

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 10, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Paul Kinney, Paul Houseknecht, Diane Levan, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa and W. Carey Howell; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Hugh Gross and Solicitor Jack Mihalik

#### PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Mayor Knorr proclaimed the month of November 2008 as National Hospice/Palliative Care Month. The proclamation was presented to two staff members of the Columbia/Montour Home Health Agency.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-08.01 – POLICE PENSION PLAN AMENDMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 11-10-08.01 amending and restating the Police Pension Fund effective January 1, 2005.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-10-08.02 – AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS LICENSE AGREEMENT (EALA)

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 11-10-08.02 authorizing the Mayor and Town Administrator to execute all documents necessary to effect such an agreement, including but not limited to, an Electronic Access License Agreement (EALA) on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg for the use of the dotGrants system to file the required Liquid Fuels forms annually.

#### MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr reported that Kawneer Company's parent company, Alcoa, has decided to postpone the Bloomsburg plant's flood protection project. The town will help Kawneer work with the state on finding funding.

The 2009 budget process is still developing and Council has sent budgets back to department leaders to look for additional cuts.

Mayor Knorr expressed he will be holding an informal forum on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Phillips Emporium beginning at 10:30am.

The Veteran's Day Parade went well this past weekend as did homecoming weekend. Mayor Knorr believes there were only 12 off-campus citations written. David Lynn asked, "what about on-campus"? Mayor Knorr stated that on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> there was a dance on-campus in Kehr Union which Bloomsburg University Police had under control until some alleged fights broke out. The Bloomsburg Police Department and Pennsylvania State Police were called in to assist. Mr. Lynn expressed that Chief Sokoloski arrived and just took over and he felt the police force was excessive. Council Member Levan stated that after watching the event on BloomUToday and reading the local newspaper she reviewed the police department's policies and procedures and feels they followed them almost to the letter and that they did an exemplary job.

#### APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 27, 2008 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the October payroll authorization: General Fund, \$138,925.86; Recycling Fund, \$114,498.08; Street Lighting Fund, \$19,843.78; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$723.78; FFY08 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$82,725.34; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$29,582.61; Liquid Fuels, \$3,932.43 and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$226,452.22.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan for third quarter trustee fees in the amount of \$3,454.83.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Employees Pension Plan for third quarter trustee fees in the amount of \$2,473.20.

#### APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY FINANCE CLERK SALARY RANGE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a salary range of \$12.00 to \$15.00/hour for the temporary finance clerk position depending on experience.

#### APPROVAL OF HIRING COREY KREISCHER AS A FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Corey Kreischer as a full-time custodian at a rate of \$8.00 per hour effective in two-weeks.

#### APPROVAL OF PAINTING "ZEBRA STRIPES" WITHIN ALL CROSSWALKS ON MAIN STREET

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Public Works Department to paint "zebra stripes" within all crosswalks on Main Street in the spring of 2009.

#### APPROVAL OF CHANGING WEST SIXTH STREET TO ONE-WAY WEST BETWEEN MARKET AND JEFFERSON STREETS WITH NO-PARKING ON BOTH SIDES AND KEEPING BUS AND STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREA THE SAME

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (K. Shepperson, D. Levan, D. Knorr, P. Houseknecht, S. Costa and C. Howell voting "Yes") to One (1) (P. Kinney voting "No"), Council approved changing West Sixth Street to one-way west from Market Street to Jefferson Street with no parking on both sides from midnight to 6:00am and keeping the bus and student drop-off/pick-up area the same.

#### APPROVAL OF CHANGING EAST FIRST STREET TO ONE-WAY WEST WITH PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE FROM PINE STREET TO IRON STREET

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved changing East First Street to one-way west from Pine Street to Iron Street with parking on the south side only from Pine Street to Iron Street.

#### APPROVAL OF DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARKING

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved free holiday parking on Main Street from Friday, November 28, 2008 through Wednesday, December 31, 2008 with the two-hour parking limit enforced and free holiday parking in all municipal parking lots from Monday, December 8, 2008 through Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF BUCKLE UP PA CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council accepted a Buckle Up PA Click It or Ticket grant.

#### APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDING BOOT DRIVE AT MAIN AND LEONARD STREETS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Fire Department to hold a boot drive at Main and Leonard Streets on Friday, November 28, 2008.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss a pending legal issue with Solicitor Mihalik and did not reconvene.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary