Five candidates for Marietta Boro Council state their positions



James Howell

JAMES HOWELL Biographical Information

Three years ago James Howell, and family, came to Marietta after a 30 year career in the U. S. Air Force. During that career he served in a variety of responsible positions, from B-17 Squadron leader during WWII to Command and Senior Staff Colonel in Personnel, Administration and Manpower fields throughout the world. He also attended the Air University in Montgomery, Ala.

Howell (better known as Jay) was the last Director of Personnel and Base Commander at Olmsted A.F.B.

Middletown, and it was there that the Howells, midwesterners by birth, decided to retire in this area. Their decision had the unanimous approval of their children, too.

Daughter Jacqueline is a senior at Donegal High School and will attend Clarion State College this fall. Daughter Jennifer is a senior at Michigan State University. Another daughter, Jill, will graduate this fall from Weber State College in Ogden, Utah, and their son Jim is working for his master's degree in geology at the University of Utah.

Upon their arrival in Marietta, the Howells opened the White Swan Tavern Antique Shop and entered into community affairs. Jay served briefly as Borough Housing officer before being appointed to a vacant position on the Borough Council in November, 1974.

Howell's Statement -

Of the many problems facing our borough during the next few years, the primary one is financial. In this period of increasing costs and shrinking revenues, many hard, and often unpopular decisions must be made if we are to survive as a Borough. These decisions will require Councilmen who can see tomorrow's problems as well as

today's, and can differentiate between critical needs and those which might be deserving, but ones the Bor-

ough simply cannot afford. I believe that the Restoration and reservation activities that began in the mid-60's in Marietta are positive assets for the Borough. Restoration has brought many fine, new citizens to Marietta as well as much needed "new money," but most importantly, it has changed slum and potential slum & dwellings into nice homes. This, in turn, has increased the Borough tax base, without raising taxes, and has made Marietta a finer place in which to work and live. The preservation of our fine old buildings which are a tangible reminder of our proud heritage, should be continued.

Lastly, your Borough Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. It needs your participation, both as an observer and active contributor.

OLIVER C. OVERLANDER, II Biographical Information

Mr. Overlander, 27, was born in York, Pa. He graduated from York Suburban Senior High School in 1965.



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He became interested in architecture, restoration and antiques, and is currently self-employed as a cabinetmaker in the antique field.

Mr. Overlander and his late wife moved to Marietta from York to their restored residence at 450 East Front Street. Mr. Overlander has a 3 year old son, Oliver C. Overlander, III. He is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mount Joy.

Presently vice-president of Borough Council, Overlander is serving the last year of a three year appointment to Borough Council after being active as Housing Officer for the Borough. He was also very active in the Borough's behalf during

the Agnes Flood in 1972. His hobbies include fishing, camping, gardening, and various outdoor sports.

Overlander's Statement -

I have learned a great deal about local government since my appointment to Borough Council. I believe many of Marietta's problems are a result of poor planning in past years.

Marietta has improved a great deal since the sewage system was installed and the collection of trash was established, thus eliminating burning within the Borough limits. Our present zoning ordinance was a big move in the right direction as far as planning ahead.

But Marietta can only improve if its leaders are capable of dealing with each problem with an open mind. People have moved into town and preserved many of Marietta's old homes dating back to the eighteen hundreds, and others have constructed new homes within the Borough. Both these movements are good because the old homes are being well preserved and our limited building lots are being utilized with new construction.

I feel tax payers deserve more than they are getting at the present time from their elected officials. We have a good police force, but there is still room for improvement. Ordinances that we now have should be enforced more often to help clean up the town. Many of our streets leave something to be desired.

If re-elected I can only promise that I would continue to work for a better community for each and every citizen within the various other locations throughout the community.



Robert E. Long
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Biographical Information

Robert E. Long, 56, was born in Shamokin, Pa., and has resided in Marietta for the past 29 years. He and

