

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
36 West Allen Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257
April 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Whitcomb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Whitcomb, Vice President Winchell, Councilmen McDermott, Miller, Pellman, Stoner and Weber, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Coyne, Engineer Rogalski, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Secretary Dennis and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Public as per list attached.

President Whitcomb announced that on April 15, 2015 Borough Council held an Executive Session, following the Finance, Administration and Ordinance Committee meeting from 12:50 PM to 1:30 PM on a matter of potential litigation with no action. President Whitcomb announced that the members present for the Executive Session included himself, Vice President Winchell, Councilmen Miller, Pellman and Weber. Also present were Solicitor Coyne, Manager Dennis and Assistant Manager Boyer. President Whitcomb announced that Borough Council will be adjourning to an Executive Session on a matter of personnel with possible action this evening.

GUESTS

Presentation of Recycle Right Reward

Carl Hursh of the Recycling Committee was present to make a presentation of the April Recycle Right Reward. This month's prize, a \$50 Rutter's Gift Certificate was presented to Mike Hoffman of 108 South George Street. Mr. Hursh thanked all the merchants that provided prizes over the past year. He also thanked Borough Council for supporting the continuation of the program for another year.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Manager Dennis added appointment of Susan Richards to the Environmental Advisory Council for the balance of a three year term to expire December 31, 2017 and Appointment of Bob Crobak to the Recreation Board for the balance of a five year term through December 31, 2017.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Vice President Winchell, to approve the agenda, with the additions noted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 Council meeting as presented. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

THE MANAGER REPORTS

Manager Dennis reported the pool is progressing, all the management positions have been filled and offers extended to seasonal pool staff. The pool should be ready to open on schedule at the end of May. Manager Dennis noted that volunteers from the Borough's EAC were featured in an article in the PSAB Borough News Magazine. They were pictured planting street trees and the article also featured the Community Garden.

Manager Dennis introduced, Joe Pierce of Eckert Seamans, Bond Counsel for the Borough. Mr. Pierce made a presentation to Borough Council on the reissuance of a portion of the Borough's General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Pierce explained the process of the reissuing the debt and the interest savings Borough Council could see from this action. Mr. Pierce reviewed Ordinance 1146 with Borough Council. Attorney Pierce advised that Borough's Bond rating is A+ and

explained how the Borough could improve its Bond rating. Manager Dennis stated that he would prepare a Fund Balance Policy for Council to review during the 2016 budget process.

THE MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Ritter submitted the following written report:

March 18 th	Swore Simon Hertzler into the office of Fire Police.
March 27 th	Sent a Proclamation to Girl Scout, Sara Neville, of West Main Street, Mechanicsburg on achieving her Gold Award. Highest award in girl scouting.
March 29 th	Union Church was opened for services by the Nest Generation Disciples.
March 31 st	Bio-Solid delivery was made as promised by the Mayor to George Elliott, 212 East Marble Street, winner of the naming contest.
April 3 rd	Officiated a wedding at the Susquehanna Club in New Cumberland.
April 11 th	Opening day of Mechanicsburg Little League Baseball with the Mayor's Team.
April 12 th	Presented the Borough's 250 th year Resolution to Trindle Springs Lutheran Church.
April 13 th	Officiated a wedding at the Mayor's Office. Crime Watch presenter was Eric Swartley from UGI. How do natural gas and pipelines affect our town. Safety-Where-How-Why were discussed and quested. All that in less than an hour, with ice cream.
April 15 th	Read to over 50 quiet and well behaved supervised first graders at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library celebrating National Library Week.
April 18 th	Wonderful weather for Earth Day. Lots to see and do.
April 21 st	Mechanicsburg Area School District 50 th Celebration held with the Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Middle School.

Trivia Question: In no Spankey' Car Lot, back in the 1940's was a gas company building, smoke stack and a large storage tank. Where did this natural gas come from?

Answer: It was made on site from coal.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE REPORTS

Chief Spotts reported the Mechanicsburg Police Department received congratulations from the Pennsylvania Commission Crime and Delinquency for compliance with the Victims Compensation Assistance Program. Chief Spotts noted that the Mechanicsburg Police Department is one of only 312 departments meeting criteria for reporting under the Crime Victims Compensation Act. Chief Spotts reported that he received a letter of commendation for Sgt. Curtis's work at a recent incident.

THE SOLICITOR REPORTS

Solicitor Coyne reported that she worked with HRG, the Borough's sanitary sewer engineer, on revisions to the insurance documents for the award of the digester bid contract. Solicitor Coyne reported that she worked with Mike Wolfe, Attorney Pierce and Borough Staff on the refinancing of the Borough's bond and attended the Finance, Administration and Ordinance committee meeting on April 15th.

THE ENGINEER REPORTS

Engineer Rogalski reported that the Memorial Park Improvement Project work is proceeding on schedule. Engineer Rogalski reported that the Borough finished the MS4 Permit year at the end of March. Engineer Rogalski reported that Cap COG is looking at a regional stormwater plan. In the future, he may be bringing in information on the plan as Hampden may be participating.

THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTS

Fire Chief Seagrist reported on a structure fire at 217-219 West Main Street. Chief Seagrist stated that the fire was under control in approximately 1.5 hours. The fire was accidental and electrical in nature. Chief Seagrist thanked all the people who participated in bringing the fire under control. President Whitcomb asked if a civilian help to get people out of the structure. Chief Seagrist stated that Glenda Blair went into the building and removed Mrs. Capp from the building.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion and Possible Action to Enact Ordinance 1146 on 2015 Bond Debt Ordinance.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1146 creating a no parking zone on South Arch Street. Councilman Weber seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

McDermott	Yea	Stoner	Yea	Winchell	Yea
Miller	Yea	Weber	Yea		
Pellman	Yea	Whitcomb	Yea		

Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Conditional Use Application from Landmark Development and to Set a Date for the Public Hearing.

Councilman Miller made a motion to accept the application and Councilman Weber seconded the motion. Solicitor Coyne stated that a Public Hearing date had to be set as part of the motion. Councilman Miller amended his motion to set a public hearing date of June 2nd at 6:30 PM. Councilman Weber amended his second, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Kelli Jones and Leah McMaster at 107 East Main Street for Signage.

Councilman Miller made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Kelli Jones and Leah McMasters of 107 East Main Street for Signage, as per the conditions in the minutes of the HARB meeting on April 6, 2015. The motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 7-2015 in Honor of William Barry’s Service to the Borough’s Parks Department for the Past 18 Years.

Councilman Stoner made a motion to adopt Resolution 7-2015 in honor of William Barry’s retirement from the Borough’s Parks Department. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Banner Request of the Mechanicsburg Chamber to Place a Banner Over East Main Street During May Advertising Jubilee Day.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the banner request from the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to place a banner over East Main Street advertising Jubilee Day. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Approval of Capital, General, Highway, Sewer & Capital Sewer Fund Expenditures from March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015:

Capital	\$35,368.75	General:	\$314,830.86	Highway:	\$181.02
Sewer:	\$56,573.78	Capital Sewer:	\$10,934.19	Fire:	\$4,792.75
Pool:	\$799.87				

Councilman Miller motioned and Councilman Stoner seconded, to approve the expenditures for February March as noted above. The motion passed with all voting in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Susan Richards to a three year term on the Environmental Advisory Council to Expire December 31, 2017.

Councilman Weber made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to appoint Susan Richard to the EAC for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Robert Crobak to the Recreation Board to Fill the Balance of a Vacated Term through December 31, 2017.

Councilman Weber made a motion to appoint Robert Crobak to the Recreation Board through December 31, 2017. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Richard Snyder, 334 West Main Street, pointed out that economic forecasts are not doing well. Mr. Snyder provided some statistics for Borough Council that displayed the issues with our current economy. Mr. Snyder discussed the state budget and fuel costs. Mr. Snyder asked Borough Council to be a frugal as possible in running the Borough.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gary Weber expressed his appreciation to the Fire Companies on their handling of the fire on West Main Street. Councilman Weber reminded everyone that the Town Hall Meeting begins at 7 PM on Thursday at Elmwood Elementary.

Councilman Pellman asked if the Fire Company was going to recognize Glenda Blair for her rescue efforts. Chief Seagrist stated he will see if the Fire Company is going to do anything. Chief Seagrist reminded everyone that Citizens Fire and Rescue is holding a breakfast on May 3rd from 7 to 11 AM.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting to an Executive Session on a matter of personnel with action at 8:14 PM.

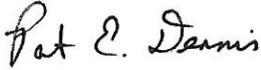
RECONVENE 8:25

At 8:25 PM President Whitcomb reconvened the public meeting.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to suspend Patrol Officer Vincent for a period of five days, without pay. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. Councilman Pellman recused himself from the vote. The motion passed with five voting in favor (McDermott, Miller, Weber, Whitcomb, Winchell) and one voting against (Stoner) and one abstaining (Pellman).

ADJOURN

At 8:27 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat E. Dennis".

Patrick Dennis,
Borough Secretary

