

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, December 13, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Paul Kinney, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and Bill Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement and Zoning /Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans.

CHECK PRESENTATION – MICHAEL HECKMAN, BLOOMSBURG AMERICAN LEGION POST 273

Commander Michael Heckman of the Bloomsburg American Legion Post 273 presented a \$15,000 check to Mayor Knorr for the construction of athletic fields at the former Streater property.

BENCH PRESENTATION – KIRK LEHMAN, PA TREATMENT AND HEALING

Kirk Lehman of PA Treatment and Healing presented a bench to Mayor Knorr. Youth from PATH built 32 benches for use at Town Park athletic fields. Materials were donated by Home Depot and the Town's grant from Alcoa. Home Depot provided space at their facility to construct the benches.

SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT CHARLES BALON

Mayor Knorr gave the oath of office to newly promoted Sergeant Charles Balon of the Bloomsburg Police Department.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL HAND WASHING AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Knorr proclaimed December 2010 as National Hand Washing Awareness Month in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation was presented to Infection Preventionist and Employee Health Clinical Coordinator Barb Landesman of Bloomsburg Hospital and Bloomsburg Physicians Services.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE/PLANNING CDBG BUDGET REVISIONS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved assigning \$10,192 in FFY 2009 CDBG Administrative/Planning funds to the Streater Property, \$1,920 in FFY 2009 CDBG Administrative/Planning funds to the Sidewalk and Curbing Study and \$13,837 in FFY 2010 CDBG Administrative/Planning funds to the Sidewalk and Curbing Study.

APPROVAL OF 2011 BUDGET

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Four (4) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Three (3) (P. Kinney, K. Shepperson and C. Howell voting "No"), Council approved the 2011 Budget with a change to the Workers Compensation Insurance Premium from \$66,500.00 to \$60,530.00.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 934 – TAX LEVY FOR 2011

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 934 setting the tax levy for 2011 at 9.821 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation; 7.159 mills for general Town purposes, .732 for debt service, .380 for fire protection, .200 for the library and 1.350 for street lighting purposes.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 935 – AMENDING CHAPTER 20, PART 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO COLLECTION, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, PROCESSING AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND MANDATORY RECYCLING PROGRAM

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 935 amending Chapter 20, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg relating to collection, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal solid waste and mandatory recycling program by adding corrugated paper to the list of recyclables to be kept separate for curbside collection.

MAYOR’S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr reported that Santa’s Cottage is still open, the annual audit began this week and there is an executive session of Council this Wednesday at 6:00pm for personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 22, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the November 22, 2010 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND NOVEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the November payroll authorization: General Fund, \$127,499.11; Recycling Fund, \$151,624.25; Debt Service Fund, \$13,486.69; Street Lighting Fund, \$13,381.07; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$83.96; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Liquid Fuels, \$712.53 and the November payroll authorization in the amount of \$165,467.86.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM SERVICE ELECTRIC TELEPHONE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, S. Costa, D. Knorr, K. Shepperson, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) Abstention (D. Levan “Abstaining”), Council approved a proposal from Service Electric Telephone for local and long distance telephone service for 36 months.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of PA Public Works, LLC to the town vendor list.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG FOR STREATER PARK MASTER SITE PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$3,538.00 for the Streater Park Master Site Plan.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM BROWN AND BROWN INSURANCE FOR 2011 AUTO/LIABILITY PACKAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH PRAETORIAN INSURANCE COMPANY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from Brown and Brown Insurance for 2011 auto/liability package insurance coverage through Praetorian Insurance Company in the amount of \$53,219.00.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM BROWN AND BROWN INSURANCE FOR 2011 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH AMERIHEALTH

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from Brown and Brown Insurance for 2011 workers compensation insurance coverage through Amerihealth in the amount of \$60,528.00.

REMOVAL OF CASSANDRA PISIECZKO FROM BLOOMSBURG SHADE TREE COMMISSION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the removal of Cassandra Pisieczko from the Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Mark Vanatta to replace the storage shed/garage door at 225 West Third Street.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Michael Brooks to change the sorority letters at 443 East Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved the following changes to the certificate of appropriateness for the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority Trinity House: replacement of a door with a double window, removal of a set of metal steps and the lowering of four windows on the third floor with Dryvit material used as a filler above the windows all located on the easterly side of the structure located at 101 East Third Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Bruce Carl to replace the roof, repair eaves and soffit at 304-306 West Fourth Street.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Three (3) (D. Levan, S. Costa and D. Knorr voting "Yes") to Four (4) (P. Kinney, K. Shepperson, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "No"), Council defeated the motion to approve the denial of a certificate of appropriateness for Cleve Hummel to demolish the structure at 112-116 East Third Street.

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Four (4) (K. Shepperson, P. Kinney, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Three (3) (D. Knorr, D. Levan and S. Costa voting "No"), Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Cleve Hummel to demolish the structure at 112-116 East Third Street contingent upon HARB approving the new building plan and with construction being completed within one year.

APPROVAL OF IRONDALE LUXURY APARTMENTS LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CONTINGENCES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the Irondale Luxury Apartments land development plan contingent upon the following conditions:

Subdivision and Land Development Requirements: All owners certification must be signed and notarized [404.D.1.a.5](3). Financial security shall be provided for all site improvements. A construction estimate shall be submitted [403.1.A and 404.C](3). The erosion and sedimentation control plan must be deemed adequate by the Columbia County Conservation District. A copy of the adequacy letter shall be provided [508.1.E and 804] (3). General: 400 watt lamps installed within the parking lot area to obtain a minimum of 0.5 foot candles at all locations. The proposed sanitary lateral should be relocated from underneath the Stormtech Chamber system and outlet trench, or be encased in concrete through those areas (2). The developer must comply with the attached inspection schedule during and after construction. Written acceptance of this schedule must be provided by the applicant prior to plan approvals (2 and 3).

APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR GREYSTONE COURT PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved reducing the financial security for the Greystone Court project by \$87,864.

APPROVAL OF AWARDING COMPOST SITE PROJECT TO SOKOL, INC.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the Compost Site Project to Sokol, Inc. in the bid amount of \$339,299.41.

APPROVAL OF SOLICITOR MIHALIK DRAFTING SHADE TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Solicitor Mihalik to draft the shade tree ordinance amendment.

Cristina Mathews commented on the policy of not allowing copies of draft ordinances available to the public. She wondered if a copy of the draft document could be projected during committee meetings so at least everyone could follow along.

Ed Sabo stated this would be very helpful especially during the upcoming discussions for the ordinance to inspect all rental units at the Community and Economic Development Committee meetings.

Tim Wagner also felt that having a list of what was already discussed at previous committee meetings available so the same items aren't being brought up and discussed again which has been happening with the vendor ordinance. C. Mas expressed that a copy of the minutes from the previous month are in the committee meeting packets.

Mayor Knorr stated that he would leave the discretion up to the committee chairs as to which drafts documents would be handed out to the public at committee meetings.

APPROVAL OF RENTING EQUIPMENT TO CLEAN OUT STORM COLLECTION AREA AT HOSPITAL DRIVE AND LIGHTSTREET ROAD

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved renting equipment in the amount of \$1,500 to clean out the storm collection area located by the ATM at Hospital Drive and Lightstreet Road.

APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO SOKOL, INC. FOR THE BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the final payment to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$76,532.61 for the Town Park Tennis Court Construction Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO WOLYNIEC CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PHASE IV MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of change order no. 1 in the amount of \$1,259.50 to Wolyniec Construction, Inc. for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 1 TO WOLYNIEC CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PHASE IV MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment no. 1 in the amount of \$35,176.50 to Wolyniec Construction, Inc. for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 1 TO MADONNA ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE LEIBY AND KRAUSE MUELLER DEMOLITION PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment no. 1 in the amount of \$16,000.00 to Madonna Enterprise, Inc. for the Leiby and Krause/Mueller Demolition Project.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDING WITH APPRAISAL OF TOWN-OWNED LAND LOCATED ON UPPER CAMPUS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved proceeding with an appraisal for a parcel of land owned by the Town that is located on upper campus of Bloomsburg University. The land was the site of a former beacon light for the airport. C. Mas expressed that the Bloomsburg University Foundation inquired about the acquisition of the land.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLING TWO "LAW OFFICE PARKING ONLY" SIGNS IN FRONT OF 348 EAST SECOND STREET

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, D. Levan, D. Knorr, S. Costa, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (K. Shepperson voting "No"), Council approved the installation of two (2) "Law Office Parking Only" signs from 7:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday, in front of 348 East Second Street.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLING A STOP SIGN ON MARY AVENUE AT WEST FIRST STREET

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a stop sign on Mary Avenue at West First Street.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING ORDINANCE NO. 866 TO PA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY FOR COMMENT AND APPROVAL

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting the town's interconnected smoke detector Ordinance No. 866 to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L & I) for comment and approval contingent upon the outcome of Ed Fegley's discussion with L & I.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC.

DBI President, Tim Wagner, reported that they received nineteen resumes for the Downtown Manager position; six were chosen for phone interviews and then three will be personally interviewed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary