

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held this Monday, April 24, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor, Claude Renninger; Council Members, Bill Brobst, Terry Lemon, Paul Kinney, Dan Knorr, Paul Houseknecht and Don Pursel; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Code Enforcement/Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DAN MEYER

Dan Meyer asked for permission to sleep over at the Town Park on April 29th to raise awareness for Invisible Children, Inc. Uganda children between the ages of five and fourteen are taken from their homes to fight in the army. To avoid being taken away these children will walk miles to safety areas in order to sleep. To replicate their life Bloomsburg University students will walk from Carver Hall to the park and spend the night. On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved Mr. Meyer's request and asked that he coordinate the event with Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 10, 2006 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD CONNER TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Richard Conner to the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board to complete the term of George Hemingway which expires on December 31, 2006.

APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved allocating \$29,730.00 and \$5,300.00 to Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. (DBI) with the understanding that if DBI is successful in obtaining a DCED grant they will reimburse the town \$5,000.00.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPOINTMENT OF FLOOD PROTECTION FUNDING TASK FORCE

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council authorized the appointment of a Flood Protection Funding Task Force based upon the recommendation of Council. The appointment of five to nine members from Bloomsburg and the surrounding area will be made at the May 8, 2006 Council meeting. Their charge will be to locate funding sources for the proposed Bloomsburg Area Flood Control Project as well as the Kawneer project.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on Six (6) (C. Renninger, T. Lemon, P. Kinney, D. Knorr, P. Houseknecht, D. Pursel voting "Yes") to One (1) (B. Brobst voting "No"), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Robert Dworsak to renovate the exterior of **21 East Main Street** with the upper Keller Wholesale sign being restored and left in place and with Historic Architectural Review Boards approval to uncover all five windows instead of the three they had previously approved.

APPROVAL OF RESCINDMENT OF OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO JOSEPH DIGREGORIO

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council rescinded the offer of employment to Joseph DiGregorio as a full-time police officer.

APPROVAL TO HIRE MICHAEL FOSSE AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Michael Fosse as a full-time police officer effective May 7, 2006.

APPROVAL OF POLICE DEPARTMENT WORK RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Police Department's work rules, policies and procedures.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary