

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
36 West Allen Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257
September 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

President Whitcomb announced that Borough Council held an Executive Session on August 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM on a matter of personnel and Labor Counsel Michael Miller was present. President Whitcomb also announced that an Executive Session was held on September 1, 2016, after the Finance, Administration and Ordinance Committee meeting and Labor Counsel Michael Miller attended. President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led those assembled in 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, Codes Officer Ciecierski and Interim Manager Boyer. Public as per list attached.

GUESTS:

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None.

ADDITIONS TO THE COMMITTEE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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

Community & Economic Development - Chairman Anthony

Report of Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership – Anthony

Councilman Anthony reported that the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership has provided music on the square at the First Fridays during the summer. Councilman Anthony noted that the October First Friday would be themed around American Craft Week. The Partnership will be sponsoring their Mugs and Music Event scheduled for September 17th from 1 to 5 PM. The 5th Annual Tribute Dinner, honoring a "Person of the Year" will be held on October 5th and will honor Mary Eberly.

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

No Report.

Municipal & Community Outreach - Chairman Anthony

Community Day Update - Anthony

Councilman Anthony reported that the first annual Community Day was a success, netting approximately \$3,500. Councilman Anthony reported that the Committee would meet on September 13th at 5:30 PM.

Library Report – Pellman

Councilman Pellman reported on various activities at the Library for the month of September, including the Simply Simpson Fashion Show scheduled for September 18th at the West Shore Country Club.

Personnel – Chairman Whitcomb

President Whitcomb reported that there would be an Executive Session following the meeting on a matter of Personnel with possible action.

Property Parks and Recreation - Chairman Stoner

Councilman Stoner reported that the Recreation Board met last month with civic organizations that use the park facilities to find out what improvements to budget for in 2017. Councilman Stoner reported that the Recreation Board would meet on September 13th at 7 PM.

Public Works and Safety – Chairman Stoner

Fire Consolidation – Stoner

Councilman Stoner reported on Fire Consolidation Committee.

Traffic Signal Update - Rogalski

Engineer Rogalski reported that he and Interim Manager Boyer met with Silver Spring Township representatives about the intersection of Pleasantview Drive and North York Street where a traffic signal is proposed. Also discussed was the Intermunicipal Agreement for maintenance on West Church Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Cumberland County Office of Aging and Community Services thanking Borough Council for their use of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park for the Senior Games. Several thank you letters were received for the July release of Civic allocations. A letter was received requesting release of the \$1,000 civic allocation for the annual Wrench Drop to the newly formed Mechanicsburg New Year's Eve Wrench Drop Organization. Interim Manager Boyer noted that Mr. Westby provided the 501.c.3 approval letter today and the funds can be released at Council's discretion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on August 16, 2016. Councilman Miller seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA

Councilman Weber made a motion to add a motion to release the Wrench Drop allocation to the newly formed Mechanicsburg New Year's Eve Wrench Drop organization. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the Action Agenda for Borough Council. Councilman Anthony seconded the motion, which passed with all voting in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS – September 6, 2016

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Uniform Pension Plan for 2017 at \$140,868.

Interim Manager Boyer reviewed the proposed Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Uniform Pension Plan for 2017 with Council. After discussion, Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the Minimum Municipal obligation for the Uniform Pension Plan for 2017 in the amount of \$140,868. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for 2017 at \$189,104.

Interim Manager Boyer reviewed the proposed Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for 2017 with Council. After discussion, Councilman Stoner made a motion to approve the Minimum Municipal obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for 2017 in the amount of \$189,104. Vice President Winchell seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Use of Special Fire Police for the South Middleton Township Volunteer Firefighters Association Convention Parade on September 10, 2016 from 1 to 4 PM.

Councilman Stoner made a motion, second by Councilman Pellman to authorize Special Fire Police for the South Middleton Township Volunteer Firefighters Association Convention Parade on September 10, 2016. The motion passed with all in favor

Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Placement of United Way Banners in Mechanicsburg's Downtown from September 9th through November 11th.

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the placement of United Way Banners in the Downtown from September 9th through November 11th. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all voting in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Use of 34 West Allen Street by the Mechanicsburg Museum Association for their Annual Wreath Sale from November 22nd through November 28th.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to approve the use of 34 West Allen Street by the Mechanicsburg Museum Association for their Annual Wreath Sale from November 22nd through November 28th. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Special Event Permit Request of Peace Promise for a 5K Run/Walk Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9AM to 2PM.

Chief Myers noted that this event is largely in the township, but starts at the High School and returns to the School. Councilman Weber made a motion to approve the request of Peace Promise for a 5K Run/Walk Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9AM to 2PM. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all voting in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Special Event Permit Request for Boulevard to do Canning for Penn State University on Saturday and Sunday the 24th and 25th of September from 8AM to 5PM at the Intersections of Main and Market Street, Main and York Street and York and Simpson Street. Rain Dates of October 29, 2016 and October 30, 2016.

Chief Myers reviewed the permit with Borough Council. After review, Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit as presented with the conditions as outlined on the Special Events worksheet. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, which passed with all voting in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action to release the Wrench Drop Allocation to the Newly Formed Mechanicsburg New Year's Eve Wrench Drop Organization.

Councilman Weber made a motion, second by Councilman Anthony, to approve the release of the allocated \$1,000 to the newly formed Wrench Drop Organization. The motion passed with all in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Darrell Westby, 406 Alison Avenue, thanked Borough Council for their support of the Wrench Drop.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A MATTER OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND A MATTER OF PERSONNEL WITH ACTION

At 7:55 PM, President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting to Executive Session on a matter of potential litigation and a matter of personnel with action.

RECONVENE

At 8:15 PM, President Whitcomb reconvened the meeting. Vice President Winchell made a motion to make a Conditional Offer of Employment at the Borough Manager to Roger Ciecierski, effective September 6, 2016. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion, and President Whitcomb opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Miller read a prepared statement regarding his negative vote on this motion, which is attached to

the minutes as part of this public record. After discussion, the motion passed with six members voting in favor and voting against was Councilman Miller.

ADJOURN

At 8:25 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Boyer, Interim Borough Secretary