

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 25, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Sandy Davis, Council Members, W. Carey Howell, Sylvia Costa, William Kreisher, Fred Trump, Eric Bower, and James Huber; Town Manager Lauren Martz; Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans; Director of Finance/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan, and Attorney Cleve Hummel. Absent were Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

Mayor Davis proclaimed April 29, 2016 as National Arbor Day and will present the proclamation to Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission Members this Friday at their celebration.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – KIM SHETLER

Kim Shetler, 806 Country Club Drive, expressed that she's a life resident of Bloomsburg. She thanked Chief Van Loan and the Police Department for doing a great job during Block Party. She stated that Block Party has now become a community problem and is here tonight to ask Council to set up a task force to include residents and students along with Town and University representatives. It started year ago on Sesame Street in a single parking lot and has now engulfed the entire Town. Block Party creates a negative strain on the Town and drains local resources such as EMT, fire, ambulance, Public Works, emergency room and downtown businesses. In 2008 Dr. Soltz was interviewed and stated that Block Party needs attention and now it's 2016 and it's only gotten worse. There needs to be a buy in from landlords and from businesses with large parking lots. Also look at other colleges and how they control events like State Patty's Day that used to happen at Penn State. Students do not have the right to cause civil disobedient and this is what we are dealing with. She and others have a vested interest and the community impact needs to be looked at.

Mayor Davis thanked Kim and agreed that a solution needs to be worked on. She stated that the Town has done all it can to create and enforce ordinances for large gatherings. At the Town/Gown meeting last Thursday they discussed what worked and what didn't. She feels the University is ready to work together on a solution and working together is what it's going to take. The invitation is coming from the students through social media and they need to start putting out there now that there is no Block Party next year.

S. Costa expressed that the sense she was getting from the University was that this is not a Bloomsburg University sponsored event and she stated that it's not a Town sponsored event either. She rode around with police during the event and couldn't even think of a word to describe what she was seeing; it was a nightmare.

E. Bower expressed that he was on a task force since 2007 until it was disbanded. Telling the students to say there is no block party next year isn't going to work. He's in favor of a task force to study and address the problems.

Dan Knorr, Director of External and Government Relations for Bloomsburg University, acknowledged the University sees Block Party as a major concern and they are concerned for student safety. They realize the negative reflection it gives the Town and the University. After being on Town Council for eight years he knows there is no easy solution and there needs to be a joint strategy.

Dave Reilly of WHLM also supports a task force and would like to be involved. He is very concerning about the influx of illegal and prescription drugs he saw at Block Party this year.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 11, 2016 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN, TOWN EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN, AND GENERAL FUND

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,075 and \$2,075 from the Employees Pension Plan and \$1,950 from the General Fund for first quarter actuarial and consulting services.

APPROVAL OF USING CAPITAL PROJECT ENGINEERING AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME CO.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved using Capital Project Engineering Funds in the amount of \$13,040.02 and \$8,805.17 in Capital Project Funds for payment to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. for the Fort McClure Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

RE-APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG HOSPITAL PROPERTIES, INC. HONEYSUCKLE LANE SUBDIVISION AND LOT INCORPORATION PLAN

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council re-approved Bloomsburg Hospital Properties Inc. Honeysuckle Lane subdivision and lot incorporation plan.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, PART 1, RELATING TO STREET EXCAVATIONS; PART 2, RELATING TO SIDEWALK AND CURB CONSTRUCTION AND ENCROACHMENT ALONG STREETS; AND PART 3, RELATING TO SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Part 1, relating to street excavations; Part 2, relating to sidewalk and curb construction and encroachment along streets; and Part 3, relating to snow and ice removal from sidewalks.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC.

DBI President Tim Wagner reported that the fundraising is complete for Phase III of their Strategic Plan. The company has already started working on it and they will have something in the next 60 days.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Dan Knorr, Director of External and Government Relations for Bloomsburg University thanked the Town and the Downtown on behalf of the University for another successful Renaissance Jamboree this past Saturday.

L. Martz reported that sponsors for the Fourth of July event this year are Kawneer donating \$5,000 and Press Enterprise donating \$2,500. One more \$2,500 donor is needed. There will be live music throughout the day and a car cruise-in starting at noon. The event will be on Monday, July 4, 2016.

Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss a legal contract and did not reconvene.

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary