

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, March 8, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Dan Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Paul Kinney, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and Bill Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement/Zoning/ Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Council Member Kathy Shepperson and Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

#### LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WONDOLOSKI APPRECIATION

Mayor Knorr presented Lt. Joseph Wondoloski with a gift for his recent retirement from the Bloomsburg Police Department. Joe worked for the Town of Bloomsburg for 27 years. Mayor Knorr stated that there are not enough words to express the appreciation the town has for him.

#### CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – JAMES DAVIS

James Davis of 579 West Main Street was present to ask permission from Council to keep a sign he placed in the public right-of-way in front of his residence. He was sent a notice from the code enforcement office citing the sign violates Ordinance No. 841, Chapter 21, Part 2 §21-201. Mr. Davis stated the sign expresses his opinion concerning government being too big in Washington, DC. S. Costa asked why he doesn't put the sign along the front of his home and Mr. Davis stated that he had it hanging on his front porch at one time but motorists were driving slow and taking their eyes off the road so he felt it was safer closer to the road.

Mr. Davis asked if he could put the sign in or on his truck and park it in front of his residence. Mayor Knorr stated that Council is only concerned with the sign being in the right-of-way. After hearing no motion from Council to approve the request, Mr. Davis expressed that he will remove the sign from the right-of-way by March 28, 2010.

#### MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr reviewed upcoming meetings and functions and the 2009 year end audit.

#### APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 22, 2010 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

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

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the February payroll authorization: General Fund, \$129,640.43; Recycling Fund, \$32,646.53; Street Lighting Fund, \$11,884.02; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$26.66; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$1,599.33; Liquid Fuels, \$770.16 and the February payroll authorization in the amount of \$163,086.47.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO BOYER AND RITTER FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION AND POLICE PENSION PLANS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Boyer & Ritter from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,250.00 and \$2,250.00 from the Police Pension Plan for 2009 auditing services.

#### APPROVAL OF CORRECTIONS TO 2010 BUDGET

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following corrections to the 2010 budget:

	Account #	DR	CR
Rentals and Other Services	01.430.00.5388	300.00	
Training	01.430.00.5460	700.00	
Equipment Purchase	01.430.00.5700		1000.00

#### APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO GOOGLE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a Request for Information (RFI) to Google for possible participation in an experimental high speed broadband network program.

#### RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF JOHN BABB FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of John Babb from the Civil Service Commission.

#### APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL SUMMER HOUR SCHEDULE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following summer hour schedule for second and third floor Town Hall administrative employees: Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:30pm and Friday 7:30am to 2:00pm, beginning the last week of May and ending the first week of September.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING A PART-TIME (30 HOUR) PERMANENT CLERK POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a part-time (30 hour) permanent Clerk position in the police department.

#### APPROVAL OF INITIATING PROCESS TO PROMOTE AN ELIGIBLE POLICE OFFICER WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved initiating the process to promote an eligible police officer within the police department to the position of sergeant per Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

#### APPROVAL OF INITIATING PROCESS TO ASSIGN AN ELIGIBLE POLICE OFFICER WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DUTIES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved initiating the process to assign an eligible police officer within the police department with criminal investigation duties.

#### 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 Service Electric Cablevision to demolish the structure located at 245 Iron Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Michael and Susan Zarrett to construct a new 3-story brick façade mixed use structure as per the submitted plan at 152-154 West Main Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Doug Kahler to replace the wooden porch floor with Tendura composite material at 106 East Fifth Street.

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 Michael Kaleta to replace seven (7) fire damaged windows on the westerly side of the structure located at 140-144 West Main Street.

#### DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a certificate of appropriateness for Joe Gushen at 38-40 East Main Street because no representative was present at the meeting to provide information on the project.

#### APPROVAL OF REVISED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – EXPANSION OF SUTLIFF HALL PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the revised land development plan dated February 4, 2010 for Bloomsburg University's expansion of Sutliff Hall project.

#### APPROVAL OF SENDING REMINDER LETTER TO BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved sending a letter to Bloomsburg University reminding them that any changes to an approved plan must come back before the Planning Commission.

#### APPROVAL OF WALLACE SUBDIVISION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the subdivision plan dated January 25, 2010 between Michael and Helen Wallace and Michael and Laurie Wallace at 975-999 Market Street contingent upon the certification of ownership and dedicatory statement being signed and notarized [403.1.A.2.s].

#### APPROVAL OF WAIVERS – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, LIGHTSTREET ROAD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Bloomsburg University's Pedestrian Bridge Project across Lightstreet Road: the outlines of the properties impacted shall be shown on the plan with bearings and distances of lot lines with the requirement that the boundary lines between the Bloomsburg Hospital and BU Apartments properties be better clarified on plan sheet C1.1. Also, ownership of the two (2) 25-foot wide strips of land shall be indicated on the plan [403.1.A.2.c]. On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council

approved a waiver from the requirement to provide for landscaping, screening and buffering.

#### APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM PENNSYLVANIA ALUMINUM FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER CANOPY PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved Change Order No. 1 from Pennsylvania Aluminum in the amount of \$2,828.00 for the Canopy Project at the Recycling Center.

#### APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding Got Trash to the Town vendor list.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO MADONNA ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR STREATER PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of Change Order No. 1 to Madonna Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200 for the Streater Property Demolition Project contingent upon receiving certified payroll.

#### APPROVAL OF REJECTING BID RECEIVED FROM OSBURN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR SIGN POSTS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved rejecting the bid received from Osburn Associates, Inc. for 9' and 10' green u-channel posts with hardware and stub and 10' galvanized square posts with stub.

#### APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING BID RECEIVED FROM HALL SIGNS, INC. FOR SIGN POSTS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting the bid received from Hall Signs, Inc. for 9' and 10' green u-channel posts with hardware and stub and 10' galvanized square posts with stub.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGN MATERIALS AND POSTS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of various traffic sign materials and posts in the amount of \$9,519.52 with Liquid Fuels Funds.

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDING JANUARY 25, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending the January 25, 2010 Council meeting minutes to reflect that the town is purchasing property located at 1284 Fort McClure Boulevard and that the purchase is a deed in lieu of condemnation.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONDEMNATION OF THE PORTION OF 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAN OF THE WALLER ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG FROM CATHERINE STREET TO RAILROAD STREET

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance authorizing a condemnation of the portion of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street as shown on the map or plan of the Waller Addition to the Town of Bloomsburg from Catherine Street to Railroad Street.

#### APPROVAL OF REMOVING ALL METERS FROM HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN THE DOWNTOWN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Parking Study Execution Task Force, Council approved removing all of the meters from the handicapped parking spaces in the downtown.

#### APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF SIX-MONTH REGULATED PERMIT PARKING ON NORTH STREET AND LIGHTSTREET ROAD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, P. Kinney and C. Howell voting "Yes") to One (1) (B. Kreisher voting "No"), Council approved the installation of six-month regulated permit parking on the west side of North Street from East First Street to Ridge Avenue, the east side of North Street from East First Street to Lightstreet Road and the north side of Lightstreet Road from North Street to Penn Street including Fetterman Avenue, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF ADDING EAST CENTRAL TERRORISM TASK FORCE EQUIPMENT TO THE TOWN'S INSURANCE

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding the East Central Terrorism Task Force equipment to the town's insurance after any titles are transferred to the town.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SIX TASERS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of six (6) tasers in the amount of \$4,865.69 from the Officer Store with Drug Forfeiture Funds. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO WHELEN LIBERTY LED LIGHT BARS

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of two (2) Whelen Liberty LED light bars including the removal of old and installation of new in the amount of \$3,900 from Keystone Communications with Drug Forfeiture Funds. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ONE IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEM

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of one (1) in-car video camera system in the amount of \$4,175 from Digital-Ally with Drug Forfeiture Funds. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR NEW POLICE VEHICLE

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of various equipment for the new police vehicle including installation in the amount of \$7,263.02 from Keystone Communications using insurance proceeds and Drug Forfeiture Funds.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF SIGNING JOINT REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR BLOOMSBURG POLICE OFFICERS TO JOIN TEAMSTERS UNION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved signing the Joint Request for Certification setting forth the Teamsters Local Union 764 as the recognized employee organization for the officers.

**APPROVAL OF DEDUCTING UNION DUES FROM PAYROLL**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the deduction of Teamsters Local Union 764 dues from pay checks contingent upon the union agreeing to remove the Act 600 killed-in-service benefit from the police pension plan and ordinance which was replaced with Act 51.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYERS INSURANCE TRUST FROM THE POLICE PENSION FUND**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of a bill from Municipal Employers Insurance Trust from the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$3,155.99 for annual killed in service insurance coverage.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AMENDMENT TO POLICE PENSION ORDINANCE**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an amendment to the police pension ordinance upon agreement to the terms for the deduction of Teamsters union dues.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary