

**The Borough of Mechanicsburg
Borough Council Meeting
December 1, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Whitcomb at 7:30 PM. President Whitcomb stated that Borough Council had an Executive Session on a matter of potential litigation and personnel, with no action prior to this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Whitcomb led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Whitcomb, Vice President Winchell, Councilmen McDermott, Miller, Pellman, Stoner and Weber, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Coyne, Engineer Rogalski, Chief Myers, Chief Seagrist, Secretary Dennis and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Councilman Elect John Anthony was present. Public: As per list attached.

GUESTS

The Recycle Right Reward was presented to Mr. Paul Millhouse of 330 North Filbert Street for his households excellent recycling practices. Recycling Committee members Diane Hollinger, Carl Hursh and Cece Viti were present to make the presentation and explain the Recycle Right Rewards Program. Andrew Campbell, Manager of Weis Markets on Simpson Ferry Road, was present to enlighten everyone about Weis Markets recycling efforts and to present the \$50 gift certificate provided by Weis Markets.

Mr. Brian Haines, Chairman of the Historic Architectural Review Board, was present to make the award presentations for excellence in maintenance and restoration of historic properties in the Mechanicsburg Historic District. Also present were Linda Humes and Eric Query of the Historic Architectural Review Board. Mr. Haines explained the two awards, the Certificate of Recognition and the Certificate of Excellence Award.

Certificates of Recognition Awards were presented to:

1. 106 West Main Street – Thomas Kinney – Commercial.
2. 123 South Market Street – Stephen & Laura Sedor – Residential.
3. 139 East Main Street – David A. Russell – Residential.
4. 13 East Main Street Caromal Colours – Property Owners: Thomas & Aimee Sangrey - Commercial.

Recognition of Excellence Plaques were awarded to:

1. 216 South Market Street – Grace United Methodist Church – Commercial.
2. 318 South Market Street – Karen Demontigny – Residential.

CITIZENS COMMENT

Glenda Blair, 229 West Locust Street, requested a Resolution for Paul E. Mayberry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Borough Council meeting held November 17, 2015. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

ADDITIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Councilman McDermott made a motion, Councilman Miller seconded, to approve the Committee Meeting Agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Community & Economic Development – Weber, Chairman

Report of Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership – Pellman

Councilman Pellman reported on the Mechanicsburg Downtown Partnership Annual Recognition Dinner for Earnie Zimmerman which raised \$13,925 for the Partnership. The Annual Downtown Clean-up Day was held November 14th and perennials were planted at the “Welcome to Mechanicsburg” sign on East Main Street. Councilman Pellman stated that the Partnership is going to look at benches instead of Adirondack chairs for the downtown.

Report of the Downtown Coordinator – Rebecca Yearick

Ms. Yearick introduced Don Keebler of New Cumberland, who is a Councilman Elect. Ms. Yearick distributed her monthly report to Borough Council; a copy of the report is attached.

Finance, Administration & Ordinance – Winchell, Chairman

Discussion on Appointments to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board.

Manager Dennis discussed recommendations on how to fill the positions on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board due to the recent Ordinance passage. Councilman McDermott was recommended, but stated he feels that there are more qualified candidates. Manager Dennis stated that staff will reach out to the Planning Commission and HARB to look for qualified candidates.

Personnel Committee – Whitcomb, Chairman

No report.

Municipal & Community Outreach – Weber, Chairman

Library Report – Councilman Pellman

Councilman Pellman reported on the successful concert fundraiser held at Appalachian Harley Davidson by the Friends of the Library. Councilman Pellman stated that the annual Holly Trails House Tour will be held December 6th, from 12:30 to 5 PM. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tours. A wine reception will be held in conjunction with the tour. The Library will be closed December 24th and 25th.

Property, Parks and Recreation – Pellman, Chairman

Councilman Stoner reported that the Recreation Board met on November 10th and discussed budget items and reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and goals for the coming year. The Santa Sale for pool passes is going on now at the Recreation Office. There will be no Recreation Board meeting in December.

Public Works and Safety – Pellman, Chairman

Fire Company Consolidation – Councilman Stoner

Councilman Stoner reported that the bi-laws are being reviewed and he thanked the Bi-law Committee for their hard work. There was no November meeting. The next meeting will be held on December the 22nd.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA

Manager Dennis added "Motion to Authorize Borough Legal Counsel to Petition the Commonwealth Court for Review of their Decision Issued on November 20, 2015 in Gaughen vs. Mechanicsburg".

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition noted. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 18-2015 in Honor of the MASD Marching Band.

Councilman Stoner made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-2015 in honor of the MASD Marching Band. Councilman Weber seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise the 2016 Budgets.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to table the budget until after the Executive Session. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise the Meeting Dates for 2016.

Councilman Pellman made a motion, second by Vice President Winchell, to advertise the meeting schedule for 2016 as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Set the Trick or Treat Date for 2016.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to set the date for Trick or Treat as October 31, 2016. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Resignation of Patrol Officer Kerry Vincent, Effective December 23, 2015.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to accept the resignation of Patrol Officer Kerry Vincent. Councilman Weber seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Motion to Authorize Borough Legal Counsel to Petition the Commonwealth Court for Review of their Decision Issued on November 20, 2015 in Gaughen vs. Mechanicsburg.

Councilman Weber made a motion, Vice President Winchell seconded, to authorize Borough legal counsel to petition the Commonwealth Court for review of their decision issued on November 20, 2015 in Gaughen vs. Mechanicsburg. The motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Extend a Conditional Offer of Employment to Richard Franklin Wolfe, III as a Patrol Officer with the Mechanicsburg Police Department.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment as a Patrol Officer to Richard Franklin Wolfe, III. Councilman McDermott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Whitcomb adjourned to an Executive Session on a matter of Personnel at 8:12 PM.

At 8:42 PM, President Whitcomb reconvened the Council meeting. President Whitcomb announced that the Executive Session was a discussion on salaries.

Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise the 2016 Budgets.

Councilman McDermott made a motion, second by Councilman Weber, to take the 2016 Budget off the table. The motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Weber made a motion to advertise the 2016 Budget for action at the next Council Meeting. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Miller requested that copies of the Solicitor's and Engineer's bills from 2015 be provided to Borough Council.

ADJOURN

At 8:50 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.

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

Patrick Dennis
Borough Secretary