

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 12, 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, Paul Kinney, Bill Brobst, Dan Knorr and Paul Houseknecht; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Environmental Services Coordinator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Code Enforcement/ Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent was Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – COLUMBIA COUNTY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Mayor Renninger presented Rev. Tom Young of Wesley United Methodist Church with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Columbia County Volunteer Organization for Disaster Relief (CCVODR). Mayor Renninger explained that CCVODR was given the task of handing out the generously donated funds from the Philadelphia Federal Credit Union and the former Magee Rieter Automotive Systems to residents of Columbia County who were directly affected by the flood of June 2006. Rev. Young reported that the group distributed just over \$115,000.00 in assistance to the residents.

PRESENTATION – TOWN PARK MASTER SITE PLAN

Peter Simone of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture and Joe Nardella of GTS Technologies, Inc. gave an overview of the draft Town Park Master Site Plan. Mr. Simone expressed that he is still awaiting comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The plan's first priority is the Market Street entry/Veterans Memorial/parking improvements. Implementing a vehicle circle at the south end of Market Street will slow traffic, provide pedestrian circulation and the addition of the Veterans Memorial in this area will create a formal entrance to the park. Other suggests and phases are: adding 90 degree parking on Market Street and defining other parking areas would increase the amount of parking from 395 to 460; moving the tennis courts closer to the high school; closing Colonial Street to vehicular traffic; making Ft. McClure Boulevard one-way south from Catherine Street to Railroad Street and using the cartway for pedestrian and bicycle traffic; creating a tiered access to the river at the end of Market Street; incorporating a continuous walking path throughout the park; making improvements at the Skate Park; making improvements at the pool by adding a water play area and shade structures; replacing Kidsburg and moving it to where the tennis courts currently exist so it's near the restrooms located in the entertainment pavilion and further away from flood waters; adding a dog park; and improving the lagoon which is currently partially groundwater fed which makes the water stagnant in the summer. Mr. Simone informed Council that the location of the Veterans Memorial came up at every public meeting. Everyone is in favor of the memorial. Locating the memorial at the entrance to the park will give it more importance, reduce flood damage and deter vandalism. The cost estimate for all improvements is nearly nine million dollars. The next round of DCNR funding is in April of 2008 and requires a 50/50 match.

CHECK PRESENTATION

Bloomsburg University Spectrum Magazine representatives presented a check in the amount of \$400.00 to Town Park Improvement Association President, Chuck Wagner for the proceeds of the skateboard/BMX bike competition held at the Bloomsburg Skateboard Park on April 21, 2007.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – KAREN DIRIENZO

Karen DiRienzo, President of the Mothers of Young Children Co-op who meet at the First Presbyterian Church on Market Street, read from a prepared letter concerning the proposed Town Park Master Site Plan. The group feels that replacing Kidsburg should be higher on the priority list. Kidsburg is a wooden maze-like structure which makes it difficult for parents to keep an eye on their children and it's not toddler friendly. The group would like to see a fence put around the structure so there is only one-way in and

one-way out. The group acknowledges that the structure is cleaned after flood events but feel sewer waters have probably soaked into the wood. They agree that moving Kidsburg further up Market Street away from flood water is a great idea but are concerned that children would run across Market Street to and from a proposed parking lot. Peter Simone reiterated that their thought was to place Kidsburg closer to the restroom facilities in the entertainment pavilion.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 22, 2007 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the October payroll authorization: General Fund, \$117,667.35; Recycling Fund, \$12,788.00; Street Lighting Fund, \$5,031.67; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool Fund, \$152.32; Fire Fund, \$198.57; FFY 06 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$5,716.00; FFY 07 CDBG Entitlement Program \$14,660.00; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Liquid Fuels, \$24,639.93 and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$161,054.50.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on Six (6) (D. Pursel, T. Lemon, P. Kinney, B. Brobst, P. Houseknecht 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 \$4.79.

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

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan for third quarter trustee fees in the amount of \$3,987.75.

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

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Employees Pension Plan for third quarter trustee fees in the amount of \$2,796.16.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following appropriation transfers:

General Fund	Description	Debit	Credit
01.357.00.4584	Local Drug Task Reimbursement		12,000.00
01.362.00.4623	Building Permits		14,000.00
01.362.00.4625	Police Services		2,000.00
01.392.00.4017	Transfer from FY05 CDBG Program		5,345.00
01.392.00.4018	Transfer from FY06 CDBG Program		14,330.00
01.392.00.4019	Transfer from FY07 CDBG Program		15,995.00
01.400.00.5314	Legal Services	1,500.00	
01.400.00.5320	Communication Services		4,000.00
01.400.00.5325	Postage	1,500.00	
01.400.00.5470	General Expense	1,000.00	
01.409.00.5383	Day Care Building Maintenance		15,000.00
01.410.00.5140	Wages- Full Time Employees		14,000.00

01.410.00.5161	Social Security	8,700.00	
01.410.00.5162	Unemployment Compensation	400.00	
01.410.00.5177	Unused Sick Leave		11,620.00
01.410.00.5183	Overtime	15,000.00	
01.410.00.5188	Court		4,000.00
01.410.00.5231	Gas, Oil and Grease		3,000.00
01.410.00.5240	Materials and Supplies	2,500.00	
01.410.00.5314	Legal Services	3,000.00	
01.410.00.5371	Maintenance- Police Vehicles	5,000.00	
01.410.00.5374	Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00	
01.410.00.5504	DUI Processing Center Program	8,000.00	
01.410.00.5511	DCED Technology Grant	1,000.00	
01.410.00.5720	Capital Lease Payment	1,020.00	
01.413.00.5312	Consultant Services	3,000.00	
01.413.00.5313	Engineering Services	3,300.00	
01.413.00.5370	Maintenance and Repair	700.00	
01.413.00.5700	Equipment Purchase	7,000.00	
01.414.00.5303	Planning Consultant - Comp Plan		6,000.00
01.414.00.5304	Planning Consultant - Rec Plan	41,670.00	
01.430.00.5141	Wages- Seasonal Employees	1,725.00	
01.430.00.5191	Uniform Allowance	275.00	
01.430.00.5375	Radio Maintenance	1,000.00	
01.430.00.5470	General Expense	2,000.00	
01.432.00.5244	Snow Removal Materials	6,000.00	
01.433.00.5378	Traffic Signal Maintenance	5,000.00	
01.436.00.5610	Storm Sewer Construction Svc	3,500.00	
01.437.00.5374	Equipment Maintenance	5,000.00	
01.438.00.5247	Road Materials and Supplies	8,500.00	
01.440.00.5370	Maintenance and Repair		18,000.00

<u>Recycling</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
04.400.00.5211	Billing Costs	2,600.00	
04.400.00.5340	Advertising & Printing	2,500.00	
04.400.00.5325	Postage		1,600.00
04.400.00.5470	General Expense		500.00
04.400.00.5700	Equipment Purchase		400.00
04.426.00.5140	Wages		4,000.00
04.426.00.5156	Health Insurance		11,500.00
04.426.00.5231	Gas, Oil & Grease		7,150.00
04.426.00.5240	Materials & Supplies		3,800.00
04.426.00.5330	Vehicle Operation	7,150.00	
04.426.00.5374	Equipment Maintenance	400.00	
04.426.00.5379	Baler Maintenance	1,000.00	
04.426.00.5384	Building & Grounds	750.00	
04.426.00.5700	Equipment Purchase	14,550.00	

<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
35.355.00.4556	State Liquid Fuels Grant		1,000.00
35.355.00.4557	State Road Turnback Payments		1,000.00
35.433.00.5245	Street Sign Materials	7,000.00	
35.433.00.5378	Traffic Signal Maintenance		7,000.00
35.438.00.5247	Road Material and Supplies	5,000.00	
35.439.00.5450	Contracted Resurfacing Service		3,000.00

APPROVAL OF ENDING L. RICHARD LONG PROBATIONARY PERIOD

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending Recycling Center Driver L. Richard Long's probationary period retroactive to October 30, 2007.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF ANNUAL EMA COORDINATOR SALARY

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Joseph Wondoloski in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the annual EMA Coordinator salary.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of ammunition from Witmer Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$447.36.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2008 SATURN VUE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a 2008 Saturn Vue for the Code Enforcement Department in the amount of \$17,675.00 through the U. S. General Services Administration contingent upon the code enforcement being the primary user.

APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING A VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved establishing a Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF CRISTINA MATHEWS TO BLOOMSBURG SHADE TREE COMMISSION

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Cristina Mathews to the Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission filling a vacancy which expires on December 31, 2007.

APPOINTMENT OF CLAUDE RENNINGER TO BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, T. Lemon, B. Brobst, P. Houseknecht and D. Pursel voting "Yes") to One (1) abstention (C. Renninger "Abstaining"), Council appointed Claude Renninger to the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board filling a vacancy which expires on December 31, 2009.

APPROVAL OF EXTENDING CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR ONE YEAR

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending the current Civil Service Commission eligibility list for one (1) year.

APPROVAL OF HIRING HOLLY MCANALL AS LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Holly McAnall as a Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant at an hourly rate of \$14.00 contingent upon a comprehensive background investigation with a beginning date to be determined.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising the 2008 proposed budget for public inspection.

APPROVAL 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 approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Gizmo Enterprises to install individual letters spelling Quiznos Sub to the front façade lit by goose neck lights and a metal non-illuminated blade sign to the westerly side of the front façade at **149 East Main Street**.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council overturned the Historic Architectural Review Board's recommendation and approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ to remove a 3' wide x 9' high stained glass window on the second floor elevation located at **101 East Third Street** and to install a plain clear window in the opening. It was noted that the congregation is moving to a new location and would like to place the "shepherd" stained glass window at their new location.

APPROVAL OF CAMPLESE LIGHTSTREET ROAD/COUNTRY CLUB ROAD HOUSING PROJECT LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Donald Camplese's Lightstreet Road/Country Club Road housing project land development plan contingent upon the certification of ownership being signed and notarized (404.B1.a.7), a financial improvements agreement and cost estimate are required (404.C), and a site lighting plan for proposed parking lot is required (501.5, 607.3.E.4, ZO 503.7 and 801.3.F.3).

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY REDMAN STADIUM LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Bloomsburg University's Redman Stadium land development plan contingent upon the certification of ownership being signed and notarized (404.B1.a.7).

APPROVAL OF WAIVER FOR BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY HAAS CENTER FOR THE ARTS EXPANSION LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Pursel and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from showing tract boundaries, a key map, setback lines and survey monuments on Bloomsburg University's Haas Center for the Arts expansion land development plan.

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION FOR BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY HAAS CENTER FOR THE ARTS EXPANSION LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by B. Brobst and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a modification from Section 706.E and 706.F to allow for ½ inch expansion joint material instead of the required 1 ½ inch material for Bloomsburg University's Haas Center for the Arts expansion land development plan.

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION FOR BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY HAAS CENTER FOR THE ARTS EXPANSION LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a modification from Section 607.2 to allow for 9' x 18' parking stalls instead of the required 10' x 20' stalls for Bloomsburg University's Haas Center for the Arts expansion land development plan.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF NEW TIRES FOR RECYCLING CENTER FORKLIFT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of new tires for the Recycling Center Daewoo forklift in the amount of \$1,113.42.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF STATIONARY PLEXI GLASS HOPPER DOOR WITH SAFETY SWITCH FOR RECYCLING CENTER BALER

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a stationary plexi glass hopper door with safety switch from BE Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$2,208.00 for the new baler at the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR PHASE III MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT MARKET TO WEST STREETS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for Phase III of the Main Street Lighting Project from Market to West Streets.

ACCEPTANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COPS IN SHOPS GRANT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Cops in Shops grant in the amount of \$63,500.00.

ACCEPTANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SMOOTH OPERATORS GRANT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Smooth Operators grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 with no match.

ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest grant in the amount of \$4,400.00 with a 50% match.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of bulletproof vests with grant and budgeted funds for full-time police officers.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALCOA FOUNDATION GRANT

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council accepted an Alcoa Foundation grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SERVER FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a new server for the police department with a portion of the Alcoa Foundation grant funds.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF 1987 AMBULANCE

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the sale of a 1987 ambulance.

APPROVAL OF SALE OF FIFTEEN (15) SMITH AND WESSON MODEL 5906 9MM PISTOLS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the sale of fifteen (15) Smith and Wesson Model 5906 9mm pistols at \$195.00 each plus transfer fees.

APPROVAL OF SALE OF SIG SAUER MODEL 226 AND 228 9MM PISTOLS AND HOLSTERS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the sale of Sig Sauer Model 226 and 228 9mm pistols at \$100.00 each and holsters at \$20.00 each to other law enforcement agencies.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) SIG SAUER MODEL 220 .45 CALIBER PISTOLS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of five (5) Sig Sauer Model 220 .45 caliber pistols for part-time police officers contingent upon the sale of the fifteen (15) Smith and Wesson pistols.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TASER

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of one (1) taser in the amount of \$817.94 with grant funds.

APPROVAL OF REMOVING BUS STOP SIGNAGE AND INSTALLING PARKING METERS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the removal of the bus stop signage and installing parking meters at 319 East Street.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PARKING METER PARTS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of parking meter parts in the amount of \$1,500.00.

APPROVAL OF DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARKING

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved free holiday parking on Main Street from Friday, November 23, 2007 through Monday, December 31, 2007 with the two-hour parking limit enforced and free holiday parking in all municipal parking lots from Monday, December 10, 2007 through Monday, December 31, 2007.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDING BOOT DRIVE AT MAIN AND LEONARD STREETS

On a motion by T. Lemon, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Fire Department to hold a boot drive at Main and Leonard Streets on Friday, November 23, 2007.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY APPARATUS POLICY

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by T. Lemon and voted on unanimously, Council approved an emergency apparatus policy regarding riding on town-owned apparatus during parades.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING A PORTION OF JDK MANAGEMENT/BU APARTMENTS FINANCIAL SECURITY BOND

On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing \$689,400.00 of JDK Management's BU Apartments financial security bond and maintaining \$80,600.00 for completion of site improvements.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary