

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held this Monday, March 13, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor, Claude Renninger; Council Members, Bill Brobst, Terry Lemon, Paul Kinney, Dan Knorr and Paul Houseknecht; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Assistant Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Ralph Magill; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Council Member Don Pursel and Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF FFY 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Prior to the beginning of the regular meeting, a Public Hearing was held on the Town's FFY 2006 Community Development Block Grant application. Mayor, Claude Renninger, turned the hearing over to Bill Lowthert of SEDA-Council of Governments at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Lowthert stated the FFY 2006 CDBG allocation will be in the amount of \$200,351.00. The following projects have been selected for funding: \$117,888.00 for the Fifth Street Reconstruction Project from Catherine Street to East Street, \$23,200.00 for Capital Improvements to Buildings at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport, \$23,200.00 for Curbing and Sidewalk Improvements on Main Street and \$36,063.00 will be for a Town Park Master Plan and Program Administration costs.

Hearing no Public Comment, the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-13-06.01 – FFY 2006 CDBG PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBMISSION AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 03-13-06.01 authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2006 under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 27, 2006 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 3, 2006 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND FEBRUARY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the February payroll authorization: General Fund, \$127,165.19; Recycling Fund, \$7,177.98; Street Lighting Fund, \$4,588.04; Fire Fund, \$22,966.68; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$4,078.60 and the February payroll authorization in the amount of \$138,229.62.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO BOYER AND RITTER FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Boyer and Ritter from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,650.00 for professional services rendered.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO BOYER AND RITTER FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Boyer and Ritter from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,650.00 for professional services rendered.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE AT TOWN POOL

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a part-time seasonal employee to work the admissions desk at the Town Pool.

APPROVAL OF 2005 FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION – BRUCE BOWMAN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 2005 Façade Grant application for Bruce Bowman in the amount of \$3,000.00.

APPROVAL OF 2005 FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION – ANGELA GENNARIA

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 2005 Façade Grant application for Angela Gennaria in the amount of \$1,435.00.

APPROVAL OF TOWN SAFETY MANUAL AMENDMENTS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following amendments to the Town Safety Manual: Page 1, Section IV, (A) should read “Apparel”; Page 4, “C” Employee Responsibilities, add 5. “It is the employee’s responsibility to ensure that the proper Incident Report (Appendix B) had been completed and filed by the Department Leader/Supervisor by contacting Human Resources at 784-7123, ext. 119”; Page 5, A. Organization #1, add (g) Fire Department and (h) Ambulance Association; Page 15, Appendix A, Committee Members/Safety Personnel, delete entire appendix; Page 16, Appendix B, replace with revised Appendix B.1, B.2 and B.3.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ROSE CONSULTING, INC.

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved contracting with Rose Consulting, Inc. to have them audit the Town’s telecommunications and utility costs. If over billing charges are found Rose Consulting will take 50% of the savings found over the next two years on communications and the next three years for utilities.

PARK, PARKING AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES DISCUSSION

C. Mas informed Council that the best way to dissolve the Park, Parking and School Authorities is to let them lapse on their own. Two of the authorities have already expired and the last will expire this year. There is a five-year grace period after each expires. In 2011 an ordinance will need to be adopted to repeal the authorities.

APPROVAL OF WAGE INCREASE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST AMBER KENNEY

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of Town Administrator Carol Mas, Council approved a 3.5% wage increase for Human Resource Specialist Amber Kenney effective March 13, 2006.

APPROVAL OF STARTING HOURLY WAGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT M. ELISE HUGHES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved a starting hourly wage of \$14.73 for Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant (LEAA) M. Elise Hughes effective March 20, 2006. C. Mas stated that after a favorable six-month review she would receive a \$.50 per hour increase and after a twelve-month favorable review would be brought in line with the current LEAA's.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Jack and Betsy Deal to replace windows and a door at **383 Catherine Street**.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Luther and Kathleen Black to replace a door at **130 West Anthony Avenue**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Gloria Gearhart to black over two windows from the inside and replace a door at **129-131 East Third Street**.

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Wesley United Methodist Church to replace windows at **346 Market Street**.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for Charles "Nick" Housenick to remove a second floor railing at **503 Market Street**. The decision was based on criteria outlined in Appendix A, Section B (1) of the Historic District ordinance, involving the proportions of the buildings elements, openings and details and the historic integrity of each.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for Lisa Lamprou to replace half round gutter with a seamless gutter system at **409 Catherine Street** due to no representative being present to provide information on the application.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE FORKLIFT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids to purchase a forklift for the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE RECYCLING
TRAILER

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids to purchase a recycling trailer for the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM MCTISH, KUNKEL AND ASSOCIATIONS

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting the bid from McTish, Kunkel and Associates in the amount of \$24,991.00 for professional engineering services for the Fifth Street Construction Project.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF BOOM MOWER HEAD FROM ALLENWOOD EQUIPMENT, INC.

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved purchasing a boom mower head from Allenwood Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$7,889.00 through the Pennsylvania Department of General Services state contract.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND OF CENTRAL EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND GREEN CONNEXIONS, INC.

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with Sustainable Energy Fund of Central Eastern Pennsylvania and its subsidiary, Green Connexions, Inc. to inventory, evaluate and install Light Emitting Diode (LED) technologies in traffic signals, with the exception of the amber lights; pedestrian crossings and a few blinking yellow lights.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MILCO INDUSTRIES, INC.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved an agreement with Milco Industries, Inc. for the vacation of a portion of Oak Street by the Town and the conveyance of the western half of Spruce Street by Milco Industries, Inc.

APPROVAL OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR JOHN WANICH

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicapped parking space for John Wanich of 12 Columbia Avenue.

ACCEPTANCE OF OWNERSHIP OF FIRE DEPARTMENT RIVER RESCUE BOAT AND ATV MULE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting ownership of the Fire Department's river rescue boat and ATV Mule for the purpose of insurance coverage. C. Mas explained there would be no initial increase but when the policy is renewed it will be an additional \$300.00 to cover the items.

APPROVAL OF AIRPORT DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and on the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Committee, Council approved purchasing two (2) directional signs for the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport in the amount of \$250.00 each plus a \$100.00 administrative fee through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

T. Lemon stated that at the meeting Council had with Scott Township Supervisors, it was suggested that a supervisor attend the Airport Advisory Committee meetings. T. Lemon reported that Scott Township has appointed two people to the committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary