

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

August 2, 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 was taken with the following present: President Winchell, Vice President Whitcomb, Councilmen Humes, Kautz, McDermott, Ryder, Seagrist, Jr. Councilperson Ravindraraj, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer.

Also in attendance: Cress – Sentinel, Roger Ciecierski, Kirk Corliss, Bob Dietrich, Mark Martin, Jack Neibert, Bill Reilly, Charlie Sheriff, Jay Stoner, Ronald & Lori Trace.

GUESTS:

There were none.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough asked that the following be added to the agenda:

1. Discussion and possible action on the request of Saint Joseph's School regarding bus parking for student drop off in the morning for the 2005-2006 school year.
2. Consideration and possible acceptance of donations for the DARE program.

Additions for the August 16, 2005 meeting:

1. Councilman Ryder asked that a Resolution be prepared for the Singer Band in honor of their anniversary.
2. Councilman Seagrist asked that Resolutions in memory of Rob Eisenhauer, Frank Miller, Jr. and Albert Seifert be added to the next agenda.
3. Chief Spotts asked that a Resolution in memory of Chuck Barnes be prepared for the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from Sally Holbert requesting a crossing guard at Broad and Main Streets for the 2005-2006 school year. Chief Spotts stated he will be meeting with School District officials on August 16<sup>th</sup>, and will ask if the School District is planning to make a formal request to the Borough of an additional guard at this location.
2. A notice was received from the Cumberland County Planning Commission regarding their next outreach meeting August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Camp Hill Borough Offices. Anyone who would like to attend should let Manager Stough know.
3. A copy of the Mechanicsburg Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association audit for 2002- 2003 was received from the Auditor General's Office and was distributed to Borough Council in their packets.
4. United Water provided the Borough with a recent water analysis report for the Market Street well.
5. The Senator's provided the Borough with a picture of Mayor Ritter throwing out the first pitch at the Senator's Baseball game.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Seagrist asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that his negative vote was due to the lack of information available to make an informed stand on the Corridor One issue (page 4, line 6). Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the July 19, 2005 minutes with the amendment requested by Councilman Seagrist. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough had nothing additional to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

July 21<sup>st</sup> – RADM Daniel H. Stone, Commander of NAVSUP was a lunch guest of the mayor. The Admiral, in addition to lunch, received the Mechanicsburg History Orientation and a copy of the book *Mechanicsburg Miniatures* written in 1928 by Bob Brunhouse.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Officiated a wedding at the Peace Church.

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Attended Rev. Dr. Tom Herrold's retirement from St. Paul's UCC. Rev. Tom was well roasted Sunday evening at the Church of God Community Center.

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Attended Community Day at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park's refurbished swimming pool. Milt and Phyllis Weber were the honored guests.

**Upcoming:**

August 8<sup>th</sup> – Crime Watch will be held at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library in conjunction with the library's community safety program. Guest Speaker will be Patrolman Brian Curtis. Brian's topic will be internet safety directed to parents and grandparents.

Trivia Question: At the corner of Frederick and Strawberry Alley there is a red brick building. This building has had many names, The Golden Slipper, Rustic Inn, and the Office. What was the original name?

Answer: The Madolin.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

On July 14<sup>th</sup> the records and procedures for access to the Carlisle Law Enforcement Assistance Network were audited and the department passed with no discrepancies.

The traffic counter was deployed on East Marble Street and a report was provided to Borough Council. The possibility of changing the speed limit to 25 MPH was discussed. Chief Spotts noted that North Arch was studied three weeks ago and both these streets could be posted at 25 MPH if Council chooses to do so. Councilman Ryder asked if the speed limit in town could be changed to 25 MPH. Chief Spotts indicated that residential zones could be set at 25 MPH, but non-residential zones would have to remain 35 MPH in accordance with the vehicle code. Discussion followed on changing the speed limit to 25 mph, with the Chief noting that all streets would have to be properly signed. Chief Spotts explained the signing requirements in the vehicle code. Discussion followed on the possible future use of radar for speed limit enforcement by local law enforcement and the proposed legislation regarding this matter. President Winchell suggested Council consider this for two weeks and decide at that point if it should be added to the September 6<sup>th</sup> agenda.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Schorpp had no report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Seagrist reported that the 800MHZ radios were ordered.

The Ladder and Ariel tests have been rescheduled from Friday to Monday August 15th.

The pump tests will be done in September.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Ravindraraj reported:

In June the Rotary Club held their annual conference for youth from June 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> which included activities that encouraged leadership skills.

Jr. Councilperson Ravindraraj attended the Governors School for Health Care for five weeks. It was held at the University of Pittsburgh and gave students and opportunity to experience college living while gaining information on careers that they are interested in for the future. She noted that she will be doing an article for the fall newsletter on the experience.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Community Development**– Humes- Councilman Humes reported that the Sentinel had a nice article about Mechanicsburg Borough being a contender in the "Best Place to Live" contest. Councilman Humes stated that she recently toured the Freight Station that the Mechanicsburg Museum is renovating and was impressed with the exhibit space and proposed changes with the handling of their collection. She noted that the colors used on the exterior are the original Cumberland Valley Railroad colors. She urged everyone to attend the opening at the end of August.

**Finance/Appropriations/Insurance** – Winchell- No report.

**Fire Committee** – Ryder – The Fire Committee will meet September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.

**Health/Recreation** – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported that Community Day was held last Saturday at the pool and he thanked all the volunteers that worked on Community Day to make it a success. The Recreation Commission will not be meeting in August so the next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Jon stated that he spoke with Tonya Brown and she and the Recreation Commission agreed to meet prior to the September meeting to discuss pool related items. After some discussion on possible dates, it was decided that Council will meet with the Recreation Commission at their regular meeting next month.

**Highway/Public Safety** – Kautz – Councilman Kautz noted that the Emergency Management Coordinator position is on agenda this evening.

**Loan Review Committee**- Humes – No report

**Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action** – Whitcomb -Vice President Whitcomb noted that there is an Ordinance on the agenda this evening. President Winchell asked that Council look at sample Noise Ordinances, as a request was received from a resident regarding this issue. Chief Spotts will provide a sample ordinance to Borough Council. After discussion, Vice President Whitcomb will set up a committee meeting to discuss the sample ordinance and make a recommendation to Borough Council.

**Property/Buildings** – Kautz – Councilman Kautz indicated that the train station sale update is an agenda item.

**Public Communications** – McDermott - Councilman McDermott reminded everyone that August 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the fall newsletter.

**Recycling Committee** – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee met this evening. The Committee would like to promote an educational outreach effort to help encourage residents to recycle. The Committee is going to be asking Borough Council to allocate a percentage of the 904 Recycling Grant towards education and community outreach in 2006. Councilman Ryder stated that the compost of food waste question on the recycling survey produced the most surprising response with residents being split almost 50/50, with strong opinions being noted on both sides of the issue. Councilman Ryder noted that the possible extension of the current contract, with the addition of the bag option, will be on the agenda for August 16<sup>th</sup>. President Winchell asked if a 2006 budget would be submitted, and Councilman Ryder stated that he did not think a budget was in place at this time. Manager Stough suggested that a line item be created with an amount to be determined by Council, and then an educational program could be outlined within the funds budgeted.

**School Board** – Ryder – Councilman Ryder stated that the School Board does not meet in July, but he checked out the bleachers on Saturday and they look great. The Elmwood Avenue School is coming along and the new Superintendent started this work this week.

**W.S.C.O.G.** – McDermott – No report.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS – August 2, 2005**

- ◆ **A Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 1072 updating the Health License fees.**  
Manger Stough noted that this Ordinance was not advertised in time for action at this meeting. Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to table this until the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on Resolution 14-2005 honoring Reverend Herrold.**  
Councilman McDermott made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-2005 honoring Reverend Herrold for thirty five years of service to the Mechanicsburg Community. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on request of the School District for a bus parking area at Filbert Street School.**  
Manager Stough reviewed the sketch provided by the School District for bus parking at Filbert Street (attached) with Borough Council. Signage for the area and painting of the curbs was discussed. Vice President Whitcomb stated that he did not think the curb would need to be painted. Discussion followed on the matter. Solicitor Schorpp will check to see if curb painting is required. Discussion followed on the bus routes coming into the school facility. Vice President Whitcomb suggested the buses come down Shepherdstown Road to Simpson Street to Allendale Road and Coover Street to Marble Street to Norway Street to allow more room for students being dropped off in personal vehicles on Marble Street. Chief Spotts indicated the he can inform the School District of this suggested bus route at his meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>, if Council directs him to do so, or if this is a condition of the approval. Councilman Ryder suggested the buses park close together at dismissal time to prevent students from running out between the buses to waiting vehicles. After some additional discussion, Vice President Whitcomb made a motion to approve the request of the School District for the bus staging area with the School District paying for any signage or painting required and provided that the buses enter the area by coming down Sheppardstown Road. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

- ◆ **Request of the Mechanicsburg Museum Association for use of the Passenger Station on August 15<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**  
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to approve the use of the Passenger Station by the Mechanicsburg Museum Association on all the dates noted. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible authorization for the Planning Commission to review the submission of Traditional Neighborhood Development zoning text language.**  
Manager Stough stated that proposed text language for a Traditional Neighborhood Zoning District was received from Carlino development. Mr. Stough noted that Borough Council and Planning Commission members have received copies of the submission, and Planning Commission has asked for authorization from Borough Council to begin review of the proposal at their meeting tomorrow evening. Solicitor Schorpp stated that action on the part of Council was not required. Councilman Humes asked if Council should hold their comments until after the Planning Commission review. Manger Stough indicated that would be appropriate.
- ◆ **Update on Mechanicsburg Pool Community Day.**  
Manager Stough reported that about 900 people attended the event. Manager Stough noted that Robin Agerton and the Friends Pool had a tremendous amount of volunteers on hand for the event. The Bookspan booksale in October will be manned by volunteers from the community and then Bookspan will make a donation, from the sale proceeds to the Pool Capital Campaign. Vice President Whitcomb asked about the proceeds for the helicopter rides and Manager Stough reported that \$200 was received from the company providing that service on Saturday.
- ◆ **Discussion on Emergency Service Coordinator position interviews.**  
Councilman Kautz indicated he would like to schedule a Public Safety Committee meeting to interview the applicants. After discussion, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM was selected as the date for the meeting. The applicants will be notified of the date and time, and interviews will be scheduled for thirty minute intervals.
- ◆ **Update on sale of Train Station Property.**  
Manager Stough reported that the test results were good, however, it takes three weeks to get a full report, but it appears the tanks passed. The report is due by Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **Request of St. Joseph's Parish for a school bus parking area on Filbert Street.**  
Bill Reily, Parish Manger for St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was present to review the request with Borough Council. Mr. Reily noted that as the first day of school approaches, some concerns were raised about the planned bus drop off location for the morning arrival hours. The current plan is to enter the parking area from Simpson Street, drop off the children in the parking area and exit the parking area onto Filbert Street. There is some concern about the buses moving through the parking area while children arriving in private vehicles are making their way through the parking lot to the school entrance. The proposal is to have the buses drop off students on Keller Street and enter the school on the sidewalk, instead of being dropped off in the parking area. President Winchell asked if this would be a temporary or a permanent condition. Mr. Reily indicated that it would be a permanent solution. President Winchell asked how many spaces would be required and Mr. Reily indicated three spaces would be needed. Mr. Reily indicated that this is only being requested in the morning, as in the afternoon the bus students are dismissed and leave before the other students are dismissed. After much additional discussion, Councilman Ryder made a motion to approve the proposed bus parking area on Keller Street for the morning from 7 to 8 AM, with a right turn only sign installed at the parking lot exit onto Keller Street. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion which passed with six in favor (Humes, Kautz, McDermott, Ryder, Seagrist, and Winchell) and one in opposition (Whitcomb).
- ◆ **Consider acceptance of two donations for the Borough's DARE program.**  
Chief Spotts noted that two donations were received for the DARE program, one from the Mechanicsburg School District in the amount of \$1,000 and one from the Joseph T. Simpson Library in the amount of \$750. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to accept the donations to the DARE program and place the funds into the DARE program account. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Seagrist noted that the Federal Transportation Bill, which includes the Borough's signalization funding, has been passed after two years and eleven extensions. Councilman Ryder noted that the vendor locations along the driveway at Community Day was dangerous as pedestrians walked between the tables and cars, dodging vehicle traffic headed for the pool parking area. He suggested that the Heinz Road entrance could be made two-way for the day next year, to eliminate the traffic along the area where the vendors are staged or the vendors could be staged inside the stadium. Councilman Humes echoed Councilman Ryder's concerns. Councilman McDermott asked if the Manager had an update on the sewer rate option study from the Engineer. Manager Stough noted he spoke with Engineer Barber and he would have something to Council next week. Chief Seagrist asked for guidance from Borough Council regarding a

letter he received in June from the Hess Farm Developer. Chief Seagrist stated that he discussed this information with the School Bus Drivers, the Fire Companies and the Highway Department; he had some concerns regarding the proposal. He asked Council if he should draft a letter, or should he go to the Planning Commission meeting to express his concerns. Solicitor Schorpp stated that the Fire Chief should give his concerns to the Planning Commission and let them take his concerns to the developer. Manager Stough will provide Chief Seagrist with the most current submission for his review and comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 PM President Winchell adjourned the meeting to an executive session on a personnel issue and possible matter of litigation with no action to be taken.



Jonathan S. Stough  
Borough Secretary