

BOROUGH OF MECHANICSBURG COUNCIL MEETING
& CONDITIONAL USE HEARING
36 West Allen Street, Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055
June 1, 2021; 7:30 PM

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

7:15 PM

Small Scale Office Professional use at the property located at 308 East Main Street in the Old Town Zoning District, tax parcel ID #17-23-0565-238.

Vice President Miller called the Conditional Use Hearing to order at 7:15 PM. Solicitor Cassidy explained the format for the Conditional Use Hearing. The Court Reporter swore in the witnesses who were to give testimony. The transcript from the Court Reporter is attached to the minutes.

AT 7:34 PM the Conditional Use Hearing was adjourned.

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

7:34 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Weber called the Borough Council meeting to order at 7:34 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL, Vice President Miller, Councilwoman Agerton, Councilmen Anthony, Bucher, Pellman, Mayor Ritter, Solicitor Cassidy, Engineer Rogalski, Chief Myers, Chief Neff, EMC Wardle, Manager Ciecierski and Assistant Manager Boyer. Public per the attached list. President Weber and Councilman Whitcomb were absent.

GUESTS

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on May 19, 2021, as presented. Councilwoman Agerton seconded the motion and it passed with four in favor and Councilman Bucher abstaining as he was absent at the last meeting.

THE ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Rogalski reported the pool renovation project is completed and the pool has been filled with water for the season. Engineer Rogalski reported the next phase, number 3, at Legacy Park is underway.

COMMUNITY LIAISON REPORTS:

DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP – AGERTON

Councilwoman Agerton reported that the Downtown Partnership is still meeting monthly via Zoom. She reported that work continues on Community Day in conjunction with the Recreation Board. She reported that the Partnership is reevaluating their events to meet current mandates.

LIBRARY – PELLMAN

Councilman Pellman reported the library will be moving some of its activities back into the library. Face masks will be required for attendance unless fully vaccinated. Check the online calendar for upcoming events. The Friends of the Library will hold a shop and dine out at Ashcombe (20%) and TJ Rockwell (15%) on June 2nd with a portion of the sales at Ashcombe and meals at TJ Rockwell's being donated to the Friends of the Library. June 5th will be the kick off to the summer reading program. On June 3rd at 7 PM there will be a concert by a fiddling trio from Boston and you can register online to attend.

MUSEUM ASSOCIATION – WEBER

No Report.

DOWNTOWN PROGRAM SERVICE MANAGER - YEARICK

Rebecca Yearick submitted a written report which is attached. Ms. Yearick reported that the historic easement for the Museum Association Tavern will be completed and signed next week.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Pellman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion and Action on the Conditional Use Application for Office, Small Scale Use at 308 East Main Street, submitted by Jason Smith.

Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Application for office, small scale use at 308 East Main Street, condition upon the items set forth in the memorandum from Engineer Rogalski date April 25,2021 (attached). Councilwoman Agerton seconded the motion, The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 04-2021 Regarding of Cumberland County's Proposed Sale of Claremont Manor.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-2021 as presented. Councilwoman Agerton seconded the motion. Vice President Miller opened the floor for discussion. Councilman Anthony asked EMC Wardle to expand on this memo that was in Council packets. EMC Wardle explained the history of the County owned nursing facilities over the last twenty years. He reviewed some of the issues other institutions have faced after sale. EMC Wardle stated the proposed buyer is a respected name in the nursing home industry. Much discussion followed on the pros and cons of private versus public owned facilities. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Borough Solicitor to Prepare Documents for Transfer of Assets from the Borough to the Municipal Authority.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare documents for transfer of assets from the Borough to the Municipal Authority. Councilman Anthony seconded the motion, and the floor was opened for discussion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a 60-day Extension for Recording of the Mechanicsburg Area School District High School Land Development Plan.

Councilman Pellman made a motion to accept the 60-day Extension offered by Mechanicsburg Area School District for recording of the Mechanicsburg Area School District High School Land Development Plan. Councilman Bucher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Expenditures, from All Funds, for the Period Beginning May 1, 2021, through May 31, 2021:

Fire Fund	\$39,762.95	Pool Fund	\$27,081.45
General Fund	\$246,324.92	Capital Fund	\$689.55
Highway Fund	\$12,136.70		

Councilman Anthony made a motion to approve expenditures from all funds, for the period beginning May 1, 2021, through May 31, 2021, as listed. Councilwoman Agerton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Ciecierski stated that he passed his certification test and can now inspect the slides at the pool. Councilman Pellman stated that he wished to express condolences to Vice President Miller on the passing of his father.

Councilman Bucher thanked Sgt. Lazzarevich and Officer Paulus, and the Mechanicsburg Police Department for their help with a bicycle safety video.

Councilwoman Agerton stated she attended the South Mountain Trolley Friends of the Greenway meeting last Saturday. Councilwoman Agerton thanked Councilman Pellman for organizing the Memorial Day events at the Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

Solicitor Cassidy noted it is nice to see everyone in person, after only meeting on Zoom the last several months.

Chief Neff stated that the Fire Company will be conducting training Sunday June 6th at the Legacy Park site.

ADJOURN

At 8:02 PM Vice President Miller adjourned the meeting.

Roger Ciecierski, Borough Manager