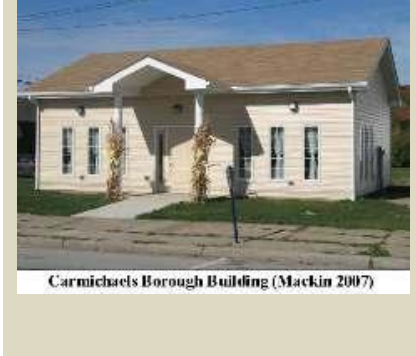


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\$8k SURPLUS SLATED FOR REPAIRS IN CARMICHAELS

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CARMICHAELS — Carmichaels Borough Council learned Tuesday it will be able to use the remaining \$8,000 of a state grant it received to replace sidewalks at the borough building to make repairs to borough streets. The borough received for the reallocation of the money from the state Department of Community and Economic Development borough secretary Brandi Streit said.



The borough received a \$25,000 grant from DCED last year to replace sidewalks at the building. The project ended up costing only \$17,000. Council then asked DCED if the remaining funds could be reallocated for street repairs.

Council president John Paletta noted the money could only be used for street repairs and not for the purchase of signs, as apparently some council members had discussed. Councilwoman Annie Thomas, who chairs the street committee, said she would meet with maintenance worker Jim Petron to determine what work should be done with the money.

Streit also announced street closings for the annual King Coal Show Parade, which will be held Aug. 27. The car parade will begin at 3:50 p.m. with the regular parade at 4 p.m. All vehicles parked along the parade route must be removed from the streets by 2 p.m. or they will be towed, Streit said. Streets that are part of the parade route then will be closed to regular traffic at 3:30 p.m. The parade will follow Route 88, Morgantown Street, Market Street, Greene Street and George Street.

Streit also asked that no folding chairs be placed along the parade route until the morning of the parade. Chairs placed at the curb before that will be removed by the borough. Streit noted the chairs can present a danger to people trying to get out of parked cars.

Streit also reported Michael's Auto is sponsoring a tractor parade at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 3 that will use Ceylon Road, Morgantown Street, Market Street, George Street and Route 88 as a parade route. Parade sponsors are required to pay a \$150 fee and provide a \$1,000 deposit. The deposit is refunded after the parade.

Councilman Ralph McWilliams said he had received reports of speeding on South and Market streets at a time when the borough police officer was not on duty.

Council discussed who is responsible for setting the schedule for the police. Councilman Chris Bates said under the borough code the mayor has the authority to schedule hours though scheduling usually has been left to the discretion of the police chief. He said he would talk to Chief Mike Gyrke about mixing up the hours in which he is on duty.

Resident Dean Campbell, who last month asked council to do something about a neighbor who was burning brush near his home, thanked council for resolving the matter. Campbell, a retired military policeman, said he would also like to discuss with council a plan to increase police protection in the borough. Paletta said he would be included on next month's agenda.