



Bloomsburg Town Council Candidate Pledge

As a candidate for Bloomsburg Town Council, I pledge to encourage and support the following practices and policies to improve the economic climate essential for all businesses to prosper and enhance the Town's quality of life.

- Encourage the public's participation in meetings by posting all public meeting agendas online at least 3-5 days in advance of meetings.
- Hold workshops to provide greater opportunity for public input when considering issues deemed of significant importance to the public.
- Review ordinances that have not been substantially updated in at least 15 years, particularly those related to business.
- Update flood plain and storm water management plans at least every 10 years.
- Encourage the redevelopment of commercial and/or industrial properties through targeted incentive programs such as LERTA.
- Encourage a robust business occupancy rate in the downtown with staff support and resources.
- Support partnerships between the Town and DBI for CDBG funds to be used for projects in the downtown similar to the Miller Avenue project.
- Support the development of gathering places, benches, etc. in the downtown.
- Support the recommendations in the DBI Enhancement Plan.
- Allocate a percentage of the annual revenues generated from parking permits, meter collection, and fines to a parking fund that would allow upgrading of parking-related infrastructure in the downtown.
- Encourage the development of quality, affordable housing, especially for people of working age.
- Encourage walkability throughout the Town through the development and maintenance of sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, trails, etc.
- Encourage collaboration and/or consolidation among public entities on services where appropriate, including emergency services, planning, and tax collection.
- Support principles of free enterprise, individual freedoms, and encourage the open exchange of ideas.

Signature

Date

The Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most broadly based business representative in Columbia and Montour counties. It is the desire of The Chamber of Commerce to work with government entities to foster an environment where businesses, residents, and communities can thrive.