

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, March 26, 2007, beginning at 7:17 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Council Members Bill Brobst acting as President Pro Temp, Paul Kinney, Dan Knorr and Paul Houseknecht; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski, Code Enforcement/ Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Planner Robert Aungst and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent were Mayor Claude Renninger and Council Members Terry Lemon and Don Pursel.

APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Solicitor Jack Mihalik as hearing officer.

PUBLIC HEARING – WILLIAM MAY VARIANCE FROM FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

A Public Hearing was held at 7:03 p.m. where Council heard testimony on a request from William May of 456 West Third Street for a variance from the floodplain ordinance. Mr. May's building permit request for a newly constructed carport six feet longer than the current carport was denied because he did not provide "a document, certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, which states that the proposed construction has been adequately designed to withstand the 100 year flood elevations, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces and other hydrostatics, hydrodynamic and buoyancy factors associated with the 100 year flood" as required by the ordinance. Mr. May claimed his hardship was the age of his wife and her medical conditions. Mr. May stated that the carport openings would be on the north and south sides which is the way the floodwaters flow. He provided a photograph of the current carport flooded during the June 2006 event.

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council granted the variance.

Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing concluded at 7:16 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council appointed B. Brobst as President Pro Temp to preside over the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Vice President.

NO PLACE FOR HATE BANNER/PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Pauline Garcia, No Place for Hate Project Director of the Anti-Defamation League presented a banner and plaque to Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 904 – AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 904, amending certain sections of the motor vehicle and traffic regulations in force in the Town of Bloomsburg, as set forth in Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances, including traffic regulations, parking regulations and handicapped parking.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 12, 2007 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BOYER AND RITTER FROM PENSION PLANS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of an invoice from Boyer and Ritter for auditing services from the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$1,850.00 and from the Town Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,850.00.

APPROVAL OF NINETY-DAY TIME EXTENSION – MICHAEL AMBROSINO – SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for Michael Ambrosino's subdivision/land development plan.

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION - MICHAEL AMBROSINO – SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a modification from Section 22-505.1.A to reduce the twenty (20) foot minimum width for drainage easements to ten (10) foot for Michael Ambrosino's subdivision/land development plan located at 222 East Ninth Street.

APPROVAL OF AWARDED 2007 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT TO HAZLETON SITE CONTRACTORS

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council awarded the 2007 Street Resurfacing Project to Hazleton Site Contractors in the low bid amount of \$87,075.45.

APPROVAL OF AWARDED 2007 STREET MICRO-SURFACING PROJECT TO E.J. BRENEMAN L. P.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council awarded the 2007 Street Micro-Surfacing Project to E. J. Breneman L. P. in the low bid amount of \$58,665.40.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss a police personnel issue and did not reconvene.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary