

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
36 West Allen Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257  
February 2, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

7:30 PM

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Whitcomb announced that Borough Council would be adding an Executive Session on matters of litigation and personnel, with no action.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**GUESTS:**

Beverly Bone, President of the Mechanicsburg Museum Association, requested that the Borough Council clarify the ownership of the Indian Artifacts placed with the Museum Association by the Borough in 1986. Ms. Bone stated that the Museum is trying to better utilize its available storage area. Ms. Bone stated that less than 25% of the artifacts are from York, Adams & Cumberland Counties. Ms. Bone noted that most of the items are from the Midwest. Ms. Bone stated the Museum's plan for disposition, which includes keeping a small number of artifacts, native to this area of Pennsylvania, for public display. Solicitor Coyne noted that the transfer of the items to the museum is not recorded in the minutes of Borough Council, so this Council can accept that the items were gifted by a previous Council based on the documents provided by the Museum about the transfer. President Whitcomb asked if the Museum would be contacting facilities in the area from which the artifacts came to see if there was an interest in obtaining them. Ms. Bone indicated that the Museum would do that. Vice President Winchell stated that he has no problem with the Museum selling these items to generate revenue, however, he is concerned that if these are passed onto an individual, not an organization, that the individual may profit from the items. Ms. Bone stated that they could restrict the items to donation to another Museum. After discussion, Councilman Miller suggested Council add this to the agenda to take action on this evening.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

There were none.

**ADDITIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

President Whitcomb added Discussion on a No Parking Zone at Northside Elementary. Acting Chief Myers added discussion on No Parking in the 400 block of East Main Street on the south side to the Ordinance Committee Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the Committee Agenda, with the additions noted. Councilman Anthony seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

## **Community & Economic Development - Chairman Anthony**

### ***Report of Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership – Anthony***

Councilman Anthony noted that the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership met and reported that the Wrench Drop was a success. A list of the Downtown Partnerships events for 2016 is available on their website. Councilman Anthony reminded everyone to download the DMP App for their smart phones. Councilman Anthony reported that the App was created free of charge for the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership by a local business. Councilman Anthony reminded everyone that this Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is First Friday in the Downtown. Councilman Anthony reported that Mary Beth Brath has stepped down as Promotion Chair for the DMP and a replacement is needed. Councilman Anthony reported that the DMP has provided durable plantings for the East Main Street Gateway Sign.

### ***Report of the Downtown Coordinator – Rebecca Yearick***

Ms. Yearick distributed her monthly report to Borough Council; a copy of the report is attached.

## **Finance, Administration & Ordinance - Chairman Winchell**

Vice President Winchell reported that a meeting of the Finance, Administration & Ordinance Committee is scheduled for Monday the 8 at 7 PM at the Borough Office.

### ***Discussion on No Parking Zones at Northside Elementary & on East Main Street.***

Acting Chief Myers stated that the recent addition of no parking signs by Norfolk Southern is pushing parking west into the 400 block of East Main near the entrances to the convenience store, creating visibility issues. The Police Department would like to recommend to Borough Council that a No Parking Area be enacted by Ordinance for this area and that signs be installed. President Whitcomb suggested this be added to the Committee Agenda on Monday the 8th for discussion and recommendation. Acting Chief Myers stated that at Northside Elementary there is an issue with personal vehicles impacting visibility for school buses and a safety issue with children walking in the area. Acting Chief Myers stated that the Police Department would like to see the area signed the same as Broad Street Elementary, No Parking August 15th thru June 15th 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM. This would be the north side of Schoolside Drive. Councilman Pellman echoed Acting Chief Myers concern for student safety at this location.

## **Municipal & Community Outreach - Chairman Anthony**

Chairman Anthony announced that the Municipal & Community Outreach Committee and the Community and Economic Development Committee will be holding their first meetings on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM & 6:30 PM.

### ***Library Report***

Councilman Pellman stated that he would like to remind everyone of the Library Fund Raiser Dine Out at Hoss's on February 8. The Library book sale on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 2. On Sunday, the books left over will be sold for \$10 per bag. The sale will be held at Books by the Gross at 400 Cheryl Avenue. Councilman Pellman suggested that everyone check out the events listed on the Library website. Councilman Pellman announced that the Library will be having an antique appraisal clinic. For five dollars per item, you can get an item appraised. There is a three-item limit.

### **Personnel – Chairman Whitcomb**

President Whitcomb stated that there will be a personnel matter, with no action discussed in the Executive Session.

### **Property Parks and Recreation - Chairman Stoner**

Councilman Stoner stated that the Recreation Board met in January and discussed the memorial marker donation for the softball field. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 19, 2016 AT 11 am. The Recreation Board reorganized and Bob Croback is Chairman and Ellen Wilson is Vice Chairman. Pool tickets are on sale now at the Mechanicsburg Area Recreation Office. Councilman Stoner stated that the Recreation Board would like to meet with Borough Council to discuss any direction Borough Council may have for them in the future. Vice President Winchell asked Councilman Stoner if he is going to coordinate the meeting between Council and the Recreation Board with Bob Croback. Councilman Stoner stated that he would do that.

### **Public Works and Safety – Chairman Stoner**

Councilman Stoner stated that the Consolidated Fire Companies met last Thursday at Citizen's Fire and Rescue and discussed the bi-laws. Citizen's is having a breakfast on February 7th from 7 to 11 AM. The timeframe for the arrival of the new fire engine is April-May 2016. Councilman Stoner stated that a book will be released about the Fire Companies in Mechanicsburg. The books will be on sale through both Fire Companies. Councilman Stoner thanked all the Fire Companies that responded to the recent fire on West Main Street.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 19, 2016. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

### **ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA**

Manager Dennis added a motion authorizing the Execution of the Loan Agreement, and Mortgage for Taylor and Derek Eisenberger for the property at 516 East Main Street. Councilman Miller added discussion and possible action to allow the Museum Association to dispose of or sell the Native American Artifacts placed with the Museum by Borough Council from the Estate of James L. Young.

### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA**

Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the action agenda for Borough Council. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with all voting in favor.

### **AGENDA ITEMS – February 2, 2016**

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 03-2016 Repealing Resolution 06-2010.**

Vice President Winchell made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-2016 repealing Resolution 06-2010. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

**Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Execution of the Loan Agreement, and Mortgage for Taylor and Derek Eisenberger for the Property at 516 East Main Street.**

Councilman Pellman made a motion to approve the execution of the loan agreement and mortgage for Taylor and Derek Eisenberger for the property at 516 East Main Street for \$60,000. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion. Solicitor Coyne stated that Borough Council approved this loan in December, and the Redevelopment Authority has prepared the loan documents for the settlement on February 8<sup>th</sup> and they are asking Borough Council to authorize execution of the loan documents at settlement. Councilman Anthony abstained, as he was not on Council when the loan was approved. The motion passed with the remaining six Council members voting in favor.

**Discussion and Possible Action to Allow the Museum Association to Dispose of or Sell the Native American Artifacts Placed with the Museum by Borough Council from the Estate of James L. Young.**

Councilman Miller made a motion to allow the Museum to liquidate the artifacts not from this area of Pennsylvania from the James L. Young Native American Artifacts Collection. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion. Vice President Winchell stated he would like the items to go to a public entity for display, not to a private collector who may sell them for profit. After some additional discussion, the motion passed with all in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Tim Williams, 704 Central Street, asked Borough Council whom he could contact with snow related concerns when the event happens on a weekend. President Whitcomb stated that the Police Department could be contacted if it is an emergency. For non-emergencies, the Borough Manager can be contacted via e-mail. Mr. Williams stated that the plows came through and left a pile of snow at the intersection four feet high. President Whitcomb asked if it was a Borough or Township plow truck. Mr. Williams stated it was a Borough truck.

Lisa Marcucci complimented Borough staff on the job that they did with snow removal during the recent storm.

Glenda Blair, 229 West Locust Street, stated that the County Control non-emergency phone number is 238-9676 and residents can reach the Police Department by calling that number after hours. Ms. Blair asked if the Borough has a Civil Defense Director. President Whitcomb stated that is not a position any more. Ms. Blair stated that a neighbor of hers needs to get out almost every day for dialysis. The alley that the neighbor uses for access was not plowed until Monday afternoon. Ms. Blair stated that neighbors had to hand shovel the alley so this person could get out to go for his dialysis. Ms. Blair suggested a list be made of these residents, so that assistance could be provided. Manager Dennis stated that staff has discussed that and the issue is where public service crosses the line into private responsibility does. Manager Dennis stated there are logistical issues with the processes. Ms. Blair asked why Silver Spring Presbyterian Church was listed as the emergency shelter for Mechanicsburg, as it would be hard for residents to get there. Ron Trace stated that there is no facility in the Borough that meets the Red Cross criteria for and emergency shelter.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Manager Dennis stated that the Highway and Sewer Department employees did a great job and worked hard during the snow event. Sewer employees assisted Highway with plowing as did Codes Officer Ciecierski. Manager Dennis stated that the Borough will look at the Central Street intersection during the next snow event.

Acting Chief Myers stated that staff had a plan in place and that plan yielded positive results. She also stated that she has a friend that lives outside the Borough who was not plowed out until Sunday evening.

Councilman Anthony stated that the communication on the Borough website and Facebook during the snow event was outstanding.

Vice President Winchell stated that Borough staff did an excellent job during and after the storm. Vice President Winchell asked why the staff is not out trying to create two travel lanes. Manager Dennis stated that they are out clearing inlets. Vice President Winchell stated that he appreciates the communication from staff to Council during the event.

Councilman Pellman asked that businesses and individuals get out and shovel the sidewalks. He asked if the staff could put something on the back of bills about clearing your sidewalks in a timely manner.

Councilman Miller thanked staff for posting to the website and Facebook page during the event. Councilman Miller stated that Manager Dennis did a great job of responding to messages all weekend.

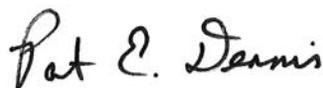
Councilman Stoner stated his son entered the Chocolate Fest in Hershey and won two first place and one third place and the overall student award.

President Whitcomb stated that when they removed the snow on Main Street, the crew did an excellent job.

## **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:27 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting to an Executive Session on a matter of litigation and matters of personnel with no action.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat E. Dennis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Patrick E. Dennis, Borough Secretary