

The Reorganization meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, January 5, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Mayor Dan Knorr presided. Present were Council Members Paul Kinney, Diane Levan, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa and W. Carey Howell; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Environmental Services Administrator Charles Fritz and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Fire Chief Hugh Gross and Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council nominated and elected Diane Levan as Vice President of Council for 2009.

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Knorr named the following Committees and Committee assignments of Council Members:

##### **Administrative/Finance Committee**

Dan Knorr, Chair  
Diane Levan  
Kathy Shepperson  
Carey Howell

##### **Community and Economic Development Committee**

Diane Levan, Chair  
Carey Howell

##### **Public Safety Committee**

Dan Knorr, Chair  
Paul Kinney  
Sylvia Costa  
Kathy Shepperson

##### **Public Works & Environment Committee**

Paul Kinney, Chair  
Sylvia Costa  
Carey Howell

##### **Grievance Committee**

Kathy Shepperson, Chair  
Dan Knorr  
Diane Levan

##### **Columbia County Sanitary Administrative Committee**

Sylvia Costa  
Paul Kinney (Alternate)

##### **Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. Board of Directors**

Amber Kenney (Mayoral Appt.)

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, SOLICITORS AND GENERAL FUND DEPOSITORY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council made the following appoints to various Boards, Commissions and other functions:

**Bloomsburg Area Joint Flood Control Authority**

Paul Reichart Term Exp. 12/31/13

**Civil Service Commission**

Bob Barton Term Exp. 12/31/11

**Code Appeal Board**

Vacancy Term Exp. 12/31/10

Vacancy Term Exp. 12/31/12

Vacancy Term Exp. 12/31/13

**Council Vacancy Board**

Vacancy Term Exp. 12/31/09

**Historic Architectural Review Board**

Harry Ward Term Exp. 12/31/12

Vacancy Term Exp. 12/31/09

Vacancy Term Exp. 12/31/10

**Municipal Authority Board**

Andrew Keister Term Exp. 12/31/13

**Planning Commission**

Alex Dubil, Jr. Term Exp. 12/31/12

Michael Mertz Term Exp. 12/31/12

**Shade Tree Commission**

Sylvia Costa Term Exp. 12/31/13

**Swimming Pool Operations Board**

Jimmy Gilliland Term Exp. 12/31/12

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Chuck Wagner Term Exp. 12/31/11

**Town Solicitor**

John Mihalik – Hummel & Lewis, PC

**Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor**

William Kim Hill – Harding & Hill, LLP

**Sewage Enforcement**

Columbia County Sanitary Inspection Office

**General Fund Depository**

First Columbia Bank and Trust Company

APPOINTMENT OF CAROL L. MAS AS TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY-TREASURER

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Carol L. Mas as Town Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO 01-05-09.01 SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR 2009

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 01-05-09.01 setting various fees for 2009 as follows:

**PURSUANT TO STREET EXCAVATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 771:** in the streets and alleys the Permit Fee including inspection is \$100.00 per cut in addition to \$20.00 per square yard.

**THAT** the number of square yards used in the computation of fees will be based on the nearest whole square yard figure. Minimum fee to be equal to the rate for 1 square yard.

**THAT** the “Bond” required is \$5,000;

**PURSUANT TO ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 687 & 812** the fee is \$300.00 for a variance, special exception and relief from zoning officer’s decision.

**PURSUANT TO ZONING PERMIT FEES\* – ORDINANCE NO. 687:**

**THAT** the Residential permit fees are \$20.00 plus \$5.00 per \$1,000 up to \$20,000; \$1.00 per \$1,000 over \$20,000; AND

**THAT** the Commercial permit fees are \$40.00 plus \$10.00 per \$1,000 up to \$20,000; \$2.00 per \$1,000 over \$20,000

**\*ZONING PERMIT FEES ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE FEES**

**PURSUANT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 687 AS AMENDED –** the fee for amending the text or the zoning map is \$500.00 plus actual costs of planning consultant.

**PURSUANT TO CODE APPEAL APPLICATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 694, 766 AND 874:** the fee is \$300.00 for relief from building code officials decision, relief from code officer’s decision not to issue license [§11-104.1.J.], relief from disciplinary action by the code officer [11-105.5.A.(5)] and all other Town of Bloomsburg Ordinances to include but not limited by the current property maintenance code.

**PURSUANT TO FLOODPLAIN APPEAL APPLICATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 913:** the fee is \$300.00.

**PURSUANT TO SOLICITATION PERMITS – ORDINANCE NO. 813:** the fee is \$100.00 (plus \$50.00 refundable deposit).

**PURSUANT TO BUILDING, SIGN, AND DEMOLITION PERMITS – ORDINANCE NO. 694:**

**THAT** the Residential permit fees are \$15.00 per \$1,000 up to \$20,000; \$6.00 per \$1,000 over \$20,000; AND

**THAT** the Commercial permit fees are \$18.00 per \$1,000 up to \$20,000; \$6.00 per \$1,000 over \$20,000; AND

**THAT** a pre-payment of permit fees shall be one-third (1/3) of fees stated above **or** Residential permit fees are \$10.00 per \$1,000 up to \$20,000; \$4.00 per \$1,000 over \$20,000; AND

**THAT** a pre-payment of permit fees shall be one third (1/3) of fees stated above **or** Commercial permit fees are \$12.00 per \$1,000 up to \$20,000; \$4.00 per \$1,000 over \$20,000; AND

**THAT** the processing of an application of a Certificate of Occupancy for a change of use required by the Code Office, requested by the applicant or any other occurrence not involving new construction, alterations or repairs to an existing building: the fee is \$50.00 non-refundable plus \$23.00/hour in excess of two (2) hours review time; AND

**THAT** the fee for a Demolition permit shall be calculated based on the square footage of the structure to be demolished. The rate shall be calculated at .10 dollars per square foot. Square footage shall include the sum of all stories above grade; AND

**THAT** a \$4.00 fee is added to all building permits issued as per ACT 45 of 1999 (Pennsylvania Construction Code Act) §7210.703 (a). **NOTE: This fee is assessed in accordance with Pennsylvania State law;** AND

**THAT** a minimum of \$10.00 will be retained for all withdrawn applications. This fee is for administration services. If said application has been partially or completely reviewed, the review fees will be retained at a rate of \$22.00/hour. (Note: All requests to withdraw an application must be in writing. Refunds will be issued within 30 days.)

All fees collected include plan review fees; required initial inspection and one (1) required follow up inspection. If additional follow up inspections are required, an additional fee of \$25.00/inspection will be charged. All past due fees must be paid in advance of scheduling future inspections.

**NOTE: ALL PERMIT FEES MUST BE PAID UPON SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION**

**PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT – ORDINANCE NO. 759:** covering general administration the fees are:

General Administration

Minor Subdivision	\$100.00 Basic Fee + \$5.00 per lot
Major Subdivision	\$200.00 Basic Fee + \$5.00 per lot
Land Development	\$150.00 Basic Fee + \$5.00 per lot or unit

**PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT – ORDINANCE NO. 889:** covering the costs of professional consultants fees the current schedule is:

<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Per Hour</u>
Principal Engineer	\$103.00
Professional Engineer II	\$93.00
Engineer	\$68.00
Expert Witness and Arbitration	\$156.00
<u>Legal</u>	
Solicitor	\$100.00/\$125.00
<u>Planning Consultant</u>	
Planner	\$40.00

**PURSUANT TO REGULATED RENTAL UNIT LICENSING – ORDINANCE NO. 829:** for student housing dwelling units with two or more unrelated occupants, the fee is \$25.00 per occupant from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

**PURSUANT TO REGULATED RENTAL UNIT OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING PAYMENT OF A RE-INSPECTION FEE – ORDINANCE NO. 834**, the following fees will apply:

The licensing fee includes the initial inspection and one (1) follow up inspection. Any further return to re-inspect the violation corrections not completed within the stated time period, the following charges will apply:

Additional required Regulated Rental Unit inspections shall be \$25.00/dwelling unit per inspection.

**PURSUANT TO MISSED CODE ENFORCEMENT APPOINTMENTS – ORDINANCE NO. 800:** the fee is \$50.00 per dwelling unit per missed visit for regulated rental unit inspections. All other missed appointments the fee is \$50.00 an occurrence.

**PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS RELATED TO APPLICATIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LICENSES – ORDINANCE NO. 845:** the fee for such applications is \$600.00

**PURSUANT TO RECYCLING FEE – ORDINANCE NO. 823:** an annual fee per unit shall be \$40.00. If paid within 60 days of the invoice date, the property owner of the unit shall receive a \$10.00 discount and shall pay \$30.00. If the Annual Fee is paid between 60 days and 90 days from the invoice date, the property owner shall pay \$40.00. If the Annual Fee is paid between 90 days and 120 days of the invoice date, a \$10.00 penalty shall be added and the property owner shall pay \$50.00.

**PURSUANT TO PAPER SHREDDING FEES –** the following fees will apply:

Under 500 lbs. \$50.00

500-1000 lbs. \$75.00

1000-2000 lbs. \$150.00

Over 2000 lbs. Base fee of \$150.00 + \$50.00 for next 500 lbs.

+ \$75.00 for 2500-3000 lbs.

+ \$150.00 for 3001-4000 lbs.

**PURSUANT TO DUMPSTER FEES – ORDINANCE NO. 722:** when a dumpster is placed on any right-of-way or portion thereof, the fee will be \$15.00 per week or any portion thereof. If placed before permission is granted, the fee will be \$50.00.

**PURSUANT TO BYOB ESTABLISHMENTS – ORDINANCE NO. 855:** an annual application fee shall be \$25.00.

**PURSUANT TO LARGE OUTDOOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS APPLICATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 857:** the fee is \$25.00.

**PURSUANT TO ANTIQUE DEALERS AND SECOND HAND GOODS DEALER LICENSE – ORDINANCE NO. 888:** an annual application fee shall be \$25.00.

**PURSUANT TO ROAD CLOSING,** the fee will be \$25.00 per week.

**PURSUANT TO RENTAL OF METERED SPACE,** the fee will be \$10.00 per day.

**PURSUANT TO RETURNED CHECKS,** the fee will be \$20.00 per check.

**PURSUANT TO OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORTS,** the fee will be \$20.00.

**PURSUANT TO ACCIDENT REPORTS,** the fee will be \$20.00.

**PURSUANT TO FINGERPRINTING**, the fee for Non-Criminal will be \$10.00 per card.

**PURSUANT TO REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES – ORDINANCE NO. 785:** the storage of vehicles at the Town's impoundment facility, the fee will be \$10.00 per day.

**PURSUANT TO PURCHASE OF PARKING LOT PERMIT PLACARDS – ORDINANCE NO. 802:** the fee for a six month parking lot permit placard will be \$125.00 for all parking lots except the Hoppes parking lot will be \$100.00 for six months.

**PURSUANT TO PURCHASE OF STUDENT SUMMER PARKING PERMIT PLACARDS:** the fee will be \$60.00 from May 18, 2009 to August 7, 2009.

**PURSUANT TO MILEAGE**, the reimbursement is .55 cents per mile.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-05-09.02 POLICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR 2009

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 01-05-09.02 Police Education and Training for 2009.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-05-09.03 DRUG TASK FORCE AGREEMENT

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 01-05-09.03 authorizing the Town of Bloomsburg to participate in the Columbia County Drug Task Force.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-05-09.04 POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION DETERMINATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 01-05-09.04 stating that effective December 29, 2008, the Town of Bloomsburg hereby institutes an annual contribution in the amount of 3% to the Bloomsburg Police Pension Fund as determined by the actuary in accordance with Act 600.

#### APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 22, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the December 22, 2008 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

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

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the December payroll authorization: General Fund, \$190,755.76; Recycling Fund, \$12,060.97; Street Lighting Fund, \$8,511.04; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$60.40; Fire Fund, \$44,209.09; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$2,405.53; Liquid Fuels, \$3,468.08 and the December payroll authorization in the amount of \$204,655.90.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING COUNCIL VACANCY POSITION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising the one-year Council vacancy position left when P. Houseknecht resigned.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF RAY VOUGHT FROM BLOOMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Ray Vought from the Bloomsburg Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF 2009 EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND WAGES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following Employee Salaries and Wages for 2009:

**Appointed Official**

Town Administrator	Carol L. Mas	\$59,125.64/yr.
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**Administrative Salaried**

Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer	Ed Fegley	\$49,892.31/yr.
Assistant Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer	Ralph Magill	\$36,456.98/yr.
Human Resources Specialist	Amber Kenney	\$38,036.25/yr.
Finance Specialist	Heather Jacoby	\$39,330.00/yr.

**Clerical**

Administrative Assistant (Code)	Christine Haney	\$17.45/hr.
Office Assistant	Amy Seamans	\$13.46/hr.
Finance Clerk (temporary)	Kimberly Elko	\$12.00/hr.

**Building/Grounds**

Cleaning/Maintenance Personnel	Corey Kreischer	\$8.00/hr.
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**Police Department**

Police Chief	Leo Sokoloski	\$74,189.15/yr.
Lieutenant	Joseph Wondoloski	\$56,240.13/yr.
Sergeant	Roger VanLoan	\$51,076.90/yr.
Sergeant	Leonard Rogutski	\$51,076.90/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Bradley Sharrow	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Matthew Golla	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Lewis Carl, IV	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	James Cromley	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Charles Balon	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Steve Persing	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Shawn Hill	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Melanie Readler	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer III	Kenneth Auchter	\$46,767.65/yr.
Patrol Officer II	Michael Fosse	\$45,623.47/yr.
Patrol Officer II	Nicholas Szkodny	\$45,623.47/yr.
Patrol Officer I	Thomas Pfeiffer	\$44,330.04/yr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	Martin Boudman	\$14.37/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	David Edgar	\$14.37/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	Ryan Edgar	\$14.37/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	Ronald Jumper	\$14.37/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	Frank Varano	\$14.37/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	Mary Persing	\$14.37/hr.
Part Time Patrol Officer	Jonathan Yaskiewicz	\$14.37/hr.
Police Clerk	Elise Hughes	\$17.36/hr.
Police Clerk	Holly McAnall	\$15.00/hr.
Police Clerk	Gene Rupert	\$17.36/hr.
Parking Enforcement Officer	Harry Rogers	\$12.24/hr.
Parking Enforcement Officer	Doug Levan	\$12.24/hr.

**Public Works**

Superintendent	John Barton	\$61,206.32
Foreman	Carl Barratt	\$20.07/hr.
Garage Mechanic	Larry Brown	\$18.27/hr.
Crew Chief w/CDL	David Eyer	\$18.31/hr.
Crew Chief w/o CDL	Larry Poust	\$17.51/hr.
Plumber/Crew Chief	John Fritz	\$18.31/hr.
Operator	Wayne Creasy	\$17.38/hr.
Operator	Curt Laubach	\$17.38/hr.
Operator	Scott Martz	\$17.38/hr.
Operator	Neil Zeisloft	\$17.38/hr.
Skilled Laborer (seasonal)		\$10.95/hr.
Unskilled Laborer (seasonal)		\$8.54/hr.
Concrete Work		\$.40/hr.

**Recycling**

Environmental Services Administrator	Charles Fritz	\$37,427.64/yr.
Assistant Operations Manager	Dean Bogert	\$17.17/hr.
Driver	Larry Long	\$15.96/hr.
Driver	Michelle Shaffer	\$15.96/hr.
Driver	Brian Sitler	\$15.96/hr.
Driver	Ron Russell	\$15.96/hr.

**Other Wage Rate and Commissions**

Town Solicitor		100.00/hr.
Town Solicitor - Litigation at Common Pleas & above		125.00/hr.
Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor		110.00/meeting
Town Public Works Consultant		(as needed)
Fire Chief	Hugh Gross	2,000.00/yr.
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joseph Wondoloski	2,000.00/yr.
Earned Income Tax Commission		1.75%
Occupational Privilege Tax Commission		1.75%
Gross Receipts Tax Commission		1.75%
Amusement Tax Commission		1.00%
Tax Collector - Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes		15,000/yr.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVER – GLEN AVENUE LUXURY APARTMENTS, SHANGRILA DEVELOPMENT CORP. – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSTRUCT STUDENT HOUSING**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from Section 502.1.K, 502.3, Table 1 and 507.3.A for relief from providing setback lines from the “ultimate” right-of-way line along Glen Avenue for Shangrila Development Corporation’s Glen Avenue Luxury Apartments land development plan to construct student housing.

**APPROVAL OF NINETY (90) DAY TIME EXTENSION – GLEN AVENUE LUXURY APARTMENTS, SHANGRILA DEVELOPMENT CORP. – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSTRUCT STUDENT HOUSING**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for Shangrila Development Corporation’s Glen Avenue Luxury Apartment land development plan for the construction of student housing.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – CENTER STREET LUXURY APARTMENTS, SHANGRILA DEVELOPMENT CORP. – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSTRUCT STUDENT HOUSING

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from Section 404.D.1.a.20.b, 503, 504, 705 and 706 for relief from providing sidewalks and curbs along Pine Avenue for Shangrila Development Corporation's Center Street Luxury Apartments land development plan to construct student housing.

APPROVAL OF NINETY (90) DAY TIME EXTENSION – CENTER STREET LUXURY APARTMENTS, SHANGRILA DEVELOPMENT CORP. – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – CONSTRUCT STUDENT HOUSING

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for Shangrila Development Corporation's Center Street Luxury Apartment land development plan for the construction of student housing.

APPROVAL OF WAIVERS – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ADDITION TO NELSON FIELD HOUSE (UPPER CAMPUS)

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved waivers from Section 403.1.A and 404.C, the "blanket waiver" received for financial security and construction cost estimate shall be noted on the cover sheet; Section 403.A.2.c and d, 502.1.k, Table 1 and 403.1.A.2.f and h for relief from providing key map, tract boundary lines, bearings and distances, survey monuments and building setback lines; Section 403.1.A.a.509, 602.1.D and Part 8, a stormwater management analysis and drainage design calculations shall be provided and Section 403.1.A.2, d, 502.1.K and Table 1, the right-of-way lines and width for Welsh Circle shall be provided on the plan for Bloomsburg University's land development plan for an addition to the Nelson Field House on upper campus.

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ADDITION TO NELSON FIELD HOUSE (UPPER CAMPUS)

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved modifications from Section 502.10.D.1, the widths of the proposed access drives shall be twenty-two (22) feet, requested is ten (10) feet and twenty (20) foot low volume service lanes and Section 706.E and F, substituting ½ inch expansion joints for the required 1 ½ inch expansion joints for Bloomsburg University's land development plan for an addition to the Nelson Field House on upper campus.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY ADDITION TO NELSON FIELD ON UPPER CAMPUS LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Bloomsburg University's land development plan for an addition to the Nelson Field House on upper campus contingent upon the plans being signed by a professional engineer or surveyor (404.B.1.a.5) and the certification of ownership and dedicatory statement being signed by the owner (404.B.1.a.7).

APPROVAL OF TERMINATING POLICE DEPARTMENT CANINE PROGRAM

Council discussed the police department canine program at great length. Mayor Knorr expressed that Council approved removing \$3,000 from the 2009 budget for canine training and held off making a decision regarding the program until tonight. Mayor

Knorr described some options regarding the program which were developed after he and D. Levan met with the canine handlers. Donations could be asked for from the public to cover the \$3,000 training costs and an agreement with the handlers could be developed which they would receive two and one half hours compensation time per officer per week for ten months.

K. Shepperson stated she, P. Kinney and C. Howell assumed the canine program was no longer after Council voted to take the \$3,000 out of the budget and agreed to pay \$5,000 to each officer as a settlement for their back pay for the last three years for taking care of the dogs. She expressed that there is simply no money.

L. Sokoloski expressed that agreeing to give compensation time to only two of the fourteen officers is going to create a contractual issue as well as with the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act). C. Mas expressed that the two and one half hours per week would amount to an addition thirteen days for each officer creating scheduling issues within the police department as well.

K. Shepperson made a motion, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Three (3) (K. Shepperson, C. Howell and P. Kinney voting "Yes") to Three (3) (D. Knorr, D. Levan and S. Costa voting "No") to end the canine program effective immediately with the handlers being able to keep the dogs including any and all equipment associated with the handling of the dogs. The motion died due to the tie vote.

Council continued to discuss the issue. It was noted that there is lot of other expenses associated with the program besides the \$3,000 for training.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, P. Kinney, K. Shepperson, S. Costa and C. Howell voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Knorr voting "No"), Council approved terminating the canine program with regret effective immediately with the handlers being able to keep the dogs including any and all equipment associated with the handling of the dogs.

#### RESCINDING OF APPROVAL OF USE OF FORMER STREATER PROPERTY FOR CANINE PATROL TRAINING

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council rescinded their approval for Sgt. Roger VanLoan to hold canine patrol training at the former Streater property on January 13, 2009.

#### APPROVAL OF BID FROM HRI, INC. FOR SITE PREP WORK AT BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AS PART OF THE RUNWAY EXPANSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the base bid in the amount of \$395,861.25 from HRI, Inc. for site prep work at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport as part of the runway expansion and realignment project. C. Mas reported that the Bureau of Aviation as awarded the grant funds for the base bid amount and HRI, Inc. has agreed to honor their alternate #1 and alternate #2 bid amounts for sixty (60) days.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 8:15pm and did not reconvene.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary