

BOROUGH OFFICE BUILDING
36 West Allen Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2010

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

President Whitcomb called the regular Borough Council meeting of May 5, 2010 to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Whitcomb led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Whitcomb stated that Borough Council had an Executive Session on matters of personnel and potential litigation, with no action.

ROLL CALL:

Present were President Whitcomb, Vice President Ryder, Councilmen Ciecierski, Humes, Kiskis, McDermott and Seagrist, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Seagrist, Chief Spotts, Secretary Dennis and Assistant Secretary Boyer. Chief Seagrist was absent.

Press: Roger Quigley – Patriot News

Public: Ron Adams, Sean Forsythe, Patrick McKendry, Kyle Miller, Jack Neibert, Joe Pierce, Mark Stoner, Ron Trace and Michael Wolf.

GUESTS:

Manager Dennis introduced Patrick McKendry, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout Project and Citizenship Badge.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There were none

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman McDermott made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition noted. Councilman Ciecierski seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Dennis reported that a request and petition for the installation of a stop sign on Apple Drive at East Marble Street was received and copied for Borough Council and the Chief of Police. President Whitcomb directed Manager Dennis to forward this matter to the Highway and Public Safety Committee for review. Councilman Ciecierski asked if any traffic counts were done in this area in conjunction with other Borough projects. Manager Dennis will check with Engineer Barber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ciecierski made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on April 20, 2010. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, which passed with no dissenting votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Dennis reported that he attended a meeting last Thursday on the proposed reimbursement of expenses from the snow storm in February. Emergency Management Coordinator, Ron Trace,

who also attended the training, reported that FEMA may reimburse up to 75% of the submitted approved costs and PEMA may pick up the remaining 25%. Manager Dennis reported that \$14,000 in expenses was submitted for possible reimbursement.

Manager Dennis reported that Erin Downey, Office Assistant, completed the new Borough Website yesterday and it is up and running. Manager Dennis previewed the site for those in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

April 21st – Celebrated National Library week by reading to first grade students at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library with the help of Cookie Monster.

April 21st – Attended the Safe Driving Competition for Youth at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit in Summerdale with Chief Spotts. This driving competition is sponsored by the South Central Pa Highway for High School drivers. The Mechanicsburg team did not bring home a trophy.

April 28th – attended the annual dinner for Friends of the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library. Valerie Pritchett from ABC27 was the keynoted speaker.

May 1st – Harry Anderson, Judge from “Night Court” visited Mechanicsburg. He was given a key to the City from the Mayor’s Office. I thought he might swap the “Night Court” gavel for a key, he said no.

Trivia Question: How many years has the Joseph T. Simpson Library been served by the Friends of the Library?

Answer: 30 years.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief Spotts had nothing to report. Councilman Humes asked Chief Spotts why the Borough had a dramatic drop in traffic citations this year. Chief Spotts indicated it was due to the reduction in Smooth Operator Grant funding, by fifty percent.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

No report.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

No report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Capital Area COG - McDermott – No report.

Community Development – Humes – No report.

Environmental Committee – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported the next EAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 15th at 6:30 PM in the 2nd floor conference room.

Finance/Appropriations/Insurance – Whitcomb – No report.

Fire – Ciecierski – Councilman Ciecierski reported that the next meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Health and Recreation – Ryder – Vice President Ryder reported that the next meeting is Tuesday May 11, 2010 at 7 PM. Vice President Ryder reported that a survey on renovations to the Tennis Courts at Memorial Park was sent out on the back of the April sewer bills. The chart distributed these evening shows the responses to date. Manager Dennis added that this idea came out of the

Comprehensive Plan implementation committee meeting and the hope was to obtain input from residents on what they would like to see at the tennis court. Manager Dennis stated that rehab of the tennis courts was the most selected choice followed by Community Garden. President Whitcomb asked Manager Dennis when the pocket park at York and Simpson would be mowed. Manager Dennis reported that the Highway Department mowed it this afternoon. Councilman Seagrist asked how many residents responded to the survey. Boyer stated that 138 residents responded. Councilman Seagrist asked if the Borough would continue to track the responses through the end of the billing period. Boyer indicated that they would. Councilman Humes asked Manager Dennis to get a proposal from the tennis club on the possible public use, if they rehabbed the site. Some discussion followed on the subject.

Highway/Public Safety – Whitcomb – President Whitcomb stated that a meeting will be scheduled at a future date.

Loan Review Committee - Humes – No report.

Ordinance Administration – Ciecierski – No report.

Property & Buildings – Seagrist – Councilman Seagrist reported a very expensive item is on the agenda.

Public Communications – McDermott – Councilman McDermott reported the deadline for the summer newsletter is Friday.

School Board - Ryder – No report.

AGENDA ITEMS – May 4, 2010

- **Discussion and possible action to approve Debt enabling Ordinance 1114.**

Manager Dennis introduced Joe Pierce and Mike Wolf who are in attendance this evening to answer any question regarding the bond issuance. Councilman Ciecierski made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1114 as presented. Councilman Humes seconded the motion. Councilman Seagrist noted that Council just received the final copy of the Ordinance that will place the Borough 14.8 million dollars in debt this evening. President Whitcomb stated that a draft copy was in packet, accompanied by a memo from the Borough Manager. Mr. Wolf explained the process required to obtain the final figures for the Ordinance and reviewed the advertising requirements for the Debt Ordinance with Borough Council. Councilman Seagrist asked that the spelling of Silver Spring Township on page three of the document be corrected to remove the s from Springs. Councilman Seagrist asked that a notation be added to indicate that this debt was a result of the Department of Environmental Protections Chesapeake Bay initiative. Solicitor Schropp agreed with Mr. Pierce that was not appropriate for the Debt Ordinance, as the DEP Permit and contract documents reflect the State mandate for nitrogen level reduction. After some additional discussion, Councilman Ciecierski amended his motion to include with correction of the two typographical errors noted by Councilman Seagrist. Councilman Humes amended her second.

Mr. Wolf made a presentation to Borough Council on the Bond Purchase Agreement. He explained the bond marketing process. Mr. Wolf reviewed Exhibit A with Council which shows the interest rate over the life of the bond which ranges from 2% to 4.4%. The cost for this bond issuance was 4.26%. The Bonds can be prepaid by the Borough without penalty beginning December 1, 2015. Mr. Wolf explained that the capitalized interest on the bonds will pay the debt service on the sewer portion of the bonds in 2010, 2011 and a portion of 2012 until the plant upgrade is complete. Mr. Wolf explained that in addition to the 13.3 million for the sewer upgrades a Biosolids composting project, this issuance will refund the 2003 bonds. Mr. Wolf directed Borough Council to Exhibit D which outlined the savings Council would experience by refunding the 2003 bond issuances. Mr. Wolf stated that bond monies should be expended within three years of issuance. The refunding of these bonds will result in a net present value benefit of savings of \$100,000 for the Borough. The Bond purchase Agreement is attached to

the minutes of this meeting. President Whitcomb opened the floor for questions, and there were none. President Whitcomb called for the roll call vote:

Ciecierski	Yea	Ryder	Yea
Humes	Yea	Seagrist	Yea
Kiskis	Yea	Whitcomb	Yea
McDermott	Yea		

The motion passed with all in favor.

- Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 06-2010 approving the submission of the Hess Farm Plan Sewer Planning Module to DEP.**
 Mr. Ron Adams, Wastewater Superintendent, was present to address Borough Council on the sewer planning module for the Hess Farm Land Development Plan. Mr. Adams stated that this document informs DEP that the Borough has the capacity at its wastewater treatment plant to treat the 200,000 gallons of wastewater projected to be generated from this project. It does state that the Borough does not have capacity in its collection system to convey the wastewater to the Treatment Plant. Mr. Adams stated there have been no changes since this was before Council two years ago for consideration. Some discussion followed on the appropriate name for the submission, with Manager Dennis noting this is an open land development plan, and Mr. DeSouza is still working on the unlimited time extension given for this plan under the Carlino submission. Mr. Adams stated that the developer is responsible for the fees associated with the submission of the planning module. Councilman Ciecierski made a motion, second by Councilman McDermott, to adopt Resolution 06-2010 as presented. The motion passed with seven voting in favor.
- Discussion and possible action to award paving bid for a portion of Allendale Road.**
 President Whitcomb inquired what the time line was for this project. Manager Dennis reported that there is one curb that needs to be repaired by a resident and then this project can get underway. Manager Dennis stated he hoped to have the North Washington Street and the Allendale Road project done by the end of May. Vice President Ryder made a motion to award the paving bid to Womex Inc of Grantham, Pa in the amount of \$29,097. Councilman Humes seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Kiskis reported that several thousand people visited Mechanicsburg’s Earth Day Festival. Councilman Kiskis thanked the Fire and Police Department and Office Manager Boyer for their help with the event.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 PM President Whitcomb adjourned the meeting.



Patrick E. Dennis, Borough Secretary