

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, June 25, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Town Administrator William Lowthert; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

#### **BOX OF LIGHT ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM RECOGNITION**

Mayor Knorr presented individual awards from Senator John Gordner and a certificate from Town Council to six of the seven-member Box of Light Odyssey of the Mind Team and their coach Cynthia Cronrath. The middle school team came in first place in the Problem 1 Ooh-Motional Vehicle Division II World Championship held in Ames, Iowa on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Knorr updated Council on the CDBG Disaster Relief funds. Bill Lowthert and Bill Seigel met with Rich Kisner and found out that municipalities will be able to apply in the fall to the County to be considered but funds won't be available until mid 2013. If the Town proceeds with the demolition of the 900 block now, the Town can't be reimbursed with these funds when they become available. Mayor Knorr gave the following three options to Council: put the 900 block on hold until the funds become available, discuss how to fund the 3% match tonight or discuss it at the next Administrative/Finance Committee meeting next Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and forward a recommendation to Council for the meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Council unanimously agreed to have the discussion at the Admin/Finance meeting.

Oren Helbok asked how, besides a presumed article being in the Press Enterprise, the Town will inform residents of this upcoming discussion. Mayor Knorr stated there is an email list of the 900 block residents and he would send them a notice.

#### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 11, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 11, 2012 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM LOWTHERT AS COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE ALTERNATE**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council appointed William Lowthert as the alternate on the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee.

#### **APPROVAL OF STREET VENDOR PERMIT FOR EMILY ZENZEL**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved a street vendor permit for Emily Zenzel of Em's Pink Weiner's to utilize Space #1 from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

#### **APPROVAL OF HIRING DAVID BOWMAN AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (S. Costa, D. Levan, D. Knorr, C. Howell, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting "Yes") to One (1) (F. Trump voting "No"), Council approved hiring David Bowman as a full-time officer for the Bloomsburg Police Department with a tentative start date of July 15, 2012.

#### **TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT**

L. Sokoloski reported that trick-or-treat night in the Town of Bloomsburg will be held on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF HOSE AND ADAPTORS FROM SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of hose and adapters in the amount of \$6,002 from Susquehanna Fire Equipment Company for the Bloomsburg Fire Department. It was noted that this was a budgeted purchase.

**APPROVAL OF FREE PARKING ON MAIN AND EAST STREETS WITH TWO-HOUR PARKING LIMIT ENFORCED FOR ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALES**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved free parking on Main Street from West to East Streets and on East Street from Main to Third Streets with the two-hour parking limit enforced for the Annual Sidewalk Sales being held on July 12-14, 2012. D. Knorr asked Downtown Manager Adrienne Mael if she plans to bag the meters and she indicated yes.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Recording Secretary