

DECEMBER 12, 2014  
WAYNESBORO, PA 17268  
SPECIAL MEETING

Council President C. Harold Mumma called the special meeting of the Waynesboro Borough Council to order at 8:15 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Borough Council Members – Benjamin Greenawalt, Delmos Oldham, Darrel Potts, C. Harold Mumma, Hans Bader and Michael Cermak

Mayor Richard Starliper

Borough Staff – Jason Stains, Assistant Borough Manager  
Dan Sheffler, Zoning-Code Enforcement Officer  
Kevin Grubbs, Head of Engineering Services  
Mike Bock, Police Sergeant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Starliper led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TOURISM & QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCEMENT GRANT**

**(WALKING TRAIL):** Jason Stains presented an overview and update of the grant opportunity for a proposed walking trail in Waynesboro. While GMS Funding Solutions was on retainer for the Borough, one of their tasks was to present any grant opportunities that arose. They had reviewed the Borough/Township Joint Comprehensive Plan and read about the goal for a trail and increased pedestrian access between residential and recreational areas and adjacent to school district property; and presented the opportunity to apply for funding through the Franklin County Tourism & Quality of Life Enhancement Grant Program. This opportunity, however, arose between Council meetings and there was not sufficient time to bring the matter before Council prior to the application deadline. The grant application was submitted; and at the second Borough Council meeting in November, the matter was brought before Council for a decision on whether to continue with or remove the application from the pool. At that meeting, the matter was tabled for discussion at the first meeting in December to allow time for public input. At the 12/03 Council meeting, a vote was called on the matter which resulted in a 3-3 tie vote. The Mayor was asked to break the tie, and chose to take ten (10) days for action ... which is the purpose of this meeting today.

Mr. Stains noted they were originally told that a decision on the applications would be made in January. Since Council's last meeting, however, the review process has moved forward. Out of nine (9) applicants for the pool of money, Waynesboro's was one of five that was recommended to move forward. The requested budget of \$135,000 was reduced to \$94,644, and the matter will go before the Franklin County Commissioners for final approval next week. Due to the fact that the budget was reduced, Kevin Grubbs was instructed to prepare three (3) scenarios for the trail (if

Council decides to continue with the process), and those budgets were provided to Council for review. He briefly reviewed the estimates, as follows:

- Mulched walking trail \$147,840
- Stone walking trail \$124,823
- Natural walking trail \$122,100

Mr. Stains added that there is also the option of re-applying for the same grant program in 2015 and “phasing” the project.

President Mumma read the following statement approved by the Solicitor –

“At the Borough Council meeting on December 3, 2014, Borough Council considered the application for the grant for a proposed walking trail from E. Fourth Street to Renfrew Park through the Franklin County Tourism and Quality of Life Enhancement Grant Program.

Councilman Cermak made a motion, for discussion purposes, to approve the application for a proposed walking trail through the Franklin County Tourism and Quality of Life Enhancement Grant Program. Councilman Bader seconded.

After discussion, Councilman Cermak amended his motion to accept the Franklin County Tourism and Quality of Life Enhancement Grant and create a walking trail, as proposed, if the Borough’s application is approved by Franklin County. Councilman Bader seconded.

After further discussion, a vote was called. Voting in favor were: Darrel Potts, C. Harold Mumma and Michael Cermak; and voting in opposition were: Delmos Oldham, Benjamin Greenawalt and Hans Bader. The Mayor was asked to vote on the 3-3 tie, and he opted to take ten (10) days for action.

On December 9, 2014, Jason Stains, Assistant Borough Manager, distributed a memo to members of Borough Council outlining tie votes from the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

The matter is before Borough Council again. At this time, is there anyone who would like to change their vote?”

Hearing none, Mayor Starliper was asked for his vote.

Mayor Starliper noted there has been a lot of discussion (both ways) on this matter. He has been informed by the FCC Chairman Dave Keller that if the Borough would decide to continue, they could apply for additional funds next year; and the staff has been informed that Summit Health may also have available funding to assist with the project.

Mr. Starliper stated that he received numerous emails, telephone calls and personal contacts regarding this matter. Mike Christopher (Washington Township) contacted him to voice support and an offer of assistance in any other future grants for the project. He added that when he casts his vote, there will be some hard feelings (which should not be); but his office will take the appropriate action if there is any physical or verbal abuse to Council members or staff. He reminded those present that his vote is not a “yes” or “no” for an individual, it is for the community of Waynesboro. That said, he voted “yes” (in favor of the walking trail).

President Mumma thanked the public for their attendance and input.

**ANY POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS:** None.

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**ACKNOWLEDGE CORRESPONDENCE RE: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Jason Stains noted that copies of correspondence received from Richard Poling (who resides now at Quincy Village, but was a long-time resident of Waynesboro) were distributed to Council. Mr. Poling noted concern regarding pedestrian accidents in the community and offered several suggestions (such as additional turn-arrows/lanes and eliminating mid-block crosswalks). The Street Committee will be reviewing his recommendations and looking at several options; and Mayor Starliper suggested that a PENNDOT representative be asked to attend the next Street Committee meeting. Kevin Grubbs mentioned that an in-depth traffic study could be conducted, but would be very costly. Council acknowledged receipt of Mr. Poling’s correspondence, and the staff will issue an appropriate follow-up response.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS:** Councilman Cermak noted that he received many telephone calls regarding the walking trail (31 in favor and 2 against), and feels Council should do what the community wants.

Mayor Starliper thanked everyone for their input.

President Mumma noted that he also received many telephone calls (30+) regarding the walking trail, none of which were against it (with the exception of the views expressed in the newspaper and at previous Council meetings). He gave assurance that the Borough will work for the safety of the school system, which he feels that everyone does now. He again thanked the public for their participation.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m. on a Greenawalt/Cermak motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda S. Knott  
Administrative Assistant