

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 9, 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, Bill Brobst, Paul Kinney, Dan Knorr and Paul Houseknecht; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Office Assistant Amy Seamans.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-07.01 – PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAIN STREET OPERATIONAL GRANT AND DESIGN CHALLENGE GRANT FOR STOREFRONT AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 04-09-07.01 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Main Street Operational Expenses, Year Three, in the amount of \$45,000.00 and Storefront and Façade Improvements in the amount of \$30,000.00.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 26, 2007 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND MARCH 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 March payroll authorization: General Fund, \$146,527.83; Recycling Fund, \$94,925.36; Street Lighting Fund, \$7,501.29; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$154.28; FFY 04 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$33,300.72; FFY 05 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$15,285.55; Day Care Project, \$3,905.96; Airport Expansion Project, \$21,460.73; Liquid Fuels, \$5,343.17; Stroup Fund, \$73.95 and the March payroll authorization in the amount of \$186,435.47.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, P. Houseknecht, B. Brobst, D. Pursel, T. Lemon 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 \$127.87.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of an invoice from Hay Group, Inc. from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$450.00 for work during 02/01/07 through 02/28/07 including a benefit calculation and review of an amendment to the plan of covered employees.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoices from First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,947.05 and the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,739.87

APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL EMPLOYEES EXCHANGING DEER DAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved Town Hall employees exchange the Deer Day holiday (November 26, 2007) for Christmas Eve (December 24, 2007).

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONAL WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM FOR 2007

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of additional workers compensation premium in the amount of \$2,763.00 for 2007.

APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL SUMMER HOURS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following summer hours for Town Hall: Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:30pm and Friday 7:30am to 2:00pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by D. Knorr, 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 Brian Fry to remove a damaged aluminum awning at **111 East Fifth 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 Robert Barton to install replacement windows at **119 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 Rodger Bunnell to replace the roof on the rear addition at **435 Market Street**.

On a motion by D. Knorr, 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 Joe Gushen to do exterior renovations at **34-40 East 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 Frank Baker to do exterior renovations at **149 East Main Street**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Five (5) (T. Lemon, P. Kinney, C. Renninger, P. Houseknecht and Don Pursel voting "Yes") to Two (2) (B. Brobst and D. Knorr voting "No"), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Vince DeMelfi to replace two windows on the front of the structure located at **340 Center Street**.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, Council approved denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for Vince DeMelfi to install vinyl siding on the easterly side of the structure located at **269 West First Street** due to the historic integrity of the building.

Mr. DeMelfi stated that Town Council has set a precedent of approving vinyl siding in the historic district. Mr. Demelfi expressed that he reviewed the last four years of Town Council meeting minutes and there was a 100% approval of vinyl siding. In 1999 former Code Enforcement Officer, Dean VonBlohn condemned the structure and after Mr. DeMelfi purchased the property he has been improving it. Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Fegley expressed that Mr. DeMelfi has been cited for applying vinyl siding to another portion of the structure without seeking approval and they are awaiting a hearing date.

B. Brobst stated that vinyl siding is not the answer. There are numerous types of materials out there to choose from to simulate wood, hardi-plank is one. B. Brobst also expressed that there are new buildings in town that are only five to ten years old and the vinyl siding is already breaking down on them.

APPROVAL OF REPAIRING RECYCLING CENTER CLAMP FORKLIFT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved repairing the clamp forklift at the Recycling Center in the estimated amount of \$2,830.00.

APPROVAL OF HIRING LARRY RICHARD LONG, JR. AS FULL-TIME DRIVER AT RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Larry Richard Long, Jr. as a full-time driver at the Recycling Center at \$14.40 per hour effective in two weeks.

APPROVAL OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO DEVELOP NATURE GARDEN ON TOWN-OWNED LAND

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Children's Museum to develop a nature garden on town-owned land along Center Street adjacent to the YMCA parking lot.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF ESTIMATE #5 TO TRA ELECTRIC, INC.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of estimate #5 to Tra Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$217,871.06 for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF A VETERANS MEMORIAL WITHIN TOWN PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN PARK MASTER SITE PLAN

On a motion by B. Brobst, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on Six (6) (B. Brobst, D. Pursel, C. Renninger, T. Lemon, P. Houseknecht and D. Knorr voting "Yes") to One (1) abstention (P. Kinney "Abstaining"), Council approved the placement of a Veteran's Memorial within the Town Park in accordance with the Town Park master site plan.

B. Lowthert of SEDA-COG expressed to Council and Veteran's Memorial Committee Members that were present (John Pollard, Cary Rhodomoyer and Jeanne Waters) that Simone Collins does not recommend the actual placement of the memorial be set until the master site plan is concluded. Mr. Rhodomoyer asked when that would be and Mr. Lowthert stated sometime in September. Mr. Lowthert advised the committee members that if they decide to ask the town for funding there are several factors to keep in mind. If grant funding is obtained through DCNR, no construction can begin until the funds are secured. If the town elects to use Community Development Block Grant funds, approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development is needed which a verbal "ok" was given in 2006. Also, an environmental review process would need to be conducted and no construction can begin until this is completed. Mr. Rhodomoyer stated that the committee has obtained three bids from contractors for phase one which is a cement pad. Mr. Rhodomoyer expressed that the committee does not anticipate asking for any financial assistance from the town and that they have contributors waiting to donate funds but will not do so until they see some progress.

APPROVAL OF HANDICAPPED PARK SPACE – DONALD STRAUSSER – 235
EAST EIGHTH STREET

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicapped parking space for Donald Strausser of 235 East Eighth Street.

APPROVAL OF POLICE DEPARTMENT WORK RULES, POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Police Department's work rules, policies and procedures.

APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY PAYMENT TO LARRY BROWN FOR USE OF
DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved paying Public Works Department Mechanic, Larry Brown quarterly for the use of his vehicle diagnostic equipment at \$30.00 for each use. It was noted that L. Brown will submit an invoice quarterly.

APPROVAL OF TABLING TRISTAR HOUSING EAST FIRST STREET RE-ZONING
REQUEST DETERMINATION

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the recommendation of planning consultant Richard Koch of Gannett Fleming Environmental Engineers, Inc. to take no action on Tristar Housing's East First Street re-zoning request until the study group completes the review of the town's zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary