

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 10, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Claude Renninger; Council Members Don Pursel, Terry Lemon, Paul Kinney, Bill Brobst, Dan Knorr and Paul Houseknecht; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Code Enforcement/ Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – BOB BAIGIS

Bloomsburg Fire Department Rescue Chief Bob Baigis was present to express his concerns about the fire department not being dispatched simultaneously to vehicle accidents with police. Mr. Baigis submitted his concerns in writing to Council. No action was taken.

PROCLAMATION – RECOGNITION OF ASHLEY BRESSLER – 2007 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES PARTICIPANT

Mayor Renninger presented a proclamation to Ashley Bressler in recognition of her upcoming competition in the 2007 Special World Summer Games in Shanghai, People's Republic of China on October 2-11, 2007.

PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2007

Mayor Renninger proclaimed the week of September 17 through 23, 2007 as "Constitution Week". The proclamation was presented to Sue Messersmith, Constitution Week Chair of the Ft. McClure Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

CITATION PRESENTATION – BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Renninger presented Council Member and Airport Advisory Committee Member Terry Lemon with the citations received from the Pennsylvania State Senate and from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in honor of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport's seventy-fifth anniversary.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 906 – APPROVING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA, IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT; APPROVING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER RELATED MATTERS

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 906 approving an Intermunicipal agreement with the County of Columbia, Pennsylvania, in connection with a proposed flood control project; approving execution and delivery of said agreement; and authorizing and approving other related matters.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 13, 2007 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 20, 2007 Council meeting minutes with the following correction: page one, third paragraph, 50 Pine should be changed to 51 Pine Street.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND AUGUST PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the August payroll authorization: General Fund, \$35,480.35; Recycling Fund, \$14,921.00; Street Lighting Fund, \$4,588.04; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$2,610.76; FFY 06 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$75,379.83; FFY 07 CDBG Entitlement Program \$12,449.74; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$3,248.04; Liquid Fuels, \$6,307.16 and the August payroll authorization in the amount of \$187,404.09.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on Six (6) (D. Pursel, T. Lemon, B. Brobst, P. Kinney, P. Houseknecht and D. Knorr voting “Yes”) to One (1) abstention (C. Renninger “Abstaining”), Council approved the payment of a bill from Renco Ace Hardware in the amount of \$19.48.

APPROVAL OF TOWN EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2008

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Town Employees Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2008 in the amount of \$2,327.00.

APPROVAL OF POLICE PENSION PLAN MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2008

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2008 in the amount of \$21,739.00.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING ALCOA GRANT ON BEHALF OF DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a grant from Alcoa in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. and transferring the funds to them.

APPROVAL OF HIRING THOMAS PFEIFFER AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Thomas Pfeiffer as a full-time police officer contingent upon the successful completion of medical, physical and psychological examination's. A start date will be determined after notification is given to his current employer.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO POLICE PENSION

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg relating to the police pension.

APPROVAL OF INSURING 1971 JEEP DEUCE AND A HALF

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved insuring a 1971 Jeep Deuce and a half if legally possible. The vehicle title will be in the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry's name and the lease agreement will be between the Forestry Department and the Bloomsburg Fire Department, Inc.

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 Centre Property Managers to install a four foot high chain link fence at **310 East Fourth Street**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Jack Deal to replace the roof at **235-239 West Main Street**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Craig Reichart to install signage at **262 Iron Street**.

APPROVAL OF WAIVERS FOR DON CAMPLESE – LIGHTSTREET ROAD/COUNTRY CLUB ROAD HOUSING PROJECT – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved waivers from Section 403.1.A.2.b and 404.D.1.a.10 for a location map at a scale of 1' = 1 mile instead of the required 1' = 1,000', Section 504, 604 and 706 for the construction of sidewalks along Lightstreet Road and Section 702.1 for the construction of two (2) concrete monuments.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER FOR BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – REDMAN STADIUM – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from Section 22-504 and 22-706 to allow the sidewalks to be constructed of bituminous material.

APPROVAL OF MICHAEL AMBROSINO NINTH AND CANAL STREET SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CONTINGENCIES

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Michael Ambrosino's Ninth and Canal Streets subdivision and land development plan contingent upon the following: revisions according to Town specifications for the acceptance of the dedication of Canal Street must be provided (404.C.12), financial security must be submitted and approved (404.C.7 & 8), payment of fees must be made, the existing water line to the east of the property in Canal Street should be shown on the plan. A note is provided on sheet 2 stating that the final design will be provided by United Water PA, Inc. after final plan approval. The note should be revised to state "after preliminary plan approval and before final plan approval" (404.B1.a.12), and Canal Street should be widened and upgraded to meet the requirements of a minor street. The Canal Street right-of-way is now proposed to be extended to the western line of proposed Lot D1 (502.1.K, 502.3.B and Table 1).

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY UPPER CAMPUS HOUSING PROJECT LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CONTINGENCIES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Bloomsburg University's Upper Campus Housing Project land development plan with the following contingencies. The E & S plan must be approved by the Columbia County Conservation District and a NPDES Permit for Discharges Associated with Construction Activities must be obtained (404.B.2.f, 508.1 and 804). At the April 26, 2007 monthly planning commission meeting, the applicant informed the commission that they are in the process of trying to secure a permit from PPL to use part of the utility right-of-way for parking. A

permit must be provided before final approval and an agreement between Bloomsburg University and the Town must be provided describing maintenance requirements and responsibilities for the two (2) proposed storm water management basins (805.B.1).

APPROVAL OF MICHAEL MORUCCI THIRD STREET APARTMENTS LOT INCORPORATION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CONTINGENCIES

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Michael Morucci's Third Street Apartments lot incorporation and land development plan contingent upon the following: the certification of ownership must be signed and notarized (404.B.1.a.7), a financial improvements agreement must be provided (404.C.1 – 16), the calculations provided under 'Site Tabulation on the Cover Sheet and the building size on Sheet 3 must be revised to reflect the new proposed building size, the proposed inlet I-1 and the proposed pipe P-1 in Wood Street are to be dedicated to the Town and the proposed inlet I-2 and the proposed pipe P-2 are to be owned and maintained by the lot owner. A description of the facility and the terms of its required maintenance must be recorded with the deed to the property (805.C).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS USE OF TOWN OWNED LAND CLARIFICATION

E. Fegley asked Council if it was their original intention to allow the Columbia/Montour Special Olympics to use town-owned land along Catherine Street across from the swimming pool to construct bocce ball courts made of crushed shells. Council reiterated that they had. E. Fegley stated he received plans showing wooden structures being constructed over the courts. Council directed E. Fegley to inform the representative of the Special Olympics to get approval from the Public Works Committee as well as the Town Park Improvement Association.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 250 T-SHIRTS FROM CENTRAL SPORTS AND GRAFIX

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 250 t-shirts from Central Sports and Grafix in the amount of \$1,812.50. The shirts will be given away at the Recycling Center open house.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 4 TO SOKOL, INC. FOR FIFTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 4 to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$22,222.04 for the Fifth Street Reconstruction Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 1 TO HAZELTON SITE CONTRACTORS FOR 2007 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 1 to Hazleton Site Contractors in the amount of \$83,658.71 for the 2007 Street Resurfacing Project.

APPROVAL OF REQUIRING SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AT 602 HONEYSUCKLE LANE

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved requiring the property owner of 602 Honeysuckle Lane to install a sidewalk.

DESIGNATION OF TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

L. Sokoloski designated Wednesday, October 31, 2007 as trick-or-treat night in the Town of Bloomsburg from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

APPROVAL OF FFY 2006 AND FFY 2007 CDBG PROGRAM BUDGET REVISION

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved reallocating \$7,547.33 of FFY 2006 CDBG Program funds and \$25,130.50 of FFY 2007 CDBG Program funds to Phase III of the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING PENNDOT BUREAU OF AVIATION GRANT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Aviation in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Phase IA of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport runway realignment and extension project.

REQUEST TO PROVIDE STUDIES FOR AIRPORT HANGARS

T. Lemon asked Council to pay for the studies needed for the construction of the T-hangars by a private developer. The three studies; environmental, hydrology and airspace; would cost approximately \$6,250.00. Council felt they needed additional information before reaching a decision and instructed C. Mas to find out if the studies could be used for future development or if they would be project specific.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary