

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 26, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor W. Carey Howell; Council Members Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Assistant Town Administrator Lauren Martz; Acting Chief of Police Roger Van Loan and Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent was Council Member Sandy Davis.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – FFY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL**

A Public Hearing was held at 7:02 p.m. to finalize the Town of Bloomsburg's FFY 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Mayor Howell turned the hearing over to Bill Seigel of SEDA-Council of Governments. The following projects have been selected for funding: Walking Trail – Connecting Town Park to Streater Fields in the amount of \$24,520; Curb Cut Replacement – Various Intersections throughout Town in the amount of \$109,527 and \$29,420 for Administration and Planning. Mr. Seigel reviewed the resolution authorizing the submission of the FFY 2013 CDBG application.

Hearing no further input from Town Council or the public, the Public Hearing concluded at 7:06 p.m. and the regular meeting of Town Council reconvened.

#### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-26-13.01 – FFY 2012 CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 08-26-13.01 authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

#### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 950 – AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 950, amending certain sections of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations in force in the Town of Bloomsburg, as set forth in Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg relating to Traffic Regulations, Parking Regulations, Unmetered Parking, Authorized Parking by Permit Placard in Public Parking Lots and Permit Parking.

#### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 12, 2013 Council meeting minutes without any additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR SPECIAL ACTUARIAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. in the amount of \$445 from the Police Pension Plan for special actuarial and consulting services covering 06/01/13 through 07/31/13.

#### **APPROVAL OF RELEASING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR JACK AND BETSY DEAL**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing the financial security for Jack and Betsy Deal's building expansion project located at 305 East First Street in the amount of \$25,216.95.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PAMELA DONOVAN TO THE BLOOMSBURG SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Pamela Donovan to the Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission with a term expiring on 12/31/17.

## **APPROVAL OF CONTINUING WITH THE STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

B. Lowthert reported that he was informed by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development officials that the Town can choose to be a federal direct entitlement community under the CDBG Program beginning in FFY 2014 since it has been identified as an urbanized area based on the 2010 Census. The deadline to let HUD know though is this Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. One of the pros is that the Town would receive the funds sooner but the 2014 estimated allocation is only \$123,000. Through the state, the Town will be receiving \$163,467 in 2013, but the 2014 allocation is not yet known. B. Seigel also noted that the Town would receive 2% more for administration through the federal program.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved continuing with the Community Development Block Grant Program through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the next three years, but reserved the right to enter the federal direct entitlement program in the future.

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

Mayor Howell designated Thursday, October 31, 2013 as Trick-or-Treat Night in the Town of Bloomsburg from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – ALEX DUBIL**

Alex Dubil, 361 East Second Street, wanted to bring to Council's attention that he has seen delivery trucks parked on the crosswalk at Main and East Streets making deliveries to Steph's Subs. It has been early in the morning, during rush hour. The truck blocks cars from seeing people who are trying to utilize the crosswalks. Mayor Howell stated the matter will be discussed at tomorrow's Public Safety Committee meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bloomsburg Town Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters in the Police, Code and Public Works Departments.

WILLIAM LOWTHERT  
Town Administrator & Secretary