

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

March 18, 2008

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 Ryder, Councilmen Ciecierski, Humes, McDermott, Seagrist, Stoner, Jr. Councilperson Keenan-Koch, Solicitor Schorpp, Engineer Barber, Mayor Ritter, Chief Spotts, Manager Stough, and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Mayor Ritter and Fire Chief Seagrist were absent.

Also in attendance: Creason – Sentinel, Alex Eckman, Kathy Furr, Lana Glaser, Nancy Hanlon, Jim Smith and Jim Steele

GUESTS

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Lana Glaser, 1010 Apple Drive, asked Borough Council on the status of the Annual Report for the Borough. President Whitcomb stated that the Annual Report will be out to residents soon. Manager Stough stated that a few years ago he recommended to Borough Council that the Manager's Report be eliminated, because of the expense and since we were putting out quarterly newsletters on a regular basis. The Manager noted that the office has only received a handful of calls asking about the Manager's Report, and while it is a valuable resource, paying bills and attending to Council follow-up takes precedence. Ms. Glaser stated that older residents need something other than the internet to receive information. Manager Stough added that a proof is in front of Councilman McDermott and should be out to residents before the end of the month. Ms. Glaser stated that at the last meeting she was told that the Borough is always looking for volunteers, however, in 2000 she responded to a Borough Survey and volunteered to serve, was sent a letter saying she would be contacted and then never was appointed to any positions. She stated that the time and expense that went into that survey was wasted. Councilman Seagrist asked if Ms. Glaser was still available to serve on a Board or Commission and Councilman Humes asked what Board or Commission she would be interested in. Ms. Glaser stated she was not sure. Ms. Glaser asked the Council to review a report from the Center of Rural Pennsylvania on Police Services throughout the state in communities of less than 10,000 residents. Chief Spotts indicated that Mechanicsburg's Police Department is not considered a rural Police Department by that agency. Ms. Glaser asked where the Borough line was on Allendale Road headed south. President Whitcomb explained where the Borough line is located for Ms. Glaser.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Chief Spotts asked that the Executive Session on a Personnel matter be changed to include possible action. He also asked that Council consider the request of Teen Challenge International for a solicitation permit from March 19th through March 31st.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice President Ryder made a motion for approval of the agenda. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough reported the following correspondence was received:

- ◆ A letter was received from , Governor Center for Local Government Services thanking the Borough for submission of their Comprehensive Plan project for consideration for the Excellence in Government Award.
- ◆ A letter was received from the Central Pennsylvania Energy Consortium notifying members that their recent Fossil Fuel bids were rejected and they will be readvertising for bids or the contract year beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
- ◆ A Special Events Permit was received from the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce for the 2008 Halloween Parade.
- ◆ A letter was received from the Wildcat Foundation thanking Borough Council for hearing their request for artificial turf installation at the Memorial Park stadium at their February 19th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Ryder made motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2008 regular Council meeting Councilman Humes seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Councilman Seagrist reported that he has received several complaints about the time it has been taking to have the minutes up on the website.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough noted that anyone interested in purchasing a ticket to have the vehicle loaded with mulch and leaf waste can pick up a ticket at the Borough Office. Loading services will be offered on Wednesday's from 2 to 4 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to Noon. President Whitcomb asked if the drainage pipe was installed at the Compost site and Manager Stough indicated that it was. Councilman Ciecierski asked if Silver Spring was offering loading services for their residents. Manager Stough indicated that Silver Spring was informed and their residents can come into the Borough Office to pick up tickets. Manager Stough explained that the ticket sales will offset the costs for labor and fuel to provide the loading service.

MAYORS REPORT:

No report.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Spotts reported receiving a letters of commendation for Officer Vincent and Curtis for their work at recent incidents.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

President Whitcomb noted that the traffic lights at Walnut and Simpson were being installed today.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

No Report.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Keenan-Koch reported:

- ◆ GAC – The Genocide Awareness Club held its first fund raiser to raise funds and awareness of youth soldiers in Africa
- ◆ Voter registration table is being set up to register student over 18 to vote in the Presidential Election.
- ◆ Musical tickets are on sale and still available for Thoroughly Modern Millie.
- ◆ The AMC test was held and a Mechanicsburg Student scored over 100 points and will go on to the next level of competitions.
- ◆ The Minithon dance fundraiser exceeded its goal in raising money for the four diamonds fund.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Capital Area COG – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported that the COG met last evening and twenty eight municipalities have signed up for the Verizon Cable negotiation. Mechanicsburg Borough will be hosting training on April 16th for CDL first line supervisors. March 28th DEP will be holding a clarification meeting on the Chesapeake Bay Project. At the Cumberland County Municipal Board Commissioner Rovegno discussed forming a county wide purchasing program.

Community Development– Humes – No Report.

Environmental/Recycling Committee – Ryder – Vice President Ryder reported that the EAC met tonight. Councilman Ryder stated that he received a letter from concerned resident regarding the cardboard recycling receptacle not be emptied on a regular basis. The resident stated that she has been to both locations three times in a week and found them both full. Manager Stough reported that they are to be emptied weekly, but he will check with the hauler on the status of service at the High School location. Councilman Ciecierski asked if a third receptacle could be placed on the east end of town. Manager Stough stated that Filbert Street School was the Borough's 1st choice, but the School District felt the High School was a better location at this time.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Whitcomb – No report.

Fire Committee –Ciecierski – Councilman Ciecierski reported that the next meeting will be April 2nd at 7 PM at Citizens Fire Company.

Health/Recreation –Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported the Borough Recreation met on March 11th and approved the pool and park budgets. There was discussion on the cost of telephone service at the Pool. Manager Stough indicated that the pool phone has been added to the Frontier bill and that fee will be eliminated. Councilman Seagrist reported that the Recreation Commission approved the schedule for use of the ball fields for the spring season. A park tour will be scheduled to review park condition and needed maintenance before the opening of the baseball season. In anticipation of removal of trees at the tennis courts, the Recreation is hoping to meet with the Shade Tree Commission to coordinate a plan to reforest

that section of the park. The Easter Egg hunt was held and went off without a hitch. The next Joint Recreation Committee will meet March 27th at 7 PM at Elmwood Elementary and the next Borough Recreation Commission meeting will be held on April 8th.

Highway/Public Safety – Stoner – Councilman Stoner reported that the parking restrictions on Alison Ave, at Darla have been posted.

Loan Review Committee- Humes – No report.

Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action – Ciecierski – No report

Property/Buildings – Stoner – Councilman Stoner reported that there are two agenda items.

Public Communication – McDermott – The Annual Report is at the printer. Councilman Humes asked about the status of the Spring Newsletter. Manager Stough stated that staff hoped to have a draft tonight, but it will be in Council packets Friday.

School Board – Ryder – No report.

AGENDA ITEMS – March 18, 2008

- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on Resolution 04-2008 honor Scott Martz for his Eagle Scout Project.**
“Vice President Ryder commended Scott Martz for his Eagle project at the Veterans Memorial in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery and made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to adopt Resolution 04-2008 in recognition of Scott Martz for his Eagle Scout project and award. The motion passed unanimously. Vice President Ryder will present the Resolution on Saturday March 29th at 2 PM at Mr. Martz Eagle Scout Ceremony.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action to pass a Resolution 05-2008 in opposition to Senate Bill 596.**
Vice President Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Humes to adopt resolution 5-2008 in opposition to Senate Bill 596, which would consolidate uniform pension, plans in Pennsylvania. The motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on the Certificate of Appropriateness for Keith Klair - 52 & 54 West Main Street for Ceramic Tile, Windows, Doors, Lighting and Decorative Stamped Tin.**
Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Keith Klair for his exterior renovation at 52-54 West Main Street as outlined in his application. Councilman Ciecierski seconded the motion. Councilman Humes asked that it be included in the motion that a smaller font size be used for the proposed signage. Manager Stough noted that was part of the HARB recommendation. After a brief discussion the motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on Preliminary/ Final Land Development Plan for Dugan Appraisal Services – 22 South Market Street.**
Present representing the application is Jim Smith, Fischbach, Morgan & Associates and Don Steele, property owner. Mr. Smith reviewed the project with Borough Council. Councilman Humes noted that the map attached to the submission misrepresents that property at the corner of Market and Locust as belonging to First Bank and Trust. Mr. Smith noted that he has already addressed that error. There are seven waivers being requested by the applicant and Mr. Smith reviewed those waivers outlined in Engineer Barber's memo of March 14, 2008 (attached) with Borough Council. After review and discussion, Vice President Ryder moved approval of all seven waivers requested and outlined in Engineer Barber's memo of March 14, 2008. Councilman Ciecierski seconded the motion, which passed with all members in favor. Solicitor Schorpp asked Mr. Smith if any of the Engineers comments in his memo of March 14, 2008 under § A – Subdivision and § C – General have been addressed. Mr. Smith indicated that they have not been addressed, and Solicitor Schorpp indicated that they would need to be made conditions of the plan approval if Council chooses to take action on the plan this evening. Vice President Ryder asked if the garage space would be utilized by the existing business or the rental units or if it would be rented. Discussion followed about the use of the garage space proposed. Manager Stough stated that if the garage was not an accessory use to the existing uses at this location, a Zoning Permit would be required and sufficient parking would have to be available as it is a new use. Much discussion followed on the subject with Manager Stough stating that this is a Zoning Issue which would have to be addressed when the permits are issued. Manager Stough stated that Mr. Steele will need to go before the HARB for the new construction and that will be coming back to Council for review. After some additional discussion, Vice President Ryder made a motion to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Dugan Appraisal Services subject to the four conditions outlined in § A – Subdivision, of Engineer Barber's memo of March 14, 2008 and the three conditions in § C – General of the aforementioned memo. Councilman Seagrist seconded the motion. Solicitor Schorpp asked the applicant if he agreed to the conditions outlined and Mr. Smith indicated that his client agrees to the conditions of approval. President Whitcomb called for a vote and the motion passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and authorization for the Recreation Department to apply to DCNR for a grant for pool improvements.**
Councilman Seagrist made a motion to authorize application to DCNR for a growing greener grant for pool improvements. Councilman Ciecierski seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of seven in favor, none against.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible award of contract for the new generator.**

Manager Stough reviewed the bids with Borough Council. Vice President Ryder made a motion to award the bid for a generator for the Municipal Center 36 West Allen Street to Worden & Shewell for the bid amount of \$41,669.00. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible award of contract for the roof replacement at 102 W. Allen Street.**

Manager Stough reviewed the bids with Borough Council. Vice President Ryder made a motion to award the bid for roof replacement at 102 West Allen Street to Suburban Roofing in the amount of \$12,050. Councilman Ciecierski seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible action on the lease for the Senior Adult Center.**

Vice President Ryder made a motion, seconded by Councilman McDermott, to authorize execution of the lease with Diakon for use of the Senior Adult Center as drafted. President Whitcomb asked why the Borough pays ½ of the cleaning for the facility. Manager Stough indicated that was agreed to in 1985. President Whitcomb asked if that should be changed. Manager Stough explained that possibility a previous Council had thought that it is Borough residents that are using the facility. After some discussion, the motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible establishment of building use deposit and fees.**

After discussion, Councilman Humes made a motion to establish a policy of a \$75.00 refundable deposit for use of the Borough Meeting room and a \$25 cleaning & utility charge for non Borough sponsored events. Vice President Ryder seconded the motion. Discussion followed which defined a Borough sponsored event as any event that is held at invitation of Borough Council or Borough Staff for the service of the Borough staff or residents. After discussion the motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible action on appointment to fill vacancy on Environmental Advisory Council for a three year term to expire December 31, 2010.**

Councilman Ryder made a motion, second by Councilman Humes, to appoint Sara Dueling to a three year term on the Environmental Advisory Board through December 31, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible action on request of Teen Challenge International approve to solicit sponsorships for their walkathon.**

Chief Spotts indicated that Teen Challenge International would like to solicit sponsorships for their walkathon from March 19th through March 31st from 2 PM until dusk, Monday through Saturday. Chief Spotts indicated that they have done this the past few years with no problems or complaints. Councilman Seagrist made a motion, second by Vice President Ryder to approve the request of Teen Challenge International to solicit from March 19th through March 31st as outlined by Chief Spotts. The motion passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

Councilman Seagrist asked to discuss an issue of Recreation Personnel at the Executive Session.

Vice President Ryder asked that a Resolution be passed in memory of Ed Stansfield. President Whitcomb stated that Vice President Ryder could make that motion, when the meeting reconvened after Executive Session.

Councilman McDermott asked that Council consider a Resolution for the Mechanicsburg High School Basketball Team.

Councilman Ciecierski asked Chief Spotts about the school bus parking on Locust Street discussed at the last meeting.

Chief Spotts indicated that he is working with the School District to find a better parking location for several buses that are currently being parked on Borough Streets; however, the buses have been legally parked when officers have been called out. Councilman Stoner asked if any additional information has been received on the Washington Fire Company Special Event Permit. Manager Stough indicated no additional information has been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourned: 8:43 PM

Reconvened 9:19 PM

The meeting was reconvened by President Whitcomb at 9:19 PM and Council proceeded to take action as follows:

Councilman Humes made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Sergeant Marc Bradley, effective March 28, 2008, from the Mechanicsburg Police Department. Councilman Seagrist seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Councilman Ciecierski made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stoner to provide Sergeant Bradley with a service revolver as a retirement gift from the Borough. The motion passed with all in favor.

Councilman Seagrist made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Sergeant William Menses from the Mechanicsburg Police Department effective March 31, 2008. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Councilman Humes made a motion, second by Councilman Ciecierski, to increase the pay rate of Park Security Officer Gary Gouchenhour to \$9.00 per hour. The motion passed with all in favor.

Councilman McDermott made a motion, seconded by Councilman Seagrist, to pass Resolution 6-2008 in memory of Ed Stansfield. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:30 PM, with no further business to discuss, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.



Jonathan S. Stough
Borough Secretary