

Council to review housing, eatery plans

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A plan to raze a vacant warehouse on Memorial Avenue to make room for a new 48-unit apartment complex, nine townhouses and two separate homes is on City Council's agenda Thursday.

Known as the Brodart Redevelopment Project at Memorial Avenue and Oliver Street, council will review the plans and get updates from developers, including partners in the project such as the city, Lycoming County Department of Planning and Development and a privately-hired engineer. The council will then vote on a resolution that includes a memorandum of agreement for the project.

Also on council's slate is a first reading of a fire rescue ordinance by Williamsport Bureau of Fire Chief C. Dean Heinbach. Among the new items in the ordinance is proposed fees projected to generate up to \$70,000 more per year from vehicle accidents by billing insurance companies.

The city plans to assess a \$300 fee per hour, per company fee for extrication of individuals from wrecked vehicles, a \$150 hazard control fee should there be clean up of fuel or chemicals and a \$150 basic rescue fee for accidents city firefighters respond to.

Whenever a motor vehicle accident occurs in the city the driver's insurance company will be assessed the appropriate fee.

City real estate developer Benjamin Stopper's proposed Bootleg Barbeque restaurant at 300 Church St. also will be reviewed as well a separate subdivision of land owned by Stopper at 2600 Reach Road.

Also included in the reviews will be a proposed construction and certificate of appropriateness for 44 W. Fourth St., owner Vincenzo Guercio's restaurant that is expected to be open early next year, and similar certificate for The Genetti Hotel, 200 W. Fourth St., which wants to place an animated sign outside.