

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 11, 2008, beginning at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Paul Kinney, Paul Houseknecht, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa and W. Carey Howell; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Office Assistant Amy Seamans and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent were Council Member Diane Levan and Fire Chief Bob Rupp

APPROVAL OF FFY 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

Bill Lowthert of SEDA-Council of Governments reiterated that the town's FFY 2008 CDBG Program allocation is \$190,380.00. The following projects were identified at the January 28, 2008 Public Hearing for proposed funding: Phase III Main Street Lighting Project from Market to West Streets; Main Street Improvements – Sidewalks, Trees and Benches; Code Enforcement Activities; Demolition of Blighted Structures; Town Park Improvements Project – Construction of New Tennis Courts, Construction/Repair of Restroom Facilities and Construction of Bocce Ball Courts; and 18% for Administration. On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of SEDA-COG, Council approved the following projects for funding: \$96,489.00 for the Phase III Main Street Lighting Project from Market to West Streets, \$56,623.00 for Town Park Improvements – Tennis Court Construction and \$34,268.00 for Administration.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – JACK LEARN

Jack Learn of 208 Hemlock Lane asked Council to reduce the posted speed limit coming into Town on SR 4009 Millville Road from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. Mr. Learn expressed that in January he was stopped waiting to turn onto Hemlock Lane when he was rear-ended. The driver was going the full 45 miles per hour and never slowed down hitting him so hard that his vehicle was bent in half. Mr. Learn also expressed that this is the only road leading into Town that isn't 35 miles per hour.

L. Sokoloski advised Mr. Learn that this is a state road and PennDOT controls the posted speed limit. On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council agreed to have a letter sent to PennDOT requesting they lower the posted speed limit to 35 miles per hour.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the January 28, 2008 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JANUARY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the January payroll authorization: General Fund, \$224,236.31; Recycling Fund, \$17,389.03; Street Lighting Fund, \$14,232.96; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$116.35; FFY 07 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$14,472.00; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Liquid Fuels, \$170.00; Stroup Fund, \$274.15 and the January payroll authorization in the amount of \$217,374.18.

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

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,946.87 for fourth quarter trustee fees.

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

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,837.76 for fourth quarter trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO MANTZ COMPUTER CONSULTING

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of an invoice to Mantz Computer Consulting in the amount of \$3,561.73 for 50% of the cost of a new server in the finance department.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT CAMERA SYSTEM DVR COMPONENT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a replacement camera system DVR component for the police department from Hillman Security and Fire Technologies in the amount of \$1,135.00 with funds from the sale of ten (10) pistols.

DENIAL OF LONGEVITY STUDY OF POLICE PENSION PLAN

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council denied Hay Group performing a longevity study of the Police Pension Plan.

APPROVAL OF PERFORMING A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) STUDY OF TOWN EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved Hay Group to perform a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) study of the Town Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,250.00.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTING WITH PORT ELEVATOR FOR ONE-YEAR

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved contracting with Port Elevator for elevator service in the amount of \$150.00 per month for one year.

APPROVAL OF OBTAINING CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE THROUGH VERIZON WIRELESS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved obtaining cellular phone service for ten (10) phones through Verizon Wireless.

APPROVAL OF HIRING DAVID EDGAR AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring David Edgar as a part-time police officer.

APPROVAL OF CHARLES FRITZ ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL PROP CONFERENCE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz to attend the annual PROP conference in Gettysburg from July 30 to August 1, 2008.

DENIAL OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LEGISLATION SUPPORT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council denied supporting mortgage foreclosure legislation.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL .5% WAGE INCREASE FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES WHO PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED 3% WAGE INCREASE

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Five (5) (P. Houseknecht, C. Howell, D. Knorr, S. Costa and K. Shepperson voting “Yes”) to One (1) (P. Kinney voting “No”), Council approved an additional .5% wage increase for non-union employees who previously received a 3% wage increase retroactive to January 1, 2008.

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 Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Chris and Katie Chapman to install vinyl replacement windows at **249 Center Street**.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Dave Leshock to install two (2) canvas awnings over the first floor windows at **157 West Main Street**.

On a motion by P. Kinney, 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 Ann Marie Bowman to install two (2) vinyl replacement windows at the rear of **130 East Main Street**.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER FOR EDWARD MADY ADD-ON SUBDIVISION PLAN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from Section 22-404 to forego preliminary plan submission for Edward Mady’s add-on subdivision plan at 675 Park Street.

APPROVAL OF AWARDED TOWN FACILITY SOLID WASTE REMOVAL TO TED HEAPS CONTAINER SERVICE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the solid waste removal at town facilities for three (3) years to Ted Heaps Container Service in the bid amount of \$29,400.00

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 500 RECYCLING BINS

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 50 recycling binds from SCL A-1 Plastics, Ltd. in the amount of \$2,990.00.

APPROVAL OF AWARDED PHASE III MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT TO WOLYNIIEC CONSTRUCTION, INC.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the Phase III Main Street Lighting Project to Wolyniec Construction, Inc. in the bid amount of \$373,140.25.

APPROVAL OF 2008 ROAD MATERIAL BID

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the 2008 Road Material bid for 2A, 2RC and 2B stone to Sokol, Inc.; 1B stone to Hanson Aggregates, Inc.; and Superpave 9.5mm and Superpave 25.0mm to Barletta Materials and Construction, Inc for FOB plant only.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARILY ELIMINATING PARKING ON NORTH SIDE OF EAST FIRST STREET BETWEEN IRON AND PINE STREETS

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved temporarily eliminating the parking on the north side of East First Street between Iron and Pine Streets in June, July and August. The matter will be looked at before students return on August 25, 2008.

APPROVAL OF REVISION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on Four (4) (S. Costa, P. Houseknecht, D. Knorr and C. Howell voting "Yes") to Two (2) (P. Kinney and K. Shepperson voting "No"), Council approved revising Section 3.2 (Age and Residency Requirements) of the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations to read "applicants must move within a radius of ten (10) miles of the Town of Bloomsburg . . . within six (6) months of completing their probationary period."

APPROVAL OF INCREASING PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL LEAD AT INTERSECTION OF SR 11 AND SR 487

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved PennDOT's recommendation to increase the pedestrian signal lead to three (3) seconds at the intersection of SR 11 and SR 487.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF BUNKER GEAR BY BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH TOWN REIMBURSING

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of bunker gear by the Bloomsburg Fire Department with the Town reimbursing the Department in April. It was noted that this \$17,000.00 item was budgeted.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ENGINE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Fire Department having the annual engine preventive maintenance performed. It was noted that this item was budgeted.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKING AN APPARATUS TO SIX COUNTY PARADE AND SCHUYLKILL COUNTY PARADE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Fire Department taking an apparatus to the Six County parade in June and the Schuylkill County parade in September.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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Town Administrator & Secretary