

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 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 PM. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute Dinner, honoring a "Person of the Year" will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Vice President Winchell made a motion to approve the placement of United Way Banners in the Downtown from September 9<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## REMARKS

I will **respectfully vote in the negative** on Mr. Ciecierski's appointment.

- not as a reflection on Mr. Ciecierski's prior service to the Borough
- or reflection on his character.

I do so because I am **concerned for the future of the Borough** and believe there are better options before this Council.

Additionally, this vote simply reflects my confidence in another candidate

- I believe she has the qualifications necessary to lead the borough to a brighter future.

These are **challenging times** for the Borough.

We have **infrastructure needs**.

We have **personnel needs**.

We are **constantly required to do more with less** and

**We have a community which requires, demands and deserves more effective, more efficient and more flexible services.**

I simply believe that Mr. Ciecierski is best left in his current position where he is doing fine work for the Borough and that **someone with a broader base of prior experience and vision should be appointed to the Manager's position.**

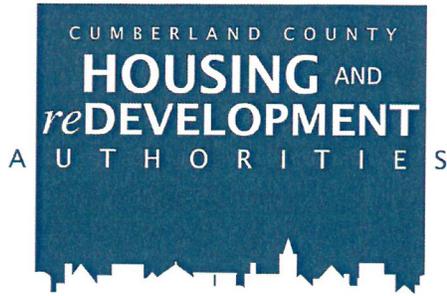
**We need new ideas. out of the box and new ways of thinking.**

Finally, if the vote on Mr. Ciecierski is successful, I pledge him my full support and to work with him to bring the leadership that I believe Mechanicsburg needs.

I know that Mr. Ciecierski is passionate about the Borough and will give it his best effort and I hope that he is able grow quickly into a job that is incredibly challenging.

If there is anything I can do to help you, Mr. Ciecierski, in your new role, please let me know.





Rebecca Yearick  
Downtown Program Services Manager |  
Communications Manager

**About Face!**

- o the site visit for Myers-Buhrig Funeral Home & Crematory is Monday, September 12, at 5:15; the project includes repairs/prep for painting the wood trim, nine new light fixtures and replacing signage and awnings; the total project cost exceeds \$21,000

**Business and Property Updates**

- o work has recommenced at Sandra Huffman’s property at 207 W. Main St.—where Amos Went West will reopen; she sold an out-of-state property to finance the work to the first-floor shop unit; the upper-floor apartment has been rented since winter 2016
- o met with Lawrence and Nada Walton, interested in a shared office space for those seeking a non-traditional work environment; they toured several properties; requested information about 28 N. Market St., formerly Salon Elena; the owner is unresponsive
- o the Chinese Tea House, 610 E. Simpson St., has closed
- o Hellenic Kouzina owner Lambros Alexopoulos, 500 E. Main St., is considering another in-place (on-site) addition to the restaurant that opened in February 2012
- o meeting with resident William Nailor to discuss 1 W. Main St.—the Stauffer & Eakin law offices—and his interest related to future use



Networking  
Lunch  
Join the  
Downtown  
Mechanicsburg  
Partnership and  
friends at  
Hellenic  
Kouzina,  
Thursday,  
September 8,  
at 11:30  
RSVP to  
Rebecca  
Yearick,  
462-7016 or  
ryearick@  
cchra.com  
by noon  
tomorrow

**Condemned/Fire-Damaged Smith Property at 203 E. Main St.**

- o the environmental review/cultural resources assessment required to demolish the structures is complete
- o the Redevelopment Authority has requested a meeting with the Borough to update and discuss the acquisition and demolition phases of the project

**Borough Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program**

- o \$92,250.08 is available to lend

**Downtown Partnership Honors Mary Eberly**

- o Mary Eberly will be recognized as the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership Person of the Year at the dinner October 5; tickets, \$50, and sponsorships, \$250 and up, are available now
- o she was a charter member/officer of Main Street Mechanicsburg, member of the HARB and has roots to promoting downtown back to the 1980s

**Mugs & Music**

- o the annual Mugs & Music event is Saturday, September 17, from 1 until 5 p.m.
- o buy mugs at Eckel’s, Caromal Colours, Civil War & More, Just Clogs and Wicked Kitchen

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