

A special meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, December 21, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Paul Kinney, Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and William Kreisher; Police Chief Leo Sokoloski; Code Enforcement/Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Town Administrator Carol Mas. Absent was Council Member Kathy Shepperson.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - ATTORNEY PATRICK O'CONNELL

Attorney O'Connell spoke on behalf of the Bloomsburg Landlords Association and reviewed the issue of citations received by approximately 30 landlords for failure to comply with the Regulated Rental Licensing ordinance. He argued that the landlords were not given a notice that a citation would be forthcoming. He asked Council to rescind the citations or he would advise his clients to appeal the citations. When questioned by Solicitor Mihalik, the landlords agreed they were aware of the licensing process from previous years. E. Fegley noted that they were made aware of the change in the enforcement of the ordinance at the February meeting he held with the landlords. He also said that of the 28 citations filed, only 6 remain outstanding.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:18pm to discuss legal issues with Solicitor Mihalik and reconvened at 7:42pm.

DENIAL OF RESCINDING CITATIONS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on Two (2) (P. Kinney and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Four (4) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, S. Costa and C. Howell voting "No"), Council denied rescinding the citations for failure to secure a regulated rental license from those landlords in full compliance of the ordinance with the landlords paying only the court costs filed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 926 – TAX LEVY FOR 2010

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on Four (4) (P. Kinney, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Two (2) (D. Knorr and C. Howell voting "No"), Council adopted Ordinance No. 926 setting the tax levy for 2010 at 9.821 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation; 7.159 mills for general Town purposes, .882 for debt service, .380 for fire protection, .200 for the library and 1.200 for street lighting purposes.

APPROVAL OF 2010 BUDGET

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Four (4) (P. Kinney, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Two (2) (D. Knorr and C. Howell voting "No"), Council approved the 2010 Budget with the change to the Recycling Fund Administrative Salary from \$40,000 to \$38,740.

APPROVAL OF 2010 EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND WAGES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Five (5) (D. Knorr, P. Kinney, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (C. Howell voting "No"), Council approved the employee salaries and wages for 2010 with the change to the salary of Charles Fritz from \$40,000.00 to \$38,737.61.

Appointed Official

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| Town Administrator | Carol L. Mas | \$61,195.04/yr. |
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Administrative Salaried

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| Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer | Ed Fegley | \$51,638.54/yr. |
| Assistant Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer | Ralph Magill | \$37,732.97/yr. |
| Human Resources Specialist | Amber Kenney | \$39,367.52/yr. |
| Finance Specialist | Theresa Baylor | \$33,120.00/yr. |

Clerical

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| Administrative Assistant (Code) | Christine Meeker | \$18.06/hr. |
| Office Assistant | Amy Seamans | \$13.93/hr. |

Building/Grounds

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| Cleaning/Maintenance Personnel | Corey Kreischer | \$10.17/hr. |
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Police Department

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| Police Chief | Leo Sokoloski | \$77,156.72/yr. |
| Lieutenant | Joseph Wondoloski | \$58,208.53/yr. |
| Sergeant | Roger VanLoan | \$53,119.98/yr. |
| Sergeant | Leonard Rogutski | \$53,119.98/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Bradley Sharrow | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Matthew Golla | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Lewis Carl, IV | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | James Cromley | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Charles Balon | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Steve Persing | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Shawn Hill | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Melanie Readler | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Kenneth Auchter | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Michael Fosse | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer III | Nicholas Szkodny | \$48,638.36/yr. |
| Patrol Officer II | Thomas Pfeiffer | \$47,448.41/yr. |
| Part Time Patrol Officer | Martin Boudman | \$14.94/hr. |
| Part Time Patrol Officer | David Edgar | \$14.94/hr. |
| Part Time Patrol Officer | Ryan Edgar | \$14.94/hr. |
| Part Time Patrol Officer | Ronald Jumper | \$14.94/hr. |
| Part Time Patrol Officer | Frank Varano | \$14.94/hr. |
| Part Time Patrol Officer | Jonathan Yaskiewicz | \$14.94/hr. |
| Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant | Elise Hughes | \$17.97/hr. |
| Police Clerk | Randi Fetterman | \$11.39/hr. |
| Part Time Police Clerk | Mary Kate Buck | \$9.10/hr. |
| Part Time Police Clerk | Jamie Nemic | \$9.10/hr. |
| Parking Enforcement Officer | Doug Levan | \$12.67/hr. |
| Part Time Parking Enforcement Officer | Ryan Salas | \$10.50/hr. |

Public Works

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| Superintendent | John Barton | \$63,348.54/yr. |
| Foreman | Carl Barratt | \$20.77/hr. |
| Garage Mechanic | Larry Brown | \$19.43/hr. |
| Crew Chief w/CDL | David Eyer | \$18.95/hr. |
| Crew Chief w/o CDL | Larry Poust | \$18.12/hr. |
| Plumber/Crew Chief | John Fritz | \$18.95/hr. |
| Operator | Wayne Creasy | \$17.99/hr. |
| Operator | Curt Laubach | \$17.99/hr. |
| Operator | Scott Martz | \$17.99/hr. |
| Operator | Neil Zeisloft | \$17.99/hr. |
| Skilled Laborer (seasonal) | | \$11.33/hr. |
| Unskilled Laborer (seasonal) | | \$8.84/hr. |
| Concrete Work | | \$.40/hr. |

Recycling

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| Environmental Services Administrator | Charles Fritz | \$38,737.61/yr. |
| Assistant Operations Manager | Dean Bogert | \$17.77/hr. |
| Driver | Larry Long | \$16.52/hr. |
| Driver | Michelle Shaffer | \$16.52/hr. |
| Driver | Brian Sitler | \$16.52/hr. |
| Driver | Ron Russell | \$16.52/hr. |

Other Wage Rate and Commissions

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| Town Solicitor | | 100.00/hr. |
| Town Solicitor - Litigation at Common Pleas & above | | 125.00/hr. |
| Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor | | 110.00/meeting |
| Town Public Works Consultant | | (as needed) |
| Fire Chief | Robert Rupp | 2,000.00/yr. |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | Joseph Wondoloski | 2,000.00/yr. |
| Earned Income Tax Commission | | 1.75% |
| Occupational Privilege Tax Commission | | 1.75% |
| Gross Receipts Tax Commission | | 1.75% |
| Amusement Tax Commission | | 1.00% |
| Tax Collector - Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes | | 15,000/yr. |

APPROVAL OF FIFTEEN MINUTE PARKING FOR RISING DOUGH BAKERY

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (D. Knorr, P. Kinney, S. Costa, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (D. Levan voting “No”), Council approved posting a Fifteen Minute Parking Only from 6:00am to 6:00pm sign in front of the Rising Dough Bakery located at 417 West Main Street.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR BEVERLY SEYBERT

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Three (3) (D. Knorr, D. Levan and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to Three (3) (P. Kinney, S. Costa and C. Howell voting “No”), Council failed to approve a recommendation to deny a certificate of appropriateness for Beverly Seybert of 250 Jefferson Street due to a lack of a majority.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR BEVERLY SEYBERT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Beverly Seybert of 250 Jefferson Street to remove not more than six (6) feet of the porch; the railing will be removed from the street side; the remaining porch floor will remain wood; two (2) columns will be replaced with 4” round columns that mimic the current columns; the porch roof and trim will remain as is; a tree will be removed; the chimney will remain and the sidewalk is to remain in place when the driveway is paved.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary