

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

September 20, 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, Cindy & Jeff Cohen, Kirk Corliss, Bob Dietrich, Pam Easley, Mike Grey, Nancy Hanlon, Dick & Darlene Hess, Matthew Madara, Charlie Sheriff, Jay Stoner, and Cese Viti.

GUESTS:

Manager Stough introduced Pam Easley and Cindy Cohen, the individuals that have been organizing the relief trucks which have taken supplies from Mechanicsburg area residents to hurricane victims in Alabama. Pam Easley addressed Council regarding her efforts to help the community in which her sister lives to receive supplies to help victims in Mississippi. She and her husband transported two truck loads of supplies to the pantry for distribution in the last two weeks. Mr. Easley explained that the need for relief supplies is going to be ongoing and there is still a need for paper products, non perishable canned goods and dry goods. Manager Stough showed pictures while Mr. Easley described the devastation in the areas where the relief items are being distributed. Mr. Easley asked for use of the 34 West Allen building for the ongoing relief effort. President Winchell thanked Mr. Easley for providing this service and providing this presentation for Council.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough added:

A change to the SALDO Ordinance revision agenda item to include section 604.6.C to that agenda item.

Approve a minor change to the Subdivision Plan for the Passenger Train Station.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough reported the following correspondence as received:

- ◆ A notice was received on the Media Straight Up presentation scheduled for October 13th from 6:30-9:00 PM at the Mechanicsburg Middle School.
- ◆ A press release was received from the Museum Association on their Lunch and Learn program.
- ◆ A notice was received on the Stop the Violence program on October 29th by the Commission for Women.
- ◆ A letter was received from Waste Management asking Council to consider going out to bid for refuse and recycling Services.
- ◆ A letter was received from the Neighborhood Dispute regarding funding and Manager Stough indicated he will put that with the other budget items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Kautz made a motion to approve the September 6, 2005 minutes. Vice President Whitcomb seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to approve the monthly reports as submitted. The motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough had no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

September 12th – The Crime Watch presenter was the Principal of the Cumberland Valley School System.
September 19th – Attended the Mechanicsburg Museum Association Annual Dinner meeting held at the Church of God.
September 24th – Don't miss the Rotary Ox Roast at Memorial Park, all funds stay in the Community.

Trivia Question: Name the oldest documented building in Mechanicsburg.

Answer: Frankeberger Tavern.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Spotts reported that he received letters of commendation for Lieutenant Myers, Officers Demmy, Dyer and Vincent and Secretary Conley.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Schorpp had no report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Seagrist reported on training exercises held at Washington and Citizen Fire Companies. He reported the pumper test will be conducted Friday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Ravindraraj reported:

A hat day was held on September 9th with the proceeds going for Hurricane Katrina relief.

A T-Shirt Drive is also being conducted and the shirts collected will be sent to gulf coast as part of the relief effort.

All the fall clubs and sports have begun to meet.

The Pals of MASH program is new and will match special needs students with a mentor, the first event was held at Memorial Park with a goal of integrating these students into student life at the school.

Last Friday was Constitution Day at the MASH and the Mechanicsburg Symphonic Band was invited to play at the Capital in honor of the event.

Last Friday it was announced that Zach Frazier is among the top 78 football players selected for All American Army Football team.

A dance was held after last Friday's home Football game to raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development – Humes- Councilman Humes reported that the article on economic and community development in the PSAB News was very informative and recommended that other Council members review the article. She reported that Main Street Mechanicsburg had their annual meeting last week. Councilman Humes reported that the recent article regarding the expansion of Jubilee Day to a weekend event would include varied activities throughout the community, but would not include closing Main Street for any additional activities. She noted that Main Street Mechanicsburg, the Chamber and the Foot Traffic Committee are working on the event. Councilman Humes also distributed the Mechanicsburg Foundation Annual report.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell- No Report.

Fire Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the next Fire Committee meeting will be held on October 5th at 7 PM at the Borough Office. He also reported that he and Mayor Ritter will be attending a workshop this Thursday on how other Fire Companies are restructuring their organizations. Manager Stough reported that Bob Herman of the Mechanicsburg Fire Police inquired regarding workman's compensation coverage for Fire Police when other Fire Police come into town to help out at our events. Manager Stough explained that Council should be approving the use of Fire Police for events outside our community and receiving confirmation that other Councils have given permission when outside Fire Police are to be used for a Borough event. After some discussion, it was requested by President Winchell that this matter be added to the next Council agenda, as we have the Halloween Parade scheduled for next month and may need extra Fire Police for that event.

Health/Recreation – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported that Sept. 28th at 7:30 AM the Leaderships Gifts Kick-off for the Pool Campaign will be held at the Municipal Center. October 11th will be the next Recreation Commission meeting. Councilman Ryder asked if that meeting will be rescheduled due to the Halloween Parade. Councilman Seagrist will check to see if the Recreation Commission will be rescheduling. Councilman Seagrist distributed the year end information for the pool. Councilman Seagrist noted that the pool financial report showed \$44,000 of profit for this year. Manager Stough relayed that there were some unpaid bills that still need to be paid that will decrease the profit for the year. Councilman

Seagrist then reviewed the information in that packet with Council. Councilman Seagrist asked that Council authorize him to share this information with the other municipalities with which we have been discussing formation of a Pool Authority. President Winchell asked about a date to finalize the decision on a pool authority. After discussion Manager Stough was directed to provide the Council with the minutes reflecting the pool authority discussion. Council discussed the items contained in the pool report. President Winchell asked if the Recreation Commission has made any recommendations on the items contained in the Pool Manager's report and Manager Stough indicated that he has not received any recommendations at this time. Manager Stough indicated that some of these items would be addressed with the renovation of the bathhouse in the spring. Manager Stough reviewed the bathhouse project timeline with Borough Council, noting that bid documents will be prepared and the work will be completed in the spring, before the pool opens for the season.

Highway/Public Safety – Kautz – The sewer rate billing is on the agenda.

Loan Review Committee- Humes – No report.

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Whitcomb – Vice President Whitcomb reported that the committee met at 6 PM this evening and will meet again on October 4th at 6 PM to continue discussion on a possible Noise Ordinance.

Property/Buildings – Kautz – Councilman Kautz reported that the Train Station sale is on the agenda.

Public Communications – McDermott – Councilman McDermott noted the newsletter is at the printers and the deadline for the winter edition is Oct 28th.

Recycling Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the next Citizen's Recycling Advisory meeting will be held on Oct 4th at 6PM before the Council meeting. A request for funding for public education is on the agenda this evening.

School Board – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the Upper Allen School project is two months behind schedule and the projected completion date is August 15, 2006. The school district is discontinuing the lease with the Borough for the fields at Northside Elementary. The field will be used for soccer, eliminating the teener field and two t-ball fields.

Councilman Ryder noted that the Little League has been informed and the School District is working at the Middle School property to create another teener field. Councilman Ryder indicated that there may be some stormwater issues to be addressed. Mr. Pappas, of the Joint Recreation Commission, suggested that local municipalities need to contribute more towards recreation and the individuals using the programs should be making monetary contributions towards the maintenance of the facilities. Councilman Ryder indicated that a caucus will be held on the Act 72 program and the real estate tax issue. President Winchell asked Councilman Ryder if lights would be installed at the soccer field at Northside and Councilman Ryder indicated it was not discussed.

W.S.C.O.G. – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported that 30 municipalities from 3 counties now comprise the West Shore Council of Governments and a larger meeting room may be needed. Councilman McDermott reported that Trick or Treat will be held on Oct 27th. Dan Cohen will be meeting with Managers on the Comcast Agreement on October 28th. The salt bids were awarded at \$53.92 per ton.

- ◆ **A Discussion on possible use of 34 West Allen Street for ongoing Disaster Aid Program.**
Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to approve the use of 34 West Allen for ongoing relief efforts for the gulf coast area and use of the meeting room, for training as required, contingent on availability for a term to be determined by Council. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible authorization to have the Solicitor finalize the contract with Environmental Planning and Design for preparation of the Borough Comprehensive Plan.**
Councilman Kautz made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to authorize the Solicitor to finalize the contract for the Comprehensive Plan revision with Environmental Planning and Design. The motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Discussion on possible extension of the Refuse/Recycling contract, with the addition of a bag option.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to approve a two year extension of the refuse/recycling contract with Penn Waste with the addition of curbside cardboard pick up and a bag option. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on authorization of the \$3,000 requested by the Citizen's Recycling Advisory Committee for education related to the contract extension.**
Manager Stough and Councilman Ryder reviewed the request with Borough Council, explaining that the education was needed, due to the addition of bag service in the contract extension. He explained the packets proposed for distribution would include a handout, garbage bag the size of the bag which residents can opt for in the new program and stickers for existing recycling containers. Councilman Ryder noted that he is trying to get bags donated from Giant for this project. Manager Stough noted that funding for the project would be coming from Grant monies received from DEP for recycling grants during 2005. Councilman Humes asked if the inclusion of a note in the packets that residents should place lids on their garbage receptacles. After some additional discussion, Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Seagrist to approve the request. The motion carried with all in favor. President Winchell asked if a reminder about placing lids on garbage receptacles could be added to the back of the October sewer bill.

- ◆ **Discussion on New Hope Ministries 2006 Partnership Intention.**
Council discussed the request of New Hope Ministries for funding for 2006. Manager Stough suggested that Council consider this matter with the other budget requests for 2006. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder to have Manager Stough send a letter to New Hope Ministries advising them that their funding request will be considered as part of the 2006 budget, but it is Council's intention to consider the same level of support provided in 2005. The motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Ryder asked that residents not forget New Hope and the Central PA Food Bank, which both are in need of supplies at this time.
- ◆ **Consider Resolution 23-2005 adopting the Historic District Guideline**
After review, Councilman Humes made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz to adopt Resolution 23-2005 as presented. The motion passed with 6 in favor (Humes, Kautz, McDermott, Ryder, Whitcomb, Winchell) and one in opposition (Seagrist).
- ◆ **Consider approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness Application as presented by the HARB.**
Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness Application as presented by the HARB. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Update on Sewer Billing Options.**
Manager Stough reported that the staff is working with the software company providing the e-payment now services for payment of sewer bills to try to get a handle on issues with the United Water data. He reported that issues with the data would require sufficient time and may require additional staffing. Councilman Humes suggested that maybe the Borough could contract with an outside company to do the conversion of the data. Manager Stough voiced his concern that a contractor would not be familiar with the buildings and would have difficulty coordinating the data. Manager Stough was directed by President Winchell to leave this item on the agenda for further discussion.
- ◆ **Update on Sale of Train Station Property.**
Manager Stough reported that the Solicitor has received a final agreement from the museum and is reviewing it.
- ◆ **Discussion on Certification of MMO contributions to the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.**
Manager Stough noted that Borough Council needs to certify the MMO for 2006, as prepared and provided by the Pension providers actuary. Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder to certify the non uniform MMO in the amount of \$13,444 the uniform MMO in the amount of \$148,460. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action to forward to the Solicitor and County Planning SALDO revision Articles 613, 616, 617, 618, 619 and 604.6.C**
Manager Stough explained that the Recreation Plan, prepared by the Recreation Commission, needs to be reviewed and recommended for approval by the Recreation Commission, so Manager Stough suggested that Section 613 be omitted so that the information on the Recreation Plan could be reviewed by Planning Commission and Borough Council. Councilman Kautz made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to authorize the Solicitor to begin work on Section 616, 617, 618, 619 and 604.6.C. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Request for Extension until February 8, 2006 for the William H. Goodling Subdivision Plan.** Councilman Kautz made a motion, second by Vice President Whitcomb, to accept the time extension offered by William H. Goodling for his subdivision plan, through February 8, 2006. The motion carried.
- ◆ **Request for Extension until December 2, 2005 for the Richard Hart Subdivision & Land Development Plan.** Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman Kautz to accept the time extension offered by Richard Hart for his subdivision plan through December 2, 2005. The motion was approved 7-0.
- ◆ **Approval of the modified subdivision plan for the Passenger Station.**
Vice President Whitcomb made a motion, second by Councilman Ryder, to approve the modified plan as submitted. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES PAID: Motion to approve invoices and expenditures paid from August 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005 in the following amount was made by Councilman Kautz, second by Vice President Whitcomb. The motion carried.

General Fund:	\$196,354.39	Highway Aid Fund	\$10,271.34
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$9,378.24		

Councilman Humes indicated that she has not received the August trial balance or statement of operating expenses. Ms. Boyer explained that we did not receive the information from Treasurer Harry Gsell in time to include it in the Friday packets.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Councilman Ryder welcomed Mike Gray, the new Emergency Management Coordinator.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Humes asked the status of the EJ Dillon rezoning request. Manager Stough indicated the Mr. Dillion is consulting the neighboring property owners and getting back with some additional information and to date nothing has been received.

Councilman Kautz asked about the status of the Mechanicsburg Commons development. Manager Stough indicated that the owner was to provide sand bags and that construction on the improvements would begin next week. The property owner will be contacting the property owners with damage to address their individual concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, President Winchell adjourned the meeting to Executive Session on real estate and personnel matters, with no action to be taken at 9:20 PM.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary