

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

April 1, 2008

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:30PM, 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, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Engineer Barber, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist and Manager Stough. Assistant Secretary Boyer was absent due to an illness. Jr. Councilperson Keenan-Koch was absent.

Also in attendance: Gibson - Patriot, Kathy Furr, Lana Glaser, Nancy Hanlon, Sean Forsythe, Cynthia Schmied, W. Donald Rynard, David Hoover, Ron Trace, Joseph Metallo, Jr., M. A. Seifert

GUESTS

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Donald Rynard, 308 W. Green Street. Mr. Rynard had a question on waste collection. He asked what percent of the budget is allotted for waste collection. Manager Stough explained that that this is a user based fee that is paid for by residents & then the Borough is billed by Penn Waste. Mr. Rynard commented that in the past couple of years, we've had a sizable increase in the garbage prices. Manager Stough explained that the cost for garbage collection had been fixed for the last five years and the new contract in 2008 was the first change in price since 2003. Mr. Rynard explained that he had four bags of leaves and one container of garbage out last week and Penn Waste only took four of the five. President Whitcomb suggested that the leaves could have been taken to the joint compost facility to help keep him under the four container limit.

M. A. Seifert, 107 S. Orchard Street. She commented that taxes and sewer bills have gone up. She questioned where the money is from the stock that Dave Sultzberger bought and invested? Manager Stough corrected Mrs. Seifert that no stock was purchased by the previous manager. We received stock when Principal Financial Group de-mutualized a few years ago. That money has been set aside in the Capital Reserve account for future improvements. She then questioned the job that the Borough Manager is doing. She expressed concern over the timeliness of the minutes. She feels that they should be available the day after the meeting. President Whitcomb explained that the minutes are usually available by the end of the week – via the website or paper copy at the Borough office. She then questioned if anyone had seen the budget for 2008. President Whitcomb explained that it was on public display at the Library, Senior Adult Center & at the Borough Office, as well as on the website.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: No additions

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Stough reported the following correspondence was received:

- ◆ A letter was received from Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels inviting Council to their annual luncheon on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12PM.
- ◆ Tri-County Boroughs meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Marysville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Humes made motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 regular Council meeting Ryder seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Stough had nothing additional to report.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayors Report

- ◆ March 8<sup>th</sup> - CPARC – annual banquet was held.
- ◆ March 10<sup>th</sup> – Crime Watch presenter was Alfred Gonzalez from The Center for Safe Schools.
- ◆ March 30<sup>th</sup> – Delivered a Citation and key to the city to Eagle Scout Scott Martz.
- ◆ April 14<sup>th</sup> – Crime Watch presenter will be Dom Tarquin – telling the history of the Crime Watch

Trivia Question: Where was Locust Field athletic field located? Answer: Blackburn Village because there were a lot of Locust trees.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

No report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Engineer Barber talked about the ongoing signalization report. The contractor is on site this evening to review the timing at the new intersection at Shepherdstown, Simpson and Walnut Street. Engineer has a meeting on Thursday morning with them to investigate this situation. Hopefully corrective changes will be made by rush hour on Thursday.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

At the end of February, the Fire Chief received a letter from Ed Mann, PA State Fire Commissioner, inviting him to the Montgomery County Fire Academy in reference to hazardous materials and pipeline safety, which he attended and found very informative. The Fire Chief also asked Borough Council to consider a resolution for former Borough Fire Chief Jim Neff, who just passed away. This item will be added to the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda.

JR. COUNCILPERSON REPORT:

Jr. Councilperson Keenan-Koch was absent.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Capital Area COG – McDermott** – Councilman McDermott – No Report

**Community Development**– Humes – No Report.

**Environmental/Recycling Committee** – Ryder – Vice President Ryder reported that the recycling committee reviewed artwork that local students completed for recycling, which will be posted on containers in town. Battery recycling will be offered soon at Ritter's Hardware & is currently being offered at the Borough office. There is also some discussion on looking at fluorescent bulb recycling.

**Finance/Appropriations/Insurance** – Whitcomb – No report.

**Fire Committee** –Ciecierski – Councilman Ciecierski reported that the Fire Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at Citizen's Fire Co. at 7PM

**Health/Recreation** –Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist – The Joint Recreation Committee met on March 27<sup>th</sup> at which the 2008 winter spring statistics were distributed. The 2008 parks & recreation program has been printed and should be in School District mailboxes in the near future. The next Borough Recreation Commission meeting will be held, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 7PM. The next Joint Recreation Committee is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7pm. Councilman Seagrist also brought the issue of the sale of Salvia here in Mechanicsburg. There was an article in the Patriot News on March 12<sup>th</sup> that provided information on this product as well. Councilman Seagrist also did some addition research on this product. Currently there is a piece of legislation, Senate Bill 710, which would add salvia to the controlled substance list. Councilman Seagrist asked that this be added to the agenda for April 15, to send a letter of support for SB710.

**Highway/Public Safety** – Stoner – Councilman Stoner discussed the pedestrian pole on the square that was relocated. There was also discussion on the street signs & why directions were not added. Discussion ensued that we will be able to add the directional signs once the work is done.

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

**Ordinance/Administration/Legislative Action** – Ciecierski – No report

**Property/Buildings** – Stoner – No report

**Public Communication** – McDermott – No report

**School Board** – Ryder – No report

**Agenda Items April 1, 2008**

- ◆ **Resolution 07-2008 in honor of Sgt. Marc Bradley's retirement.**

Seagrist made a motion for approval of the Resolution. Ryder seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

- ◆ **Resolution 08-2008 in honor of Sgt. William Menses retirement.** Ciecierski made a motion for approval of the Resolution. Seagrist seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible approval of the sewer planning module exemption for Dugan Appraisals – 22 S Market Street.** Ciecierski made a motion for approval of the planning module, conditioned upon payment of tapping and connection fees for the additional EDU. Humes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible authorization for the Civil Service Commission to begin the testing procedures to compile and eligibility list for the position of Sergeant with the Mechanicsburg Police Department.** Seagrist made a motion to approve, with Humes seconding the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action to extend conditional offer(s) of employment as patrol officer(s) with the Mechanicsburg Police Department.** Ryder made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment as a probationary patrol officer to Justin Shutt, as the first hire for seniority, and to Leah Rissinger as the second, effective no later than May 15, 2008. Ciecierski seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on the request of the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce for a Special Events application for the 2008 Halloween Parade.** McDermott made a motion to approve, with Stoner seconding the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion and possible action on the request of Washington Fire Company for a Special Event celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 23, 2008.** Seagrist made a motion to approve the special event application to close Main Street from Walnut to Market Street, from 4PM to 10PM, and with no parking being on both sides of Main Street from Market to Arch between 2PM and 11PM. Humes seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Discussion on request of Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels for additional services.** No action needed at this time
- ◆ **Acceptance of the 2008 Per Capita Tax Duplicates in the amount of \$28,715.** Ryder made a motion to approve, with McDermott seconding the motion, which passed with all in favor.
- ◆ **Acceptance of the 2008 Real Estate Tax Duplicates in the amount of \$1,605,885.87.** Ciecierski made a motion to approve, with Ryder seconding the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

Councilman Humes wanted to commend the two fire companies on their prompt response to a recent incident at her property.

Councilman Ciecierski asked Engineer Barber to check on the pre-emption devices, especially at Citizens Fire Co. heading North on York Street.

Councilman Stoner asked about whether we've had complaints about people placing their trash in front of their neighbor's home. Manager Stough noted that one instance occurred, but we were able to make contact with the resident and it has not re-occurred.

Engineer Barber stated that if Council has any concerns or questions to please call him so that they can be addressed. The traffic signalization project still has some bugs, but they're working them out.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30 PM, with no further business to discuss, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.



Jonathan S. Stough,  
Borough Secretary