

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

December 5, 2006

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

President Whitcomb called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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, McDermott, Seagrist, and Stoner, Jr. Councilperson Nauss, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Manager Stough and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Councilman Ryder was absent

Also in attendance Brad Nauss and Jack Neibert.

GUESTS:

There were none. The prospective Jr. Council Candidate was invited. Staff will check with her and invite her to the next meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Manager Stough added the following:

- ◆ Manager Stough added discussion and possible action to allow Police Pension Contributions to be pre-tax.
- ◆ A matter of potential litigation was also added the executive session by Manager Stough

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the agenda, with the additions. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough noted that a letter of support was received for the Borough's LUPTAP application from the Cumberland County Planning Commission.

A request was received from the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce Wrench Drop Committee for use of the Borough Parking Area behind Myers Funeral Home for VIP parking during the event. This will be on the December 19th meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2006 Borough Council meeting as presented. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough reported that the Borough had the closing on the parking area behind Myers funeral home yesterday. The vine cutting ceremony will be held this Saturday, December 9th at the new Joint Compost Center. Manager Stough stated that the rubber sidewalk ordinance change was not ready for action this evening and would need to be tabled.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nov 23rd – The Union Church was opened to Mechanicsburg Area Churches for the Community Thanksgiving Service.

Nov 24th – The Friends of the Simpson Public Library utilized the Union Church in their 12th Annual Holly House Tour.

Dec 1st - Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church held a spaghetti dinner to support the Public Library.

Dec 11th – The Crime Watch guest speaker will be Fire Chief Larry Seagrist. All are welcome to attend.

Trivia Question: Where in the Borough of Mechanicsburg would you go to see carriage stones and what are they?

Answer: Behind the Washington Fire Co. #1 53 E. Main Street. They were used as steps to enter carriages.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

- ◆ Chief Spotts reported receipt of a letter of commendation for CSO McCormick for his work assisting the Police Department.
- ◆ Chief also reported receipt of notification that we will be receiving two Mobile Video Recording systems, valued at almost \$10,000.00, as part of a grant we partnered with York City PD and other jurisdictions approximately 2 years ago. There is no local match for the grant.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

No report

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Nauss reported:

- ◆ An Academic Letter Ceremony was held at the High School this evening to recognize students with signification academic achievement.
- ◆ The boys basketball team won their opening game against Carlisle
- ◆ Try outs for the High School Spring Musical will begin Monday the 18th
- ◆ The Holiday Concert will be held at the High School on December 17th.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Development– Humes – Councilman Humes reported that the annual tree lighting on the square was well attended with over 200 people coming to the ceremony. Mr. & Mrs. Santa were in attendance at the tree lighting ceremony and then walked to Eckels, followed by many children and their parents. Councilman Humes read a thank you note from Barb Marbain, the owner of Eckels, thanking Council for their efforts to help with the planning of a carriage ride from the square to her store for Mr. & Mrs. Santa. She stated that this year it was not possible, but may it can be planned in advance for next year.

Environmental Committee- Ryder – The EAC is meeting this evening, but there was no report in the absence of Councilman Ryder.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Winchell –No Report.

Fire Committee –Ryder – No Report.

Health/Recreation –Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist thanked the Solicitor for drafting the pool agreement so quickly and asked if there were any objections to sharing the document with Upper Allen and there were none. He also reported that the December Recreation Commission meeting has been cancelled and the January meeting will be January 9th at 7 PM. Councilman Seagrist reported on the Joint Recreation Committee meeting held on November 30th and presented information from that meeting to be distributed to Borough Council in their packets. He also reported that the winter recreation brochure should be in mailboxes this week. He discussed with Borough Council the decision of Upper Allen Township to charge for pavilion use beginning in 2007. Manager Stough will have staff check on neighboring municipalities to see what if anything is charged for use of park pavilions. Councilman Seagrist announced the 2007 Joint Recreation Committee meeting dates as February 22nd at 7 PM, May 24th at 7 PM, August 23rd at 7 PM and November 29th at 7 PM.

Highway/Public Safety – Stoner – No report.

Loan Review Committee - Humes – No report.

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Humes – No report.

Property/Buildings – Stoner – Councilman Stoner noted that there is an item on the agenda and thanked Manager Stough for the quick repair to the stop sign along Stouffer Alley.

Public Communications – McDermott – No report.

School Board- Ryder – No report.

W.S.C.O.G – McDermott – No report.

AGENDA ITEMS – December 5, 2006

- ◆ **Ordinance 1089 changing the sidewalk specifications to allowing for the installation of rubber sidewalks In the Borough.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman Stoner, to table this until the December 19th meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

- ◆ **Discussion on possible authorization to do an engineering study on Allendale Road to determine viability of posting the road for “ No Trucks Three or More Axles”.**
Manager Stough stated that the engineering study required prior to enacting this change would be between \$1,000 and \$1,200 dollars. Councilman Humes made a motion, seconded by Vice President Winchell, to authorize the Borough Engineer to perform the required engineering study, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on possible authorization for Newsletter printing services for 2007.**
Manager Stough reviewed the price quotes received for the 2007 editions of the newsletter with Borough Council. The low price quote received was from Printed Image in the amount of \$1,966.00. Councilman Stoner made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to have Printed Image print the 2007 editions of the newsletter. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Approval of 2007 meeting and holiday schedule.**
Manager Stough asked Borough Council to consider meeting dates for the 1st Council meeting in the month of July and November and the 2nd meeting in May, due to election and 4th of July conflicts. He also asked Council to set a date for Trick or Treat, so it can be included in the Manager’s Annual Report. Manager Stough stated that the COG was contacted and they have not yet set a date for Trick or Treat. After discussion, Vice President Winchell made a motion to set the Trick or Treat date for October 31, 2007 from 6-8 PM. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Manager Stough suggested the following changes for the 2007 Council meeting schedule. He suggested that the May 15th meeting be moved to May 22nd; the November 6th meeting be rescheduled for the 5th and the July 3rd meeting be cancelled. After discussion, Councilman Humes made a motion, second by Vice President Winchell to move the May and November meeting which conflicted with the elections as suggested by the Manager and to cancel the July 3rd meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Seagrist noted that the Recreation Commission meetings are 7 PM, not 7:30 PM as stated in the memo. Manager Stough indicated staff will make that change.
- ◆ **Discussion on 2007 proposed budget.**
Manager Stough asked if any Council members had questions or concerns about the proposed 2007 budgets that they would like to bring to the floor, and there were none.
- ◆ **Discussion on a possible ordinance change to allow for pre-tax pension contributions.**
Manager Stough stated that he has received a request from the Police Union to have changes made to the Pension Ordinance to allow for pre-tax pension payments by Union members. After a brief discussion, Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott to table the matter. The motion passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

President Whitcomb asked if there were any Citizens that wished to comment and there were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:17 PM, President Whitcomb recessed the public meeting to an Executive Session on a personnel matter & matter of potential litigation with possible action.

At 9:23 President Whitcomb reconvened the public meeting and announced no action would be taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:25 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary