

An Emergency meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Sunday, October 28, 2012, beginning at 4:00 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; Sergeant Leonard Rogutski; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; EMA Coordinator Joseph Wondoloski and Office Assistant Amy Seamans.

Mayor Knorr expressed that this meeting is being held to update everyone on the projections and preparations being done in anticipation of Hurricane Sandy. EMA Coordinator J. Wondoloski met with Columbia County EMA officials today. The rain projections range from 6"-10" to 3"-6". Department leaders will be asked to track expenses as this did last year.

J. Wondoloski gave an update on where we are at. He had a telecom meeting with the National Weather Service and PEMA at the Columbia County EMA office today. They are saying that this will be a Monday into Tuesday event with a rainfall projection of 3"-5" which could change. There will be another meeting tomorrow. The hurricane is coming from a southern direction and if it tracks different, the rainfall could be 6"-10". This is not a major flooding event for the Susquehanna River but as always, the unknown is Fishing Creek. At 5" the creek will be at its banks. They are calling for constant winds, not gusts. They also expect regional power outages ranging from hours to days. Because it's an entire state emergency, assistance will be delayed. United Water is putting water buffalos in place and has a command center setup in Harrisburg. If the pumps at the Bloomsburg water plant are inundated with flooding, there will be sporadic water loss. The Governor of Pennsylvania has already declared a state of emergency and Columbia County is expected to and he suggests the Town do so also.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Declaration of Disaster Emergency directing the Municipal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate activities of emergency response for the hurricane event and authorizing officials to act as necessary to meet exigencies of this emergency.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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