

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, March 23, 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, Kathy Shepperson, Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and William Kreisher and Town Administrator Carol Mas.

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF FFY 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Prior to the beginning of the regular meeting, a Public Hearing was held at 7:00pm to finalize the Town of Bloomsburg's FFY 2009 Community Development Block Grant application. Mayor Knorr turned the hearing over to Bill Lowthert of SEDA-Council of Governments. Mr. Lowthert stated the FFY 2009 CDBG Program allocation is \$190,400.00. The following projects have been selected for funding: \$156,128.00 for the Streater property demolition and \$34,272.00 for Administration. Mr. Lowthert highlighted the resolution authorizing the submission of the FFY 2009 CDBG application.

The town could also see an additional \$33,000.00 from the economic stimulus package. The grant would have perimeters separate from the annual CDBG funding.

Mr. Lowthert also reviewed the proposed budget revision to the FFY 2008 CDBG Program in the amount of \$6,855.34. He proposed the funding be reallocated from the Main Street Lighting to the Streater Property demolition.

Hearing no further input from Town Council or the public, the Public Hearing concluded at 7:10pm and the regular meeting of Town Council convened.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-23-09.01 – FFY 2009 CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 03-23-09.01 authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

APPROVAL OF FFY 08 CDBG PROGRAM BUDGET MODIFICATION

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the FFY 08 CDBG Program modification in the amount of \$6,855.34 reallocating the funding from the Main Street lighting project to the Streater Property Demolition.

PRESENTATION OF SEDA-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S SCOPE OF SERVICES

Bill Seigel reviewed SEDA-COG's Scope of Services proposal for the Administration of the town's FFY 2009 CDBG grant. SEDA-COG assists the town with selecting projects prior to the preparation of the grant application; administers the grant once awarded; assumes the lead in project development; manages the activity and closeout of the grant. He explained that Council will not be asked to approve the proposal until the 2009 grant has been approved.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - MEGAN HUMMEL, DOWNTOWN MANAGER

Downtown Manager Megan Hummel distributed a letter from Matt Gilbert asking for permission to arrange another downtown movie night. Ms. Hummel said a definite date has yet to be set. Last year's event was very successful even though it rained. Mayor Knorr asked her to return for formal approval once a date had been finalized.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 9, 2009 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the K-9 Officer agreement currently in negotiations at 7:41pm and did not reconvene.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary