

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held this Monday, May 8, 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, Paul Houseknecht and Don Pursel; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans.

#### CHECK PRESENTATION

Bloomsburg University Spectrum Magazine representatives presented a check in the amount of \$426.06 to Tim Coyne of the Bloomsburg Skateboard Park for the proceeds of the skateboard/BMX bike competition held at the Bloomsburg Skateboard Park on April 29, 2006.

#### CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DELORES BAUCHSPIES

Delores Bauchspies of 637 W. Main Street was present to ask for the speed limit to be lowered on West Main Street to 25 mph from 35 mph and tailgating signage installed. Since West Main Street is a state highway, Ms. Bauchspies contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and spoke to an assistant traffic engineer. The traffic engineer stated that the Chief of Police would need to write a letter to PennDOT requesting a lower speed limit.

Ms. Bauchspies stated there have been a lot of minor accidents and several vehicles that have been totaled due to cars being stopped to either enter the eye doctor parking lot, Bloomsburg University offices, the fairground or when the geese cross the highway. People are driving too fast and not paying attention. There are a lot of children and animals in this area and she is worried someone is going to get injured or killed. She leaves her driveway several times a day and also crosses the highway to take care of a friend and has waited up to 10 minutes to cross. There are duck crossing signs headed out of town but no signs warning vehicles coming into town.

Ms. Bauchspies expressed that this is a very serious situation that needs to be addressed and hopes this doesn't fall on deaf ears. She has lived in Bloomsburg for several years and this has always been this way. She would like the police to sit in this area at least twice a week and also set up the speed detection trailer. Mayor Renninger reiterated that this is state highway but the town can check the speeds and accidents could be verified.

#### CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – CASSIE PEARSON OF BLOOMSBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ms. Cassie Pearson informed Council about the Bloomsburg Community Garden located on town-owned land across from the airport. The opening day was this past Saturday and they have already filled at least half of the spaces. A local artist painted a beautiful sign for the area. Any resident can have a plot at the garden especially if they don't have space where they live to grow vegetables or plants. The Public Works Department has graciously plowed the area and United Water of Pennsylvania has donated a water connection to service the garden. They will continue to need help and donations but have received a lot of support from many people. Ms. Pearson thanked Council again for allowing the group to use the land. B. Brobst expressed his support of the project and noted that having water at the site will be great asset as this had been a problem in the past. B. Brobst also expressed to Ms. Pearson that the town's compost site is not far away and this material could be beneficial to the garden.

#### PLAQUE PRESENTATION – RUSS DEVORE

Russ Devore of the Columbia Montour Council of Boy Scouts of America presented a plaque to Town Council for allowing the boy scouts to hold a camporee at the Bloomsburg Airport on Saturday, May 6, 2006 to work on aviation badges. A plaque was also presented to Chief Sokoloski for having police officers available at the airport on Saturday to fingerprint scouts who are working on their fingerprinting merit badges. There were 400 + campers and 295 scouts at the event.

#### PROCLAMATION – BENGALI CULTURAL AWARENESS AND CELEBRATION DAY

Mayor Renninger proclaimed May 21, 2006 as Bengali Cultural Awareness and Celebration Day in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation will be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bengal New Year's Celebration being held at the entertainment pavilion in Town Park on Sunday, May 21, 2006. Mushtaq Elahi was present to invite everyone to attend.

#### PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Renninger presented a proclamation to Public Works Superintendent John Barton proclaiming the week of May 21-27, 2006 as National Public Works Week in the Town of Bloomsburg in observance of the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

#### PROCLAMATION – RELAY FOR LIFE DAY

Mayor Renninger presented a proclamation to Brenda Bennett proclaiming the 24 hours of June 3-4, 2006 as Relay for Life Day in the Town of Bloomsburg.

#### PROCLAMATION – POLICE WEEK

Mayor Renninger presented a proclamation to Chief Sokoloski proclaiming the week of May 14-22, 2006 as Police Week in the Town of Bloomsburg in observance of Police Officers Memorial Day on May 15, 2006.

#### APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 24, 2006 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

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

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the April payroll authorization: General Fund, \$70,176.26; Recycling Fund, \$7,906.63; Street Lighting Fund, \$17,465.89; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool Fund, \$218.27; FFY 04 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$9,646.56; FFY 05 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$155.50; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$2,393.16; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$25,992.80 and the April payroll authorization in the amount of \$164,479.24.

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

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,588.54.

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

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,756.27.

#### APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL SUMMER HOURS

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved summer hours for Town Hall staff which will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Town Hall offices will be open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF UTILITY COST SAVING CHANGES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved implementing the utility cost saving changes presented by Rose Consulting including local telephone service, long distance service, cellular service and electrical service.

#### APPROVAL OF LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE PROVIDER CHANGE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council approved changing long distance phone service from AT&T to National Telephone Exchange, Inc. (NTE).

#### ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NANCY STOUT

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the retirement of Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant, Nancy Stout, effective November 1, 2006 with her last day being May 26, 2006.

#### RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF MADELINE LAYOS FROM BLOOMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Madeline Layos with deep regret from the Bloomsburg Planning Commission. It was noted that Ms. Layos is resigning because she is moving out of town.

#### APPROVAL OF TOWN POOL ADMISSION ATTENDANT RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved recommending the Swimming Pool Operations Board hire Melissa Weber as Admission Attendant at an hourly rate of \$7.00 with working hours to be established by the Board. D. Knorr suggests that the Board utilize the admission attendant on weekends when they are the busiest. All of Council agreed and C. Mas will relay this to the Board.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF OAK STREET

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance vacating a portion of Oak Street.

## APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

On a motion T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Emergency Management Coordinator job description with the addition of “emergency services” to the end of the first sentence in the second paragraph under Definition.

## APPOINTMENT OF JIM FAUST AS BLOOMSBURG EMA COORDINATOR

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on Six (6) (D. Knorr, T. Lemon, C. Renninger, B. Brobst, P. Houseknecht and D. Pursel voting “Yes”) to One (1) abstention (P. Kinney abstaining), Council appointed Jim Faust as EMA Coordinator for the Town of Bloomsburg. Mr. Faust will be paid a pro-rated salary retroactive to February 13, 2006 and will have a six month probationary period.

## APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on Six (6) (T. Lemon, P. Houseknecht, C. Renninger, P. Kinney, D. Knorr and D. Pursel voting “Yes”) to One (1) abstention (B. Brobst abstaining), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Thomas Wagner to replace the roof at **27 West Fifth Street**.

On a motion by D. Pursel, 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 Donald and Ruthanna Sneiderman to install a fence at **217 West Fourth Street**.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on Six (6) (P. Houseknecht, D. Pursel, C. Renninger, T. Lemon, P. Kinney and D. Knorr voting “Yes”) to One (1) (B. Brobst voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Robert and Susie Dunn to install vinyl siding at **332 Jefferson Street**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on Six (6) (T. Lemon, P. Houseknecht, C. Renninger, P. Kinney, D. Knorr and D. Pursel voting “Yes”) to One (1) (B. Brobst voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Edward and Lynda Johnson to install vinyl siding at **228 East Fifth Street**.

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 Martha Dilg to remove existing porch at **146 East Fourth Street**.

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 Martha Dilg to construct a sunroom at **146 East Fourth Street**.

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 Thomas Evans to reconstruct the front porch at **108 Market Street**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Robert Dworsak to amend a prior application to include the installation of two windows and a steel door with panic hardware at the rear of the structure and to open two additional windows at **21 East Main Street**.

On a motion by D. Pursel, 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 John Jacobson to reinstall the aluminum storm doors at **201 West Third Street**.

On a motion by D. Pursel, 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 Don Harris to demolish the existing structure at **63 East Main Street**.

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 Don Harris to construct a new structure at **63 East Main Street** to be built as per the submitted drawings and to post a security bond prior to the issuance of any permits.

#### DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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 denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for John Jacobson to install screens on the entire front porch at **201 West Third Street**

#### APPROVAL OF WAIVERS – BLOOMSBURG FAIR ASSOCIATION – 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 22-404.B.(1)(a)1), the requirement provide a key map showing the entire tract with street names, natural features and contours, from Section 22-404.D.(1)(a)2), the requirement to provide tract boundary lines and from Section 22-404.D.(1)(a)3), the requirement to provide locations and descriptions of survey monuments on the plan.

#### APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FAIR ASSOCIATION – 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 the final land development plan for the Bloomsburg Fair Association to construct two pole barn type buildings to board horses contingent upon them signing the owner's signature blocks.

#### APPROVAL OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO APPLY ZONING LAW

On a motion T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer to apply the zoning law to Matt Zoppetti's Glenn Avenue land development project. Mr. Zoppetti will need to apply for a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board. J. Mihalik explained that E. Fegley found a discrepancy in the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Council agreed that a special Zoning Hearing Board meeting should be arranged to accommodate Mr. Zoppetti so he would not have to wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 8, 2006.

#### APPROVAL OF PLACING RECYCLING ADVERTISEMENT IN "HOW-TO" ISSUE OF PRESS ENTERPRISE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved placing a recycling advertisement in a special "How-To" issue of the Press Enterprise in the amount of \$575.00. Grant funds will be used.

#### APPROVAL OF AWARDING SALE OF 1982 FORD F600 BUCKET TRUCK

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council awarded the sale of the 1982 Ford F600 bucket truck to Jay H. Flick in the bid amount of \$2,551.00.

#### APPROVAL OF AWARDING SALE OF 1991 CHEVROLET CAPRICE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council awarded the sale of the 1991 Chevrolet Caprice to Ed Shaffer in the bid amount of \$228.00.

#### APPROVAL OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR JUDITH A. LEWIS-WALTON

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicapped parking space for Judith A. Lewis-Walton of 118 W. First Street.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISEMENT OF CURFEW ORDINANCE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance regulating the conduct of minors in public places of the Town between certain hours for the public good, safety and welfare.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE REGULATING LOITERING

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance regulating loitering in the Town.

#### APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ATTEND PARADES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Fire Department to attend a parade in Frackville on May 26, the Six County parade in Honey Pond on June 24 and the Schuylkill County parade in Pottsville on September 16. B. Rupp stated the new rescue truck, if it's ready, will be taken to the Frackville parade and an engine will go to the other parades.

#### APPROVAL OF REALLOCATING FFY 2005 CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved reallocating \$37,460.00 in FFY 2005 CDBG funds to the Street Lighting Project and \$25,252.74 to the Fifth Street Traffic Calming Reconstruction Project. C. Mas stated that a public hearing will need to be held at the May 22, 2006 Town Council meeting since all of the funds from the Flood Control Construction Project will be reallocated due to construction not scheduled to begin before the application deadline.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary