

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

April 18, 2006

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30 PM, President Whitcomb called the Council meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Whitcomb led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken with the following present: President Whitcomb, Vice President Winchell, Councilmen Humes, Ryder, Seagrist, and Stoner, Jr. Councilperson Nauss, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Engineer Barber, Sergeant Pellman, Chief Seagrist, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Councilman McDermott arrived at 7:46 PM.

Also in attendance: Maarrs – Sentinel, Harry Baker, Bob Dietrich, Gina Douty, Brad Nauss, Jack Neibert, Rosalie Roland Andy Sheely, and Harold and Delores Sheely.

GUESTS:

Janet Swisher, Board of Elections, addressed Borough Council and the public about the new voting machines. She demonstrated the voting machine, explaining the voting process step by step. Ms. Swisher moved the machine to the hallway, where residents could try out the machine if they chose to do so.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Councilman Stoner asked that the two applications for handicapped parking permits, previously received, be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman Seagrist made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions noted. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough reported the following correspondence was received:

- ◆ Manager Stough extended an invitation to Borough Council to attend the rent paying ceremony at the Senior Adult Center on June 20th. Lunch will be provided and Council can RSVP to the Manager.
- ◆ An invitation was received from the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to attend the 78th Jubilee Day Opening Ceremonies.
- ◆ A request was received from Liberty Excavators to be relieved from further contractual obligations for the Maintenance and Emergency Services for the Wastewater Collection System. The contract will expire shortly, and the Wastewater Plant is preparing specifications to go out for a new bid.
- ◆ A memo was received regarding the next Cumberland County Planning Commission Outreach Meeting to be held Tuesday, May 2nd at 11:30 AM at the Upper Allen Township building.
- ◆ Manager Stough distributed a brochure on NIMS training to Borough Council and will forward the on-line link to Borough Council.
- ◆ A notice was received regarding the Yellow Breeches Water Trail Public Meeting scheduled for May 3 at 7 PM, Lower Allen Township Community Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the April 4, 2006 Regular Council meeting minutes. Councilman Seagrist seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough reported:

- ◆ That and invitation was received from John Petrie of the Rotary Club inviting Council to attend the ground breaking ceremony for the new Welcome to Mechanicsburg Sign to be constructed along York Street on May 10th at 5:30 PM.
- ◆ A letter was received from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs designating Mechanicsburg Borough as the PSAB 2006 MVP (Most Valuable Participant in PSAB Programs). The Borough will be recognized at the annual banquet Tuesday, June 13th at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- April 5th – Hosted a group of young professionals from Mexico and took them to lunch at the Colony House. The group is part of the Rotary Club exchange program. In addition to the Mexican guests, Dave Burns and Tom Burson from the local Rotary Club, Chief David Spotts and Borough Manager Jon Stough were also in attendance.
- April 5th – Read to a group of 2nd grade students from Northside School at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library to celebrate National Library Week.
- April 6th – Attended the 25th Year Celebration and Ribbon Cutting of Olympus Trophy's new location at 700 West Simpson St.
- April 8th – Guest of the Veterans Resource Center at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Read to and entertained children and families of service personnel deployed overseas.
- April 8th – Was the guest of Mechanicsburg Veterans of Foreign War Post 6704 for the 60th year celebration banquet.
- April 13th – Observed a county DUI check point hosted by Upper Allen Police Department. Mechanicsburg PD assisted.
- April 14th – The Rotary Club held their 52nd annual Good Friday Breakfast at the First Church of God Community Building.
- April 15th – Officiated a wedding.

Trivia Question – There is an original antique street light post standing here in the Borough of Mechanicsburg. Where is it?
Answer – Behind the Washington Fire Company.

The Mayor noted that Ed LeClear, Main Street Mechanicsburg, would be the guest speaker tomorrow at the Mechanicsburg Museum Lunch and Learn.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Sergeant Pellman had no report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Schorpp had no report.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Engineer Barber had no report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Fire Chief had no report.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Nauss provided her report:

- ◆ Ms. Nauss reported that AP exams are underway and final exams will begin soon.
- ◆ The MASH Color Guard placed 8th in the National Competition.
- ◆ Next week will be Diversity Day at MASH. This day provides students with an opportunity to learn about many cultures within the community.
- ◆ The Prom will be held on Saturday.
- ◆ Next week the Middle School will have Career Day.
- ◆ All sports teams are doing well in the spring season.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development – Humes – Councilman Humes shared an e-mail from a law student moving to this area. He discussed with her traffic congestion and the need for more public transportation.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell – no report.

Fire Committee – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that the Fire Committee will meet on April 19th at 7 PM at the Borough Office.

Health/Recreation –Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported that Thursday at 7 PM Council will meet with the Upper Allen Commissioners to discuss the pool. On April 22nd at 9 AM will be the Little League Opening Day Ceremony. Saturday 10-2 will be the Great PA Clean Up. Saturday April 29th will be the dedication of the Shirley-Rickenbaugh field. The Recreation Commission will meet on May 9th at 7:30 PM. Saturday May 20th will be the Cystic Fibrosis Walk at Memorial Park. May 25th 7:30 PM will be the Joint Recreation Commission meeting at Elmwood Elementary. On May 29th at the Mechanicsburg Pool, the drive through pool pass sale will be conducted. The Recreation Commission met last week and commended Craig Yinger for the condition of the ball fields at the park. They requested that the Borough remove a dead tree at Finkenbinder Park. The issue was raised about the locking and unlocking of the rest room facilities at Memorial park. Manager Stough reported on the progress of the renovations to the pool bathhouse, stating work would be complete by May 12th. He also stated that American Leak has been hired to find the leak at the pool, if the leak is the responsibility of the contractor, Stoneridge, then they will pay for the service and the repair. **Councilman Seagrist also reported that the Recreation Commission made a recommendation of a candidate to hire as Assistant Pool Manager for the 2006 season.**

Highway/Public Safety – Stoner – Councilman Stoner reported that two handicapped parking permits are on the agenda.

Loan Review Committee- Humes – no report.

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Humes – no report

Property/Buildings – Stoner – Councilman Stoner reported the award of the roof repair bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant is on the agenda this evening.

Public Communication – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported that the deadline for the summer newsletter is May 5th and a survey will not be included until the fall issue.

Recycling/ Environmental Committee – Ryder – no report

School Board – Ryder – Councilman Ryder reported that two Principals are leaving the School District. A demographic study was done by the School District, but not released; hopefully the Borough will get a copy soon.

W.S.C.O.G. – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported the COG met last night and United Water made a presentation to the group. Bid results were received on road materials and chemical bids. A new name has not been chosen for the group.

AGENDA ITEMS – April 18, 2006

◆ **Consider Action on Subdivision and Land Development Plan of John Sopensky.**

Chris Hoover, Hoover Engineering, was at the meeting to represent the applicant. He reviewed the proposed plan which would subdivide the property to create two individual units, which could be sold. Engineer Barber indicated that the applicant is requesting four waivers, as per his memo of March 27, 2006 (attached). Engineer Barber reviewed the waivers, indicating that he would recommend approval of all four waivers. After some discussion, Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the four waivers requested. Councilman Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. The Solicitor asked the applicant if he agreed to the four conditions noted on the Engineer's memo. The applicant indicated that he agreed to the conditions that the Plan must be signed by the landowners and be properly notarized, the Municipal Authority shall review the plan, Professional responsible shall sign the plan, and the Cumberland County Planning Commission shall review the plan. Councilman Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilman McDermott, to approve the plan subject to the four conditions noted. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Consider Authorizing Advertisement of the TND Ordinance and Scheduling of a Public Hearing.**

Manager Stough stated that the Cumberland County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Ordinance and Planning Commission would be reviewing their comments at their meeting next week. Vice President Winchell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stoner, to table the TND Ordinance pending the Planning Commission review of the County comments.

◆ **Consider Award of Bid for the Roof Replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Manager Stough reported that one bid was received for the work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Suburban Roofing was the sole bidder. Councilman Humes made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryder to award the bid for roof repair at Location #1 and Location #2 to Suburban Roofing in the amount of \$20,276 for Location #1 and \$20,654 for location #2. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Resolution #5-2006 in Honor of Eagle Scout Andrew Wilson.**

Councilman Seagrist made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryder to adopt Resolution #5-2006 in honor of Eagle Scout Andrew Wilson. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Resolution #6-2006 in Support of the West Shore Tax Bureau Delinquent Tax Amnesty Program.**

Manager Stough reviewed the request of the West Shore Tax Bureau for a Tax Amnesty Program. Councilman McDermott made a motion, seconded by Vice President Winchell to adopt Resolution #6-2006 in support of the West Shore Tax Bureau Delinquent Tax Amnesty Program. The motion carried with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution to the Cumberland County Commissioners on behalf of Park Funding.**

Tonya Brown, Recreation Director, has asked Borough Council to pass a Resolution in support of increased funding for the Park and Recreation Program in the County. This Resolution would be sent on to the Commissioners. Councilman

Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilman Humes, to pass a Resolution in support of Park Funding. President Whitcomb opened the floor for discussion and Councilman Seagrist spoke against the Resolution, stating that he feels that Park and Recreation System in Mechanicsburg is outstanding, and felt that a request for additional funding could lead to tax increases at the County level. President Whitcomb called for the vote and the motion passed with six in favor (Humes, McDermott, Ryder, Stoner, Whitcomb, Winchell) and one against (Seagrist).

◆ **Consider any Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness that are Recommended to Council by the Historic Architectural Review Board.**

Manager Stough reported that the Historic Architectural Review Board met last evening and recommended the following six applications for approval:

1. Application of Michael Martin – David’s Furniture – 304 West Main Street for Demolition of a Single Family Residential Property.

This application was recommended for approval by the HARB as the building proposed for demolition is a non-contributing structure to the Historic District.

2. Application of Michael Martin – David’s Furniture – 300 West Main Street for Demolition of a Garage.

This application was recommended for approval by the HARB as the detached garage proposed for demolition is a non-contributing structure to the Historic District.

3. Application of Kevin & Barbara Jackson – 318 West Main Street for Replacement Doors and Windows on the Carriage House.

This application is in compliance with the Historic District guidelines and HARB recommends approval.

4. Application of Paul & Janet Fertenbaugh – 222 South York Street for Vinyl Soffit, Aluminum Facia and Aluminum Trim around Windows.

This application was recommended for approval by the HARB as the proposed work was contracted in June of 2005, prior to the adoption of the Historic District Guidelines. The applicant has a signed proposal dated June 14, 2005.

5. Application of MBM Properties – 10 North Frederick Street for Roof Replacement.

This application was recommended for approval by the HARB as the building is non-contributing to the Historic District and the applicant will be preserving the murals on the Strawberry Alley side of the structure.

6. Application of One Heart Ministries – 25 East Main Street for Signage.

The HARB recommends approval of the signage proposed, as it is in compliance with the Historic District Guidelines and the Borough signage regulations.

Councilman Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilman McDermott, to approve Certificates of Appropriateness for the six applications noted above. After several questions, the motion passed with all in favor.

Manager Stough then reviewed with Borough Council the application of the First Church of God, and Walter Hargraves (tenant) for a backlit sign on the building at 42 East Main Street. Manager Stough indicated that the HARB has recommended denial of this request as that type of sign is not permitted in the Historic District.

Application of First Church of God – 42 East Main Street for Signage.

Councilman Ryder made a motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign requested for 42 East Main Street. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, which passed 6 in favor (Humes, McDermott, Ryder, Stoner, Whitcomb, Winchell) and 1 against (Seagrist).

◆ **Consider Request of the Mechanicsburg Little League for Dugout Improvements at Memorial park.**

Jeff Minter, Vice President of the Mechanicsburg Little League, reviewed the proposed storage building and press box with Borough Council. The Solicitor indicated that a Sketch Land Development Plan should be submitted and reviewed by the Planning Commission. Discussion followed on the size of the building, safety concerns and other future proposed structures. After much discussion and on advice of the Borough Solicitor and Engineer, Councilman Humes made a motion, seconded by Councilman McDermott, to send the sketch plan to the Planning Commission for their review and comment. Manager Stough indicated he would have the Planning Commission add that to their meeting on April 25th.

◆ **Discussion on Handicapped Parking Spaces for James Leese and Rusty Garner.**

Councilman Stoner reviewed the request of Rusty Garner for a handicapped parking space at 320 East Marble Street. Vice President Winchell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryder, to approve the request of Mr. Garner for a handicapped parking space. The motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Stoner then moved to the Leese application, but no action was taken at this time. Council directed Councilman Stoner to schedule a Public Safety Committee meeting in May when the Chief is back to review the guidelines for handicapped parking permits.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES PAID:

Councilman Stoner made a motion, Councilman McDermott seconded, to approve the expenditures from March 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006 in the following amounts:

General Fund: \$311,184.00 Highway Aid Fund: \$18,451.77 Capital Improvement Fund: \$92,781.34

The motion passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL:

None


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:55 PM President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting into Executive Session on a personnel matter with possible action.

At 9:32 PM, President Whitcomb reconvened the public meeting, stating no action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting at 9:33 PM.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary