

A special meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 28, 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 Assistant Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ralph Magill.

PUBLIC HEARING ó BLOOMSBURG FLYERS, INC. 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 Bloomsburg Flyers, Inc./David Ruckle and John Yohey from the floodplain ordinance for the construction of a ten (10) bay t-hangar at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

John Yohey appeared before Council to request a variance from the floodplain ordinance. Following the ordinance criteria, the Code Office had asked Mr. Yohey and Mr. Ruckle for a statement from the manufacturer that the building would withstand impact damage during a flooding event. He explained the hangars would be sheltered by the airport buildings and runway and would not suffer any damage from swift flowing flood waters. Their engineer did provide in writing assurances that the footer would meet the impact damage requirements.

Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill presented several documents supporting the request to the developers ó Section 8-502.2.B of the floodplain ordinance, letter from Peters Consultants on the foundation meeting the design criteria, and letters from Fulfab, Inc. and Ron Tirpak of Carbon Engineering, Inc., engineer for the Bloomsburg Planning Commission.

Mayor Knorr clarified the meaning of "impact damage" as damage by flood waters. He also reviewed the criteria the solicitor advised Council to follow when making a decision.

Hearing no additional public input, the Public Hearing concluded at 6:14pm.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FLYERS, INC. FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE REQUEST

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the variance request from Bloomsburg Flyers, Inc./David Ruckle and John Yohey from Chapter 8, Section 502, Subsection 2B, for the construction of one ten (10) bay t-hangar (Phase I) which would have required them to secure in writing from the building manufacturer that the building would withstand impact damage caused by a flooding event.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-28-08.01 ó PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 07-28-08.01 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Downtown Parking Study through the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program.

APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD FUNDRAISER AT ANNUAL ROD
AND CUSTOM CRUISE-IN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the fire department's request to hold a fundraiser at the Bloomsburg Hospital's Annual Rod and Custom Cruise-In being held at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds on August 8-10, 2008.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary