

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
36 West Allen Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6257  
January 3, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Seagrist called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Seagrist led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT ROLL CALL**

Vice President McDermott made a motion to accept the roll call from the re-organizational meeting. Councilman Kiskis seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Schorpp, Chief Spotts, Chief Seagrist, Secretary Dennis, Assistant Secretary Boyer.

Press: Roger Quigley – Patriot News

John Anthony, Harry Baker, Russ Baker Marty Coover, Emma & Janie Crisci, Lon Deardorff, Gary Eichelberger, Sean Forsythe, Dave Hoover, Jeanne Kleinert, W. Kocher, Gail McDermott, Mike McKenney, Connie Miller, Jack Neibert, Matt Steele, Jay, Dolores, Lauren & Dustin Stoner, Ron Trace, Jim VanKirk, Bill Walker.

**GUESTS**

Gary Eichelberger, 606 South Arch Street, addressed Borough Council regarding the recently passed Resolution against the congressional redistricting which divided Mechanicsburg Borough between two congressional districts. Commissioner Eichelberger applauded Council for their actions and offered his support. President Seagrist thanked Commissioner Eichelberger for being here this evening and for his support in this matter.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

There were none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice President McDermott made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Councilman Humes seconded the motion and President Seagrist opened the floor for discussion. With no discussion, the motion passed with all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Whitcomb made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2011 Council meeting. Councilman Kiskis seconded the motion, and with no discussion the motion passed with all voting in favor.

**THE MANAGER REPORTS**

Manager Dennis stated that all the candidates for Solicitor have been scheduled for interviews on January 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 PM.

## **THE MAYOR REPORTS**

- December 21<sup>st</sup> – Elmwood Elementary School presented their holiday music program, The Twelve Days of Christmas. I was honored having received 50 hand written invitations.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup>- Officiated a wedding at the Mayor's Office and one at the Union Church.
- December 30<sup>th</sup> –The Mayor was honored to present MDJ Mark W. Martin to the Cumberland County for his swearing in ceremony.
- December 31<sup>st</sup> –Mechanicsburg Wrench Drop was a great success. Great weather and a large well behaved crowd. The Union Church was opened for tours.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – Crime Watch meeting. Learn about hand guns, long guns, ownership, use and safety. Officer Lazzarevich of the Mechanicsburg Police Department along with a State and Federal Fire Arms Licensed dealer will be the speakers. All fire arms questions welcome.
- Museum note: Check out the restored railroad freight wagon thanks to Gerald Forrey and Richard Snelbaker.

**Trivia Question:** How did Greenray Industries located on Church Road get its name?

**Answer:** Founded by Ray Green. Greenray makes electronic components for aero space. They are celebrating 50 years of service this year.

## **THE CHIEF OF POLICE REPORTS**

Chief Spotts reported receipt of letters of commendation for Lt. Myers and Sgt. Dyer for their work at recent incidents.

## **THE SOLICITOR REPORTS**

No report.

## **THE ENGINEER REPORTS**

Manager Dennis stated that Engineer Barber is reviewing the Hollinger Group plan and it will be on the Planning Commission agenda this month.

## **THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTS**

No report.

## **THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Capital Region COG-** McDermott – Vice President McDermott stated the COG Annual dinner will be held on January 16, 2012.

**Community Development/ Downtown-** Humes- No report.

**Ordinance-Administration-Legislative Action** – No Report

**Environmental Committee** – Seagrist – The EAC will meet on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the second floor conference room.

**Finance-Appropriations-Insurance** – Miller – Councilman Miller noted that he will be calling a Finance Committee meeting on January 18, 2012, at 7 PM for the purpose of amending the 2012 budget. Solicitor Schorpp stated that when the budget is re-opened it must be advertised and on display for 10 days prior to adoption and the process must be completed by February 15, 2012.

**Fire Committee** – No report.

**Health-Recreation** – Manager Dennis stated that there will be a meeting with pool staff next Tuesday to discuss the 2012 pool season. The Recreation Commission will meet next Tuesday at 7 PM in the second floor conference room.

**Highway & Public Safety** – No report.

**Loan Review Committee** – No report.

**Personnel Committee**-No report.

**Property-Buildings** – No report.

**Public Communications** – McDermott – Vice President McDermott stated that the annual report is at the printers and will be out in about two weeks and February 3, 2012 is the deadline for the spring/summer edition of the Borough Newsletter. The Newsletter is due out in April.

**School Board** – No report.

### **AGENDA ITEMS – January 3, 2012**

◆ **Discussion and possible action to appoint Jason Foster as the Building Code Official on the HARB, replacing Jeff Gardner, with a term to expire December 31, 2014.**

Councilman Whitcomb made a motion to appoint Jason Foster as the Building Code Official on the HARB for a term to expire December 31, 2014. Councilman Humes seconded the motion, this passed with all in favor.

◆ **Discussion and possible action to appoint Tom Viehman to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term, expiring December 31, 2014.**

Councilman Whitcomb made a motion to appoint Tom Viehman to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term to expire December 31, 2014. Councilman Stoner seconded the motion and President Seagrist opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Miller made a motion to table this appointment until Mr. Viehman can be brought before Borough Council and questions be asked as he does not believe future appointments and reappointments should be made blindly. The motion to table died for lack of a second. Councilman Humes stated that what Councilman Miller stated does have some merit, however, she does not feel this is the appropriate time to make the change as this would single out Mr. Viehman. Councilman Humes stated that she would prefer to discuss a policy change such as this at a future date. Councilman Kiskis spoke in support of Councilman Humes position, stating that a change should be discussed and implemented if desired at a future date. After discussion, President Seagrist called for a vote and the motion passed by a vote of four in favor (Humes, Kiskis, Stoner, Whitcomb) and three against (McDermott, Miller, Seagrist)

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Ritter thanked Scott Ryder and Dave Russell for the collage of Borough buildings, which they donated to the Borough Council.

Vice President McDermott stated that he would like to request a Resolution for Blake Lawrence.

President Seagrist introduced Robin Guido, Carlisle Borough Council person and his sister.


Councilman Kiskis thanked Solicitor Schorpp for his service to the Borough.

Councilman Stoner asked if the Solicitor interviews would conflict with the Recreation Commission meeting. Manager Dennis stated that Recreation Commission could meet upstairs.

Chief Seagrist thanked Solicitor Schorpp for his help and service to the Borough.

### **ADJOURN**

President Seagrist adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.



Patrick Dennis  
Borough Secretary