

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
April 25th, 2022
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order with the Honorable Mayor Brosious, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Richard Reichner, Director of Accounts and Finance
John Barnhart, Director of Public Safety
Lisa Martina, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police
Ronald Rupp, Fire Chief
Joel Wiest, City Solicitor
Kevin Troup, City Treasure
Jeffrey Wojciechowski, Public Safety Supervisor
Derrick Backer, City Administrator (Via Phone)

Visitors present: 19

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for the recent passing of Mayor Donald Morgan the 9th Mayor of the City.

Council held an Emergency Board of Health meeting which was held on April 12th, 2022, due to hazardous residential structural concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Brosious asked for public comment on agenda items.

Allen Bubb: Mr. Bubb would like to see the SWEEP project rebuild the railroad embankment to make the project complete. Mr. Bubb would hope consideration has been made to the parking regarding the Susquehanna Ave project because it will be limited when street work begins. Mr. Bubb is concerned about transit services being able to reach their clients. Mr. Bubb would like to see what plan the city has before construction has begun. Councilman Eister responded that there will be a public meetings this summer regarding the Susquehanna Ave. project, and as the City did in the past they will be meeting with Fire departments, Ambulance Services, Police, and any agency that would like to have a meeting with the City.

Reagan Street

Update

City Administrator mentioned there are no updates for this meeting.

Change Order #6

Change order #6 is a \$17,761.61 increase for water line connections.

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the change order. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

SWEEP

Update

Near 400 hours of combined volunteer service has been provided to SWEEP since January 2022. Lunch is always provided during the volunteer days

The next SWEEP volunteer day will be May 22 beginning at 9am. The city engineer Lee will be visiting on this date to talk with the volunteers about the trail layouts.

The SWEEP committee thanks the city for applying to the DCNR and community Place Making Grants and the Department of Public Works for removing the brush and debris that is gathered by the volunteers.

Educational Signs Final Design Approval

Councilman Eister made the motion to approve of the three designs. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Bill #2022-01 Repeal and Replace Property, Nuisance Chapter 131-3

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Bill #2022-01. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

2nd Reading of Bill #2022-02 Amendment to Blight Review

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Bill #2022-02. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

MOU SEDA-COG (5 Grants)

City Administrator explained that he misspoke during the last council meeting that SEDA-COG will be managing the grants according to the MOU. City Administrator mentioned that SEDA-COG will only be writing the grant according to the MOU.

Mayor Brosious wanted to make sure that council was aware of the MOU misinterpretation. Council is now aware and are still good with the MOU.

NEW BUSINESS

Sunbury FFY 2022

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept the FFY 2022 schedule. Second Martina. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

Officer Gary Bregensir Removal from Probationary Period to Fulltime Officer

Mayor Brosious made the motion to remove Gary Bregensir from the probationary period and make him a full-time officer. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-39 Add Public Nuisance List

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to accept resolution 2022-39. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

Resolution 2022-40 Updated Public Nuisance List

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to update the public nuisance list. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

Plan Printer/Scanner for Code

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to purchase a printer/scanner for the code office. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Councilman Barnhart made the motion to rescind the vote until a breakdown of the maintenance cost is sent. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

PLIGT

Councilman Reichner made the motion to table PLIGT until next meeting. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-41 DCED Multimodal Susquehanna Ave.

Mayor Brosious made the motion to accept resolution 2022-41. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

Ferris Wheel Letter Approval for 250th

Mayor Brosious made the motion to approve the Ferris Wheel letter to be sent to PennDot. Second Barnhart. Unanimous vote. (See attached)

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$102,817.35 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$47,426.26. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

There were no discussion items.

Announcements

Mayor Brosious announced:

Accepting letters of interest for one Seat for Alternate on the Shade Tree Commission. Please submit letters of interest to the Mayor's Office, attention City Clerk or email jbarner@sunburypa.org

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

There were no Pre-Submitted Comments.

In Person

Mayor Brosious asked for public comments:

Chief Hare: Chief Hare made a comment that this Saturday from 10am to 2pm there will be an unwanted drug drop off site at the police station.

Jefferey Wojciechowski: Jeff mentioned that the e-cycling event recycled 12,380 pounds of electronics. Jeff also mentioned that on 4/30 the code office and the Northumberland Youth Probation will be doing a cleanup of the railroad tracks. Jeff mentioned that some of the part-time code officers on their days off will head to Shamokin to help develop a code office. Mayor Brosious asked if Sunbury or Shamokin will be paying for them. Jeff responded that Shamokin will be paying for them.

Dimos Panagolulia: Mr. Panagolulia wanted to know if there have been any arrests made for the people who broke into his building. Mr. Panagolulia mentioned that he needs an arrest before the church can move in. Mr. Panagolulia would like for a church to come into his building so they can help the homeless and the drug addicts.

Melissa Rowse: Ms. Rowse mentioned that there are no lights out on 5th street and Chestnut street which makes it really dark in that area and would appreciate if the city could get lights installed in that area.

Victoria Rosancrans: Ms. Rosancrans as the DEI Office announced that at the Degenstein Library there will be Spanish to English classes available offered by CSIU. The classes are Free and are available in person or over Zoom. Ms. Rosancrans mentioned that she would like to meet with councilwoman Martina regarding accessibility of street parking. Ms. Rosancrans mentioned that the Rotary club would like to thank the city for coordinating changing flags on the veterans memorial bridge and Thomas Edison bridge.

Dave Whipple: Mr. Whipple would like to see DPW repave packer street instead of just patching the holes since the holes that were patched recently already have begun to sink. Mr. Whipple mentioned that the holes are that bad that he had to get his car fixed.

The next city council meeting will be held on May 9th, 2022, at 6:15 pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
Administrative Assistant



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CITY OF SUNBURY
Resolution – 2022 – 39
Passed this 25th day of April, 2022

Whereas the City Council of the City of Sunbury has the legal authority to declare properties a “Public Nuisance” pursuant to the Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. § 12320;

Whereas the property owners of the properties listed in Exhibit “A” and located in the City of Sunbury have received numerous citations, warnings, and correspondence from the City of Sunbury Code Office for failure to bring the property within the Uniform Construction Code standards;

Whereas the City Council takes this action by formally acting as a Board of Health pursuant to 11 P.S. § 12301.

Therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Sunbury hereby acts as the Board of Health pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S.A. § 12301 in the adoption of this Resolution.
2. The City Council declares that the properties listed on Exhibit “A” attached hereto located in the City of Sunbury are in such a condition so as to be detrimental to the public health, and therefore pursuant to Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. §12320, constitute Public Nuisances.
3. The Code Enforcement Office shall be designated to proceed with abatement of the public nuisance at this property with notice to be served on the property owners and all lienholders of the properties listed in Exhibit “A” attached hereto pursuant to the Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. §§ 12321 and 127A04.
4. The City of Sunbury and City of Sunbury Redevelopment Authority are authorized to proceed with eminent domain proceedings against any Public Nuisance property that is not abated by the owner following the provisions of 11 P.S. §§ 127A04, 127A05, and 127A06, and the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to facilitate the eminent domain proceedings.

Passed this 25th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SUNBURY

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk

Josh Brosious, Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

**Properties Declared Public Nuisance Properties
pursuant to Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. § 12320**

1. 301 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-022)
2. 330 334 Walnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-142)
3. 342 Race Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-091)
4. 1135 Court Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-026)



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CITY OF SUNBURY
Resolution – 2022 – 40
Passed this 25th day of April, 2022

Whereas the City Council of the City of Sunbury has the legal authority to declare properties a “Public Nuisance” pursuant to the Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. § 12320;

Whereas the property owners of certain properties previously designated as public nuisance properties have been put on notice to bring the property within the Uniform Construction Code standards;

Whereas the City Council wishes to maintain a current list of these properties to improve coordination with the City of Sunbury Code Office, Sunbury Redevelopment Authority, Sunbury Police Department, and the property owners to best assist addressing the code issues at these properties;

Whereas the City Council wishes to declare that the properties located in the City of Sunbury and listed in Exhibit “A” attached hereto represent the current public nuisance property list as of the date of this Resolution;

Whereas the City Council takes this action by formally acting as a Board of Health pursuant to 11 P.S. § 12301.

Therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The City Council hereby acts as the Board of Health in the adoption of this Resolution.
2. The City Council declares that the properties located in the City of Sunbury and listed on Exhibit “A” attached hereto constitute Public Nuisances pursuant to Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. § 12320 and comprise the City’s Public Nuisance Property list as of this date.
3. The Code Enforcement Office shall be designated to proceed with abatement of the public nuisance at this property with notice to be served on the property owners and all lienholders of the properties listed in Exhibit “A” attached hereto pursuant to the Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. §§ 12321 and 127A04.
4. The City of Sunbury and City of Sunbury Redevelopment Authority are authorized to proceed with eminent domain proceedings against any Public Nuisance property that is not abated by the owner following the provisions of 11 P.S. §§ 127A04, 127A05, and 127A06, and the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to facilitate the eminent domain proceedings.

Passed this 25th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SUNBURY

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk

Josh Brosious, Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

City of Sunbury Current Public Nuisance Properties List pursuant to Third Class City Code, 11 P.S. § 12320 (Last revised: April 25, 2022)

1. 49-51 N. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-167)
2. 102-104 S. 11th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-045)
3. 111-113 S. 3rd Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #046-02-001-116)
4. 114-116 S. 11th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-049)
5. 124 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-034)
6. 124 Amy Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #050-02-005-050)
7. 125-127 Church Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-237)
8. 127 Spruce Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-134-A)
9. 145 S. Awl Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #051-03-006-173)
10. 149-151-155 Race Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #046-01-001-082)
11. 154 N. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-030)
12. 156 N. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-031)
13. 160 Lombard Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-02-003-111)
14. 178 Lenker Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-050)
15. 227 S. Awl Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-113)
16. 244 Church Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-012)
17. 246 Church Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-013)
18. 244 N. 12th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #053-03-008-033-A)
19. 245-247 Penn Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-015)
20. 259 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-136)
21. 301 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-022)
22. 321 Chestnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-005-058)
23. 330 334 Walnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-142)
24. 336 Arch Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-147)
25. 340 Linden Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-030-A)
26. 341-343 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-130)
27. 342 Race Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-01-002-091)
28. 347 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-057)
29. 348-350 Walnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-137)
30. 351 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-058)
31. 401 S. 2nd Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-141)
32. 416 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-132)
33. 418 S. 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-02-004-131)
34. 419 S. 2nd Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-01-003-112)
35. 420 Chestnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-02-002-082)
36. 422 Chestnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-02-002-081)
37. 434 Fairmount Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #053-04-008-009)
38. 444-446 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #047-02-002-029)
39. 457 N. 2nd Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #050-03-005-058)
40. 460 Arch Street, Sunbury, PA 17801
(otherwise known as "Arch and 5th Street") (Tax Parcel #053-01-008-024)
41. 462 Catawissa Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-04-007-044)
42. 503 N. Center Ave., Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-04-007-018)
43. 505 N. Center Ave., Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-04-007-018-A)

44. 519 N. 5th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-02-003-094)
45. 537 Reagan Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #051-04-006-028)
46. 616 S. Front Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-02-003-094)
47. 618-620 N. 5th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #051-03-006-036)
48. 618 Reagan Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #051-03-006-009)
49. 620-650 N. 8th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-04-007-024)
50. 630 N. 7th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-02-007-007)
51. 630 Susquehanna Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #050-03-005-128)
52. 724 Market Street Rear, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #053-01-008-141)
53. 737-739 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-01-009-078)
54. 750 N. 8th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #051-03-006-173)
55. 750 Edison Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #050-02-005-030)
56. 833 Line Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-03-007-043)
57. 877 S. 2nd Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-03-003-028-A)
58. 879 S. 2nd Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-03-003-028)
59. 916 Walnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-03-009-011)
60. 953 Reagan Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-03-007-139)
61. 964 S. Front Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #048-03-003-066)
62. 1021 Penn Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #051-03-006-173)
63. 1038 E. Chestnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-01-009-151)
64. 1055 Reagan Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-04-007-131-A)
65. 1056 Reagan Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #052-05-007-059)
66. 1068 Miller Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-03-009-069)
67. 1106 Susquehanna Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #050-01-005-035)
68. 1122 East Chestnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-033)
69. 1126-1128 Miller Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-03-009-078)
70. 1135 Court Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-026)
71. 1148-1150 E. Chestnut Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #054-02-009-041)
72. 1249 Market Street, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #049-01-004-005)
73. 1253 Highland Avenue, Sunbury, PA 17801 (Tax Parcel #053-03-008-156)



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Joshua Brosious

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Resolution 2022-41

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Sunbury of Northumberland County hereby request a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$3,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Susquehanna Ave. Water and Sewer Separation Project.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Joshua Brosious, Mayor and Derrick Backer, City Administrator as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Sunbury and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Jolinn Barner, duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Sunbury, Northumberland, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the City of Sunbury Council at a regular meeting held April 25, 2022 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of Sunbury and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Sunbury, this 25th day of April, 2022.

City of Sunbury
Name of Applicant

Northumberland
County

Jolinn Barner, City Clerk



The Heart of the Susquehanna River