

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Committee Responsibilities – Traffic, Parking Ordinances, Law Enforcement Grants, Assemblages/Parades, Diversity, Emergency Management and Fire Department.

Committee Members: William Kreisher (Chair), Bonnie Crawford, James Garman and Vince DeMelfi.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of International Fire Code with Rick Harmon.
2. Approval of the Public Safety Minutes from 11/17/2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Update on limiting the number of residential parking permits issued (survey to be done during student winter break).
4. Parking Sub-Committee agenda.
 - a. Using PANGO in municipal lots.
 - b. Using PANGO in the 700 block of East 4th Street.
 - c. Daily, Weekly, Monthly rates for meters.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 19, 2020

10/27/20 draft

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG
COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL
FIRE CODE

BE IT ENACTED, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED, by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg as follows:

PART 4. INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

§5-401. Adoption of International Fire Code.

A certain document is on file in the Office of the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Bloomsburg, being marked and designated as the International Fire Code, 2018 edition, as published by the International Code Council, and it is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Town of Bloomsburg to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises; and to provide a reasonable level of safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations; and to provide for the enforcement thereof by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Bloomsburg; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of said Fire Code on file in the Office of the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Bloomsburg are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Part, with the additions, insertions, deletions, and changes, prescribed in §5-402 of this Part.

§5-402. Additions, Insertions, and Changes.

The following sections are hereby revised as follows:

A. Section 101.1. **Title.** The regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the Town of Bloomsburg, hereinafter known as “this code”.

B. Section 110.4. **Violation penalties.** Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair, or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a summary offense with fines of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment for a term not to exceed ten (10) days, or both fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

C. Section 112.4. **Failure to comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be in violation of this code.

D. Section 1103.5.3. **Group I-2, Condition 2.** In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing buildings of Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed within one year of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance.

E. Section 5704.2.9.6.1. **Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited.** Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the R-U, R-S, R-C, C-R, and H-D zoning districts.

F. Section 5706.2.4.4. **Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited.**

Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited within the R-U, R-S, R-C, C-R, and H-D zoning districts.

G. Section 5806.2. **Limitations.** Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited within the R-U, R-S, R-C, C-R, and H-D zoning districts.

H. Section 6104.2. **Maximum capacity within established limits.** The aggregate capacity of any one installation for the storage of liquefied petroleum gas shall not exceed a water capacity of 2,000 gallons (7570 L) in the H-C, C, C-W, I-P, U, HE-C, UEP, and BC zoning districts, and is prohibited in all other zoning districts.

§5-403. Applicable Ordinances.

The following ordinances shall not be repealed by this Part:

A. Ordinance No. 866, enacted September 8, 2003, relating to interconnected smoke detectors.

B. Ordinance No. 821, enacted September 13, 1999, relating to occupancy of dwelling units with disabled smoke detectors.

This Ordinance is effective upon enactment.

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ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG:

BY: _____
WILLIAM S. KREISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LISA M. DOOLEY, SECRETARY

(SEAL)

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Chairperson William Kreisher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., present were Council members Bonnie Crawford, James Garman and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Fire Chief Scott McBride; and Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant Randi Fetterman. Also, in attendance were Council member Toni Bell, Council member Justin Hummel and Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts.

Discussion took place regarding seasonal downtown parking and bagging the meters. All Committee members agreed that despite the loss of revenue, it would be a good idea this year to cover the meters as done in previous years.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded on by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously, the Committee agreed to permit free parking in all metered spaces in the downtown area from November 27, 2020 through January 3, 2021. Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. will remove the bags no later than 6 p.m. on January 3, 2021. The 2-hour time limit on Main Street will still be enforced.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously, the Committee approved the October 20, 2020 minutes with no additions or corrections.

Discussion took place regarding the Parking Sub-Committee meeting. R. Van Loan advised that the sub-committee was updated on the ordinance changes.

R. Van Loan provided an update on the Chapter 15 parking ordinance. There were no questions about changes. L. Dooley advised two minor revisions would be needed. This ordinance was tabled until the next budget meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the removal of a handicapped parking space in Zone I. There are 4 spaces already in this Zone. The one space that will be removed is in an area with zone permits.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman and voted on unanimously, the Committee voted to recommend to Council a removal of a handicap space in Zone I.

The Committee reviewed the International Fire Code draft ordinance. K. Roberts advised that the fire code official stated the occupancy and the number of units in a dwelling determines if a third-party monitoring is necessary. If a property owner renovated greater than 50% of a property, they must comply with the newly adopted code. S. McBride advised that a third-party monitoring system would also protect the Code Enforcement office.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously, the Committee agreed to keep this item on the agenda and invite Fire Official Rick Harman to the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

R. Van loan updated the Committee on limiting the number of residential permits issued. V. DeMelfi advised he would like to see the number of off-street parking spaces available and the number of on street permitted spaces.

Discussion took place regarding the Parking Sub-Committee agenda. R. Van Loan addressed all items that are on the agenda. PANGO will provide the ability to reload payment for all day parking. W. Kreisher advised he would like to see an increase in pricing for meters on Main Street. R. Van Loan suggested revisiting that topic after the current changes have gone into effect.

Council member Toni Bell brought up a discussion regarding Code Enforcement doing quarterly "walk-throughs" of all properties in the high pedestrian areas. K. Roberts advised that he has found other issues in walk throughs, and will continue doing these.

T. Bell and B. Crawford raised concerns about the public perception of Council getting special treatment due to an article in the Press Enterprise regarding V. DeMelfi's West Main Street property. V. DeMelfi advised it was an emergency repair that was needed and has been completed. K. Roberts advised there is a section in the Code that allows for emergency repairs. He also advised that he explained the situation in great detail to the Press Enterprise.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Notes taken by R. Fetterman & L. Dooley.