

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 25, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Daniel Knorr, presiding; Council Members Paul Kinney, Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, Kathy Shepperson, W. Carey Howell and William Kreisher (arriving at 7:10); Town Administrator Carol Mas and Superintendent of Public Works John Barton.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – CHARLES WAGNER

Charles (Chuck) Wagner posed questions on the non-student rental inspection ordinance that was approved for advertising. He believes the town is increasing the size of government with this ordinance rather than reducing as other governments are doing. There are already remedies on the books for the code officers to inspect properties that tenants/residents believe are unsafe. He asked if any citizens came forward and asked for this ordinance. D. Levan said she had heard from two. W. Kreisher stated he had personal and professional experience observing the conditions of the non-student rental stock. He does not feel tenants relay their concerns for fear of retribution. Mr. Wagner compared the proposed ordinance with the regulated rental ordinance. He is urging Council to vote “no” when it comes before them for adoption. Landlords Ed Sabo and Eric Bower spoke in favor of the ordinance.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

Mayor Knorr proclaimed April 29, 2011 as National Arbor Day in the Town of Bloomsburg. An accolade hybrid elm tree provided by PNC Bank will be planted on West Main Street in front of the bank in honor of Arbor Day. Chair Cristina Mathews accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 11, 2011 Council meeting minutes without any additions for corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION AND POLICE PENSION PLANS

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,500.00 and \$2,900.00 from the Police Pension Plan for first quarter actuarial fees.

APPROVAL OF 2011 TRAFFIC SIGN MATERIAL BIDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting bids for traffic sign material for 2011 from the following companies: Garden State Highway Products (sign faces, aluminum sign blanks, roll goods and sign posts), Custom Products Corporation (aluminum sign blanks, reflective letters and sign posts), Vulcan Signs (aluminum sign blanks, reflective letters and sign posts) and Ibis Signs (reflective letters and brackets).

APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF TODDLER PARK FENCING

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a 3’ fence around the perimeter of the soon to be constructed toddler playground at Town Park.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary