

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 13, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Paul Kinney, Paul Houseknecht, 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; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Council Members Diane Levan and Kathy Shepperson and Fire Chief Hugh Gross.

#### PROCLAMATION – BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S WEEK – OCTOBER 20-24, 2008

Mayor Knorr proclaimed October 20-24, 2008 as Business and Professional Women’s Week in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation was presented to Mary Ann Christ and Teresa Spiwak of the Bloomsburg Business and Professional’s Women’s Club.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-13-08.01 – 2008 STATE PENSION FUND ALLOCATION

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-13-08.01 allocating \$86,327.00 of the 2008 State Pension Fund to the Town Employees’ Retirement Fund and \$101,666.45 to the Police Pension Fund.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-13-08.02 – SIGNS AND BANNERS ACROSS STATE HIGHWAYS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-13-08.02 for the erection of a banner across SR 487 (Lightstreet Road) attached to Bloomsburg University’s catwalk on November 3-10, 2008 announcing the Veteran’s Day Parade which will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008.

#### MAYOR’S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr expressed that the Columbia Alliance for Economic Growth received a variance last week for the construction of a parking lot at the corner of West Third Street and Murray Avenue. P. Houseknecht asked if the Alliance will be maintaining the property until construction begins and Mayor Knorr stated he would contact Ed Edwards.

Some upcoming events are the second Comprehensive Plan stakeholders meeting this Thursday at Monty’s beginning at 6:00pm, the Chamber Business After Hours on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bloomsburg Health System on Central Road, the Special Olympics bocce ball tournament at Bloomsburg University on October 25th, the Bloomsburg Fire Department Halloween Parade on October 26th and the joint Student/Town Task Force meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter inquiring about alternatives to the tolling of I-80 to Senator Gordner and Representative Millard.

#### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 8, 2008 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 15, 2008 and September 29, 2008 Special Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

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

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the September payroll authorization: General Fund, \$399,310.10; Recycling Fund, \$13,699.90; Street Lighting Fund, \$7,674.09; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$4,340.79; Fire Fund, \$86.86; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$1,007.20; Liquid Fuels, \$3,363.45 and the September payroll authorization in the amount of \$162,723.28.

#### APPROVAL OF PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES PHASE-IN OPTION FOR STREET LIGHTS

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved opting in PPL Electric Utilities phase-in-plan for the street lights. An additional amount would be added to the monthly utility bill and applied to the higher payments expected in 2010 when deregulation of the utility takes place.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) GRANT FOR A DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a DCED grant in the amount of \$11,500.00 to go towards the Downtown Parking Study.

#### APPROVAL OF EXTENDING BANKING SERVICES WITH FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY TO 2013

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending the current banking services proposal with First Columbia Bank and Trust Company to 2013 which was originally submitted by Columbia County Farmers National Bank.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING JANITOR POSITION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a full-time janitor at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

#### APPOINTMENT OF GARY VADIKAN TO BLOOMSBURG HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Gary Vadikan to the Bloomsburg Historic and Architectural Review Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2011.

#### APPROVAL OF FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY UTILIZING DESK AND COMPUTER AT TOWN HALL

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Flood Control Authority to utilize an unused desk and computer on third floor of Town Hall during 8:00am and 4:30pm.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TROMMEL SCREEN FROM BT HUNTER

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a trommel screen to be used at the compost site from BT Hunter in the bid amount of \$49,746.00.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an amendment to the solid waste ordinance, Chapter 20, Part 1A as requested by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

#### APPROVAL OF RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH REMIT CORPORATION FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION OF 2009 RECYCLING FEE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved renewing the agreement with Remit Corporation for the billing and collection of the 2009 recycling fee at a rate of \$5.75 per customer.

#### APPROVAL OF SIGNING RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH PPL FOR RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL LINES AS PART OF KAWNEER'S FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved signing a right-of-way agreement with PPL for relocation of electrical lines as part of Kawneer's flood control project.

#### APPROVAL OF NOT RESTORING SHOULDERS ON EAST NINTH AS PART OF KAWNEER'S FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney seconded by P. Houseknecht, and voted on unanimously, Council approved not restoring the shoulders on East Ninth Street as part of Kawneer's flood control project.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF 2008 BUREAU OF AVIATION BLOCK GRANT FOR PHASE II EASEMENT AND LAND ACQUISITION AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a 2008 grant from the Bureau of Aviation in the amount of \$380,461.00 for Phase II Easement and Land Acquisition and Obstruction Removal.

#### APPROVAL OF ALLOWING FOOD VENDORS ON LIGHTSTREET ROAD AND EAST STREET FOR HOMECOMING

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Houseknecht and voted on unanimously, Council approved allowing six (6) food vendors to be set up along Lightstreet Road and six (6) along East Street on Saturday, November 1, 2008 for Bloomsburg University Homecoming. It was noted that the successful applicants' names will be given to Central Tax Bureau for gross receipt tax purposes.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CROWD CONTROL EQUIPMENT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of crowd control equipment in the approximate amount of \$25,000 with DUI funds which will be reimbursed with grant funds.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AMENDMENT TO LARGE OUTDOOR SOCIAL GATHERING  
ORDINANCE

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously,  
Council approved advertising an amendment to the large outdoor social gathering  
ordinance to include common open spaces and parking lots.

APPROVAL OF USE OF FORMER STREATER PROPERTY BY BLOOMSBURG POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

On a motion by P. Houseknecht, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously,  
Council approved the K-9 unit to utilize the former Streater property for search  
scenarios on October 14, 2008 and the Bloomsburg Police Department on October 15,  
2008 for table top exercises.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary