

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
36 West Allen Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257
August 16, 2016 – 7:30 PM

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 Anthony, Miller, Pellman, Stoner and Weber, Jr. Councilperson Hockensmith, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Coyne, Engineer Rogalski, Chief Myers, Chief Seagrist, Wastewater Assistant Superintendent Huey, Codes Officer Ciecierski and Interim Manager Boyer. Public as per list attached.

GUESTS:

Councilman Pellman presented a Resolution to the Mechanicsburg Little League Team that competed in the State finals. Councilman Pellman stated that this team advance further than any other twelve-year-old Little League team from Mechanicsburg. Councilman Pellman read the Resolution aloud and presented each team member and each Coach on the team with a copy. Councilman Pellman thanked staff for preparing the Resolution and Councilman Stoner for asking staff to prepare a Resolution. After the presentation, a photo was taken for the Borough website.

Jim VanKirk, Library Board Trustee, addressed Borough Council thanking them for their support. Mr. VanKirk noted that the Library has been at its current location for twenty years and reviewed some of the planned improvements in the coming years. He also noted that an increase in the minimum wage would increase operating costs. Mr. VanKirk reviewed the statistic on recent library events. Mr. VanKirk stated that the Library is currently holding its online silent auction and there are many items available for bid. Mr. VanKirk reminded everyone that August is the Dine Out at Diener's fundraiser every Wednesday in the month of August.

Anne Miller, Library Treasurer, addressed Borough Council about Library use in her neighborhood, noting she sees so many children and adults walking to the Library. Ms. Miller stated that the dollars donated to the Library truly pay dividends in the Community.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUEST

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 regular Council meeting, as presented. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

THE MANAGER REPORTS

Interim Manager Boyer noted that she provided a written report to Borough Council in their packets. Boyer thanked Leslie Hocker and Sara Heenan for preparing the Little League Resolutions for this evening.

THE MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Ritter submitted the following written report:

July 25 th	Opened the Union Church for a tour.
July 30 th	Officiated a wedding on the Pride of the Susquehanna.
July 31 st	Presented a Citation from the Mayor’s Office and a key to the city to Eagle Scout Nathaniel Stoner. Nathan’s project was outdoor seating at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library.
August 3 rd	Attended the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Rife Center at Bethany Village.
August 8 th	Crime Watch speaker was David Maceiko, South Central PA Highway Safety. School bus safety was interestingly discussed. Heads up; do not pass a school bus when it is loading or discharging.
August 13 th	Mayor’s certificates were awarded with the help of the Cookie Monster to students for the Summer Reading Program at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library.
August 16 th	Chamber of Commerce mixer was held at the Mechanicsburg Museum.

Trivia Question: Mayor displayed a picture of Randy Abbott with a parrot. Mayor Ritter stated that Randy Abbott is often seen on Main Street in the cool summer evenings with his parrot friend. The parrot is a bit protective, but cautiously friendly. What is the parrot’s name?

Answer: Merlin

THE CHIEF OF POLICE REPORTS

Chief Myers noted that her written report was in Borough Council packets.

THE SOLICITOR REPORTS

Solicitor Coyne stated that she has circulated the Conditional Use decision from the meeting of August 2, 2016 for signatures. Solicitor Coyne noted that the sewer rate adjustment Ordinance was properly advertised on August 5, 2016 in the Sentinel and is ready for action by Borough Council the evening.

THE ENGINEER REPORTS

Engineer Rogalski reported that Borough Council will be receiving the Legacy Park Phase I final plan and will need to take action on the plan prior to October 5th.

THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTS

Fire Chief Seagrist reported that on August 3rd, he attended the Fire Finance Committee meeting. On Friday, he toured a training facility in Chester County as part of the Cumberland County Training Facility Improvement Committee. Chief Seagrist reported that he attended the Borough Department Head meeting and held a Fire Officers meeting. Chief Seagrist noted that he participated in a training exercise in Shippensburg for an active shooter simulation. Chief Seagrist reported that he did a fire inspection at St. Joseph’s in anticipation of the start of the school year.

JR COUNCIL PERSON REPORTS

Junior Councilperson Hockensmith reported that school starts on Monday, fall sports have started and the first football game is September 2nd against Carlisle. She will be there cheering for the team.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance 1155 Adjusting Sewer Rates.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1155 as presented, increasing the sewer base rate to \$100 per quarter and the overage rate to \$6 per 1000 gallons.

Councilman Pellman seconded the motion and the floor was opened for discussion.

Councilman Miller asked Interim Manager Boyer how long before another increase to the rate would be required. Boyer indicated she believes this will sustain the sewer budget for five to seven years. The motion passed by a roll call vote as below:

Anthony	Yes	Miller	Yes	Pellman	Yes
Stoner	No	Weber	Yes	Whitcomb	Yes
Winchell	Yes				

Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution 13-2016 in Support of Participation in the Joint Land Use Study with Naval Support and Hampden Township.

Councilman Anthony made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-2016 in support of participation in the Joint Land Use Study with Naval Support and Hampden Township. Councilman Weber seconded the motion. Councilman Stoner objected to the Resolution, stating Council decided not to participate. Councilman Pellman stated that he thought that there was a cost initially, but it sounded at the last meeting as if there would be no cost. Interim Manager Boyer stated that Hampden had originally asked the Borough to participate and share the cost of the required local match. When the Borough failed to take action, Hampden decided to sponsor the study and did a Resolution of support, which included the required local match. After that action, Naval Support Activity invited the Borough to participate at no cost. Councilman Miller stated

that he volunteered to participate as he feels that it is important to participate in regional planning. After discussion, the motion passed, 6 to 1 with Councilman Stoner voting against.

Discussion and Possible Action to Reduce the Bond for Admiral's Quay to \$120,890.30.

Engineer Rogalski reviewed the proposed reduction with Council. Councilman Pellman made a motion to reduce the bond for Admiral's Quay to \$120,890.30. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Hire Andrew Horchler as a Park Security Officer.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to approve hiring Andrew Horchler as an at-will, part-time Park Security Officer at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. Councilman Anthony seconded the motion and the floor was opened for discussion. Vice President Winchell asked how many hours he would work. Chief Myers stated he would be limited to 29 hours or less and would be replacing staff that is returning to school in the fall. After discussion, the motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Expenditures from July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016:

General:	\$ 205,399.35	Capital:	\$ 0	Sewer:	\$ 52,627.78
Fire:	\$ 110,170.26	Pool:	\$ 17,354.14	Highway:	\$ 15,691.02

Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the expenditures from July 1, 2016 to July 30, 2016. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Weber thanked Councilman Pellman for the presentation this evening and noted that these families are the reason we need recreation fees from Legacy Park to maintain our parks.

Councilman Anthony noted that this Saturday is Community Day in the Park. The pool is open and admission is free; there is free music, a chicken BBQ, vintage baseball, vendors and lots of fun. Councilman Anthony invited all to attend.

Councilman Pellman noted that Mechanicsburg Twilight Team won the West Shore Championship this year. Coach Rickenbaugh won his 2700 game this season.

ADJOURN

At 8:05 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting to an Executive Session on matters of personnel and potential litigation with no action.

Glenda Boyer,
Interim Borough Secretary