

A special meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 29, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Paul Kinney, Paul Houseknecht, Diane Levan, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa and W. Carey Howell; Town Administrator Carol Mas and Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ed Fegley.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – RICHARD AND CAROL MARTIN FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST

Prior to the beginning of the special meeting, a Public Hearing was held at 6:00pm on a variance request from Richard and Carol Martin from the floodplain ordinance for the construction of carport on the west side of 496 West Main Street where a covered porch once stood.

Carol Martin appeared before Council to request a variance from the floodplain ordinance. She distributed past and current photos of the property. They included photos of the deteriorated 8' x 14' wooden porch that they would like to replace with a 14' x 20' carport. The structure will allow flood waters to flow through. When asked, E. Fegley said the Code Office had no objections to the variance request.

Hearing no additional public input, the Public Hearing concluded at 6:04pm.

#### APPROVAL OF RICHARD AND CAROL MARTIN'S FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE REQUEST

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the variance request of Richard and Carol Martin to construct a 14' x 20' carport on the west side of 496 West Main Street where an 8' x 14' covered wooden porch once stood.

#### APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Due to the absence of a quorum, HARB applicants appeared before Council for consideration of their applications.

Michael Morucci, owner of the property located at 310-312 East Street would like to construct roofs over each of the entrances to the building. There has been a continued problem with ice forming causing a safety issue. He explained that down spouting would be installed so the water would not run down the sidewalk. The existing wrought iron railing will remain. The roofing material will match the current shingles on the roof of the house. On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Michael Morucci to frame and finish roofs over the entrances at **310-312 East Street**.

Luther Black, contractor for property owner Charles Pursel of 398 Market Street, appeared before Council with samples of a composite lumber to replace the wooden porch floor on the front of the structure. Composite lumber is made of recycled tires and plastic and will last much longer than conventional wood products. The 5/4 tongue and groove flooring would be grey in color with a wood grain look and feel. HARB member Donna Lemon informed Council that this would be an acceptable replacement. E. Fegley concurred. On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Charles Pursel to replace the wooden porch floor with composite lumber at **398 Market Street**.

Stephanie Hauze, representative for business owner Laura Brehmer, requested permission to install a sign for a new business located at 212 Iron Street as part of a Façade Grant application. A wrought iron scrolled bracket would be affixed to the building beneath the second story window. A double sided 34" x 18" aluminum sign would hang from the bracket. On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and

voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Laura Brehmer to install a wrought iron bracket and hang a double sided 34" x 18" aluminum sign at **212 Iron Street**. The sign will also need zoning approval.

APPROVAL OF STEVE PERSING TO ATTEND SIMUNITION® INSTRUCTION TRAINING

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved Officer Steve Persing to attend Simunition® Instruction Training in Hershey on November 18-20, 2008.

APPROVAL OF ALLOCATING FFY 2008 CDBG FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY MATCH

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved allocating \$11,500.00 of FFY 2008 CDBG administrative funds for the local match to conduct a downtown parking study once DCED grant approval is received.

The meeting adjourned into an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate at 6:46pm and reconvened at 7:02pm.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF JANET LEIBY PROPERTY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on Six (6) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, P. Houseknecht, K. Shepperson, S. Costa and C. Howell voting "Yes") to One (1) (P. Kinney voting "No"), Council approved the purchase of the Janet Leiby property located at 1267 Fort McClure Boulevard in the amount of \$80,000.00 giving the tenant 60 days notice to vacate. A grant from the Luzerne County Mitigation Fund through the Columbia County Commissioners will fund the purchase.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary