

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, June 11, 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, Dan Knorr and Paul Houseknecht; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Code Enforcement/ Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Council Member Paul Kinney, Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – DAVIS CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS DENIAL APPEAL

A Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting of Town Council. Todd and Laura Davis of 220 East Fifth Street were present to appeal Council's denial of a certificate of appropriateness to install vinyl siding on their garage/carriage house located at the rear of their property. Mayor Renninger swore in Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis noted that the carriage house style doors that currently exist are rotted and do not close all of the way. He intends to construct new wooden doors and keep them painted. The white vinyl siding would be smooth and 3" wide which is the same size as the present wood clapboard. The 8" fascia board would remain painted. There would be no change to the buildings unique shape.

Mr. Davis noted that this would be the third time in the past 18 years he would be painting the structure. Several cracked boards need to be replaced due to age and the inability of the wood to hold paint. Boards would continually need to be replaced over time and would be quite costly.

B. Brobst expressed that it's going to be very difficult for the contractor to join the siding around the windows but it could be done if they build in the "J" channel.

D. Pursel asked what he planned on doing with the center window on the second floor which is partially boarded up. Mr. Davis stated he would like to install vinyl siding over the window and noted the basketball backboard would also be removed.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on Five (5) (T. Lemon, P. Houseknecht, C. Renninger, T. Lemon and D. Knorr voting "Yes") to One (1) (B. Brobst voting "No"), Council approve a certificate of appropriateness for Todd Davis to install 3" vinyl siding on the structure located at the rear of 220 East Fifth Street, use "J" channel around all windows, restore the drip cap over the windows or replace with a vinyl product that matches the current style, paint the 8" fascia board, install new wooden carriage house style doors to match the current doors, cover the second floor door with vinyl siding and remove the backboard.

Hearing no further input, the Public Hearing concluded at 6:47pm.

#### CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DOUGLAS KAHLER – 403 CATHERINE STREET HARB APPLICATION

Mr. Douglas Kahler was present to discuss the Historic Architectural Review Board's decision on his application to remove and replace three (3) garage doors located on the structure at the rear of 403 Catherine Street. HARB approved Mr. Kahler's application with the contingency that the doors not have the decorative wrought iron items and only have single light windows instead of double. Mr. Kahler expressed that Overhead Door does not make the style of door that currently exists which he replaced 28 years ago. He feels the carriage house style doors with wrought iron fixtures and window grids would look nice. Mr. Kahler needed to leave the meeting and stated he would call Town Hall Tuesday to inquire about Council's decision.

## CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – ROD ROMIG – PETITION PRESENTATION

Mr. Rod Romig of 440 East Eighth Street presented a petition stating “the following listed property owners and residents hereby do request that the Town of Bloomsburg retain the services of an independent professional engineering firm to conduct a feasibility study to identify the total amount of flood water displacement of approximately seven to eight acres of the Kawneer property that a proposed flood wall and levee system will be erected around. The purpose of this study will determine the actual amount of possible flood damage to the residents and property owners of the east end of Bloomsburg”. Mr. Romig stated the residents and/or property owners do not have a problem with Kawneer’s project, they just want to know where the displaced water is going to go. Kawneer’s engineer, Larson Design Group, would not give Mr. Romig a straight answer when asked at a recent Planning Commission meeting. Town Council advised Mr. Romig that Kawneer’s project is still in the planning stages and a copy of the petition would be given to the Planning Commission.

## PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

Mayor Renninger proclaimed April 27, 2007 as National Arbor Day in the Town of Bloomsburg. It was noted that the Shade Tree Commission had a pin oak tree planted at the Magee Park along West Main Street on Arbor Day in memory of William C. Hidlay and held a dedication ceremony on June 11, 2007.

## APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-11-07.01 – POLICE PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTION DETERMINATION

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 06-11-07.01 hereby eliminating any contributions to the Bloomsburg Police Pension Fund for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 in accordance with Act 600.

## APPROVAL OF MAY 14, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the May 14, 2007 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

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

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the May payroll authorization: General Fund, \$61,191.62; Recycling Fund, \$7,403.40; Street Lighting Fund, \$4,588.04; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$2,391.17; FFY 04 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$1,730.00; FFY 05 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$41,153.92; FFY 06 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$19,294.64; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Liquid Fuels, \$4,191.46 and the May payroll authorization in the amount of \$187,761.56.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on Five (5) (T. Lemon, D. Pursel, P. Houseknecht, B. Brobst 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 \$80.98.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUESTS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following appropriation transfer requests:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
01.400.00.5313	Engineering Services	1,300.00	
01.400.00.5314	Legal Services		1,000.00
01.400.00.5460	Training	1,500.00	
01.409.00.5380	Town Hall Maintenance		1,000.00
01.492.00.5027	Transfer to Airport Expansion Project		800.00

  

<u>Recycling</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
04.426.00.5189	Vacation	1,350.00	
04.426.00.5330	Vehicle Operation	2,000.00	
04.426.00.5384	Building and Grounds	400.00	
04.426.00.5610	Construction Services		9,900.00
04.426.00.5460	Training	100.00	
04.426.00.5700	Equipment Purchase	6,050.00	

APPROVAL OF INVESTING FUNDS WITH FNB BANK

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved investing \$100,000.00 from the Fire Fund with FNB Bank for six months at 5.13% APY.

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATING 2008 POLICE PENSION FUND MMO WITH 2007 PLAN VALUATION WAGE FIGURES

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved Hay Group to estimate the 2008 police pension fund minimum municipal obligation (MMO) with 2007 plan valuation wage figures.

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE FROM MANTZ COMPUTER CONSULTING TO REMOVE, INSTALL AND CONFIGURE A TAPE DRIVE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved an estimate from Mantz Computer Consulting in the amount of \$803.72 to remove, install and configure a tape drive in the police department.

APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR TOWN NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a conflict of interest policy for all town non-union employees.

APPROVAL OF HIRING TWO SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Carl Barratt, Jr. and Austin Auten as seasonal Public Works Department employees at a rate of \$7.97 per hour effective April 30, 2007 and May 14, 2007 respectively.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING PART-TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a part-time custodian.

## APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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 Jeremy Hanaway to install vinyl replacement windows at **140-142 West First Street**.

On a motion by D. Knorr, 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 Wesley United Methodist Church to replace a rear door at **130 West Third Street**.

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on Four (4) (T. Lemon, B. Brobst, C. Renninger and D. Pursel voting "Yes") to Two (2) (P. Houseknecht and D. Knorr voting "No"), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Douglas Kahler to replace three (3) garage doors with steel carriage house type doors with no decorative wrought iron items and with single light windows at **403 Catherine 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 Michael Morzilla to raise and reconstruct the porch located at **156 Iron Street**.

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on Five (5) (D. Knorr, P. Houseknecht, C. Renninger, T. Lemon, 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 Mary Ellen Brink to install vinyl siding on the entire structure and garage, install vinyl replacement windows, replace the left side front door and construct a deck over the existing concrete porch at the rear of the structure located at **248 East Fifth Street**.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, 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 Leroy Yocum to install a 16 foot steel garage door with single rectangular windows across the top at **318 West Street** conditioned upon the code allowing only one door.

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 William May to remove a metal roof and install three tab shingles at **20 West Anthony Avenue**.

## DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for Dale Beagle to install vinyl siding at **344 Market Street** due to no applicant or agent being present at the Historic Architectural Review Board meeting.

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 denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for Todd Zeisloft to install vinyl replacement windows at **327 East Second Street** because the Historic Architectural Review Board did not feel that removing the entire window and sitting the stained glass portion in a frame and attaching it to the inside like a double window would be an appropriate method to preserving the integrity of the windows.

APPROVAL OF NINETY-DAY TIME EXTENSION – MICHAEL AMBROSINO –  
SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved a third ninety (90) day time extension for Michael Ambrosino's subdivision/land development plan on the condition that if no movement is seen on the application that it be denied at the end of this time extension cycle.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 2 TO SOKOL, INC. FOR FIFTH STREET  
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 2 to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$32,629.32 for the Fifth Street Reconstruction Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 6 TO TRA ELECTRIC, INC. FOR MAIN STREET  
LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 6 to Tra Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$59,213.72 for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NO. 3 FROM TRA ELECTRIC, INC. FOR MAIN  
STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved work order No. 3 from Tra Electric, Inc. in the increased amount of \$2,160.21 for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NO. 4 FROM TRA ELECTRIC, INC. FOR MAIN  
STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved work order No. 4 from Tra Electric, Inc. in the decreased amount of \$3,640.00 for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NO. 5 FROM TRA ELECTRIC, INC. FOR MAIN  
STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved work order No. 5 from Tra Electric, Inc. in the increased amount of \$13,844.00 for the Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE FROM SIGNING AND SIGNAL SYSTEM  
INSTALLERS, LLC FOR TRAFFIC LOOP REPLACEMENT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the estimate from Signing and Signal System Installer, LLC in the amount of \$1,312.50 for the replacement of the traffic loop located at East and Fifth Streets in conjunction with the town street resurfacing project.

BUILDING LOCATED AT FORMER ATHLETIC PARK SITE DISCUSSION

B. Brobst reported that the Public Works Committee has been discussing the condition of the building located at the corner of Center and Eighth Streets on the former Athletic Park site. It's estimated that it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to demolish the structure. B. Brobst stated that he and Public Works employees inspected the building recently. The building is a post World War II cement block structure with brick veneer. The interior steps have been removed but the second floor is made of very thick cement and is in good condition. The roof would need to be repaired but B. Brobst feels the structure could be reused by someone. The town could do a minor subdivision and either lease or sell the property. A local contractor was in the audience and stated he

would be interested in fixing it up and using it for storage. B. Brobst asked if he would keep the architectural details of the building in tact and the gentleman stated he would. Solicitor Mihalik believes when the property was deeded or willed to the town years ago there were restrictions put on the land that it can only be used for recreational purposes. Staff will look into the restriction issue.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE EARLY WARNING SIREN SYSTEM

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the purchase of an early warning siren system. C. Mas noted that grant funds will be used for the purchase.

#### APPROVAL OF KEEPING “NO LEFT TURN” SIGNAGE IN PLACE AT SPRUCE STREET AND COLUMBIA BOULEVARD

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved keeping the “no left turn” signage in place at Spruce Street and Columbia Boulevard.

#### FLOOD VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Town Council unanimously agreed to have the appreciation picnic for departments and volunteers that helped out during the flood last year on Sunday, July 8, 2007 at the Bloomsburg Fire Department social hall if it is available. Also, guests will be charged the \$6.00 per person fee that the town is being charged and B. Rupp will find out what the caterer charges for children if someone would want to bring a child as a guest.

#### APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE KOZ PROPERTY FROM AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved authorizing removal of the KOZ property from the airport layout plan and the addition of the Gillespie property and two other town-owned properties located along Ferry Road. All corrections will be made to the Airport Layout Plan by June 18, 2007. The town will repay \$66,741.00 in Act 117 grant funds to the state by covering the state's 2.5% match on future grants until the obligation is fulfilled.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary