The learn part was the Hummel Miniature Flea Circus.

June 16th – Jubilee Day. Volunteer Fire Responders were honored for their service at the opening ceremony.

June 21st – Rent was collected at the Senior Adult Center.

Upcoming: the Camp Curtin Historical Society will be dedicating a monument to Brigadier General Albert G. Jenkins and the Confederate Troops, June 25th at 11:00 a.m., Rupp House, 5115 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg.

The Sunflower Garden Tour sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Museum Association, June 25th 10 AM to 4 PM.

Trivia Question: Who donated the Field House that stands in the John Frederick Field at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park.

Answer: The Mechanicsburg Club in 1947.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Spotts reported:

- ◆ The Seatbelt Enforcement Grant is complete. It ran from May 9th – June 10th, 2005. One hundred seventy citations, including twenty-six for seatbelt violations were issued. Seatbelt usage increased from 66.2% to 84.4%.
- ◆ Jubilee Day was relatively uneventful and you have my report on the activities for the day.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Schorpp had no report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Seagrist had no report

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson was absent.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development/Downtown – Humes- No report

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Whitcomb – Vice President Whitcomb indicated there are a couple of items are on the agenda this evening.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell- President Winchell reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening and will be recommending to Borough Council that they change pension providers to PSAB. This will be on the July 5th agenda. Vice President Whitcomb asked Solicitor Schorpp if he would have to abstain from the vote, and the Solicitor indicated he would.

Property/Buildings – Kautz – No report.

Fire Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the SOP meetings will be suspended over the summer. Councilman Ryder indicated that he was pleased to be part of the opening ceremony for Jubilee Day, which honored all the Firefighters from Mechanicsburg and the surrounding communities.

Public Communications – McDermott –No report

Health/Recreation – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported that the pool will open on Monday, June 27th. The last Recreation Commission meeting was held on June 14th at which a variety of issues were discussed. Two issues were requested to be brought back to Borough Council. The first is the item that was added to the agenda regarding the naming of the baseball field at Memorial Park. The Recreation Commission is recommending requesting that Council give consideration to naming the baseball field after William Rickenbach – Don Shirley Field. These two men have donated

over fifty years of service to Mechanicsburg baseball. The Recreation Commission asked that Councilman Seagrist thank the Manager for the new pole building. They asked Councilman Seagrist to ask the Manager what happened to the pick up truck that the Recreation Department purchased. Manager Stough indicated that the park department and highway department both have been using the truck. Highway uses it during the winter months, when they require an extra vehicle. Manager Stough reported on the playground equipment to be purchased off State Contract, for Koser Park. The two pieces selected, and a nice plaque, will be purchased with the grant funding. President Winchell thanked the Codes Officer, Cliff Ressler and Manager Stough for their hard work at the pool, with the erection of the building over the pool pumps. Councilman Seagrist asked if the Council and staff have been getting Recreation Commission minutes. President Winchell and Manager Stough indicated they have not received any recently. Councilman Seagrist indicated he will try to have the minutes sent to all of Council and staff.

Recycling Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder indicated that Jubilee Day recycling went well. Six toters with 240 lbs of beverage containers were collected, as well as, five pick up trucks of cardboard. Councilman Ryder reported that he picked up the Chamber recycling containers from the school and they will not need them back, as they are getting new containers from Coke. Boyer reported that over 300 recycling surveys have been received, since mailing of the newsletter last week.

Highway/Public Safety – Kautz – Councilman Kautz noted that the parking situation at Alison Avenue is on the agenda.

School Board – Ryder – No Report.

Loan Review Committee- Humes – No Report.

W.S.C.O.G. - McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported that the COG meeting was held last night and the expansion into Dauphin County was approved. Dillsburg has just become the newest COG member. Councilman McDermott reported that the COG auction is going to be held on July 20th at the Sporting Hill School. Councilman Seagrist asked Councilman McDermott if he asked the COG to consider counties being allowed to be members. Councilman McDermott stated that he did not, but he would check on it.

AGENDA ITEMS June 20, 2005:

- ◆ **Discussion and possible authorization to advertise Shade Tree Ordinance.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Shade Tree Ordinance as drafted. Councilman McDermott asked if the existing ordinance has fee provisions. Manager Stough indicated that the fees for compliance are an addition, which is needed for enforcement. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on Shade Tree Resolution.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to table discussion on the Resolution until the Ordinance is advertised. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on Burkholder contract.**
Councilman Humes made a motion to extend the contract until December 31st. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on parking situation at Alison and Darla.**
Manager Stough indicated that the intersection needs to be painted 20 ft to the east, on the north side of Alison Avenue. He indicated that the Highway Department will be doing this painting in the coming weeks. Any additional painting would require an ordinance revision.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on authorization to advertise bed and breakfast ordinance revision.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to table this matter. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Manager noted that the Planning Commission received an updated copy for review. Solicitor Schorpp stated that this would be a Zoning Text change, which would require two notices and a public hearing and Council may want to consider including it with other revisions.
- ◆ **Update on work at the Mechanicsburg pool.**
Manager Stough updated Council on the installation of the water features at the pool, which will be arriving on Thursday. He reported that they were filling the pool today, which prevented the watering of the new sod. The Fire Chief is going to run hose from Washington Street, if United Water approves, using one of the Fire Trucks, so that the pool can be filled and the sod can be watered. Wastewater treatment employees installed pumps for the play features. The Highway Department placed tan bark in the beds next to the entry way and High School students are painting a mural inside the doors. The floors were painted with epoxy, so the floors can be washed daily and the blue mats have been removed.
- ◆ **Up date on Train Station Property Sale.**
Manager Stough reported that he has a tank tightness test scheduled for the underground tanks.
- ◆ **Discussion on Emergency Service Coordinator position.**
Manager Stough indicated that one application has been received. Councilman Humes asked the Manager to research if any other municipalities pay their coordinators and Manager Stough indicated that he would do that.

- ◆ **Mechanicsburg Museum request to use the Passenger Station for set up of the Flower Show.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion; second by Councilman Ryder to approve the use of the Passenger Station by the Museum on Wednesday and Thursday to prepare for the flower show this weekend. The motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible authorization to contract with PNC Financial Services for a Borough credit card.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to authorized the Manager to contract with PNC for credit card purchasing program. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Consider request from the Recreation Commission to name the baseball field at Memorial Park.**
Councilman Seagrist presented the request of the Recreation Commission to name the baseball field at Memorial Park the William Rickenbach – Don Shirley Baseball Field, in honor of the number of years of service these gentlemen have given to Mechanicsburg Baseball. President Winchell asked if the Commission was asking Council to pay for the signage. Councilman Seagrist indicated that the Recreation Commission will be providing the signage. Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to approve the naming of the baseball field as recommended by the Recreation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb to approve the expenditures for May 2005 in the following amounts:

General Fund \$239,932.85 Highway Aid Fund: \$10,178.19 Capital Improvement Fund \$67,077.70

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Humes asked if the issues with the radio coverage at the Library and other places in town have been addressed, since it appeared in the recent article in the Sentinel. Chief Spotts indicated the equipment is on order, but has not been installed. Chief reported that Cumberland County Police will go live with 800 MHz December 8, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:08 PM, President Winchell adjourned the public meeting for an executive session on a matter of possible litigation and a personnel matter, with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary