

Mechanicsburg Borough
Historic Architectural Review Board
Monday, August 3rd, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

The following were present:

Board Members: Chairman Haines, Codes Officer Ciecierski, M. Scolforo, T. DeWire & L. Humes

Staff: Sara Heenan - Administrative Assistant

Council: M. Stoner

Liaison: K. Miller - Absent

Applicants: None

Absent Board Members: M. Eberly & Vice Chairman Querry

Others: Nadezda Ivanova & Rebecca Yearick

- I. **Call to Order**
Chairman Haines called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Approval of the July 6, 2015 Minutes**
DeWire moved to approve the minutes as presented and Scolforo seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.
- III. **Placement of Items on the Consent Agenda**
None.
- IV. **Approval of the Consent Agenda Applications**
No consent agenda applications.
- V. **Application of World War Memorial Post 109 – 224 West Main Street – for Repair of Soffit and Covering of New Soffit in Aluminum to Match Existing and Encasing Window Edges in Aluminum.**
After some discussion, DeWire motioned to table the application because there was no applicant present to clarify the scope of the work being done and to answer some questions the Board had on the application. Humes seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

VI. Correspondence

A. Presentation from Rebecca Yearick – Downtown Coordinator.

Yearick gave a presentation about the previously condemned/blighted and now fire damaged property at 203 East Main Street. The sum of which was a request for the HARB's support of the Redevelopment Authority's project in conjunction with the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership, Museum Association and the Borough of Mechanicsburg to acquire the building, raze it and utilize the lot as a public space. The goal being to go into the project with as much support and as united a front as possible. Humes made a motion to support the project, seconded by DeWire that passed with all in favor.

VII. Other Business

A. 2015 HARB Awards.

The Board discussed potential award recipients for this year's HARB Awards. Codes Officer Ciecierski noted that he thinks properties that came in front of the Board throughout the year should be rewarded over properties that did not. Chairman Haines suggested that all Board members go out and take a look at potential houses and come back and discuss at the September meeting, making a point to suggest looking at homes off of Main and Market Streets. The Board also requested that staff send out a list of the previously recognized properties to refresh their memories.

B. Public Comment.

Nadezda Ivanova of 327 West Main Street asked the Board about what could be done to force her neighbor to maintain their property in a manner more consistent with the way she and her husband have taken to restore their own home. The Board advised her that short of any codes violations, which she would have to report to Codes Officer Ciecierski at the Borough Office, rather than the HARB, there was nothing they could do to force someone to update their property. Ciecierski stated that he would look into any code violations at the location, but would need Ivanova to contact the Codes Office.

VIII. Adjournment

DeWire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Humes seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.