

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 25, 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 William Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley and Superintendent of Public Works John Barton. Absent was Council Member Kathy Shepperson.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – RAY VOUGHT

Ray Vought of 360 E. Second Street presented pictures of the droppings from the mature tree planted in front of his house by the town in 1994. The debris is tracked into his home. He had submitted an application a couple of years ago to have the tree removed and replaced but was denied by the Shade Tree Commission due to the fact that the tree was healthy. Mr. Vought asked Council to reconsider his request. On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Five (5) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, P. Kinney, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) (S. Costa voting “No”), Council approved Mr. Vought to remove the tree and replace it with one from the list of approved trees.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – DONALD AND KAY CAMPLESE

Kay Camplese explained they were attending the meeting to be sure they were still in the process since they believe they cannot move forward with their zoning change request until the study of Franklin Avenue has been completed. The six (6) RFP’s received for the study will be discussed at the Planning Commission on Thursday. Payment arrangements will be worked out between their attorney and the town’s solicitor following that meeting.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – RICH KISNER, COLUMBIA COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Rich Kisner of the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority provided a draft plan of the senior housing project planned for the former Bloomsburg Mills property. Mr. Kisner will be submitting a funding application to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) for the housing project and asked Council for a support letter to accompany the application. On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a letter of support of the project.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DAN CARR, KAWNEER COMPANY, INC.

Dan Carr on behalf of Kawneer Company, Inc. was present to address the outstanding issues with the Obstruction Lights Easement and Maintenance Agreement in order for Kawneer to proceed with their levee project. On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following amendments to the agreement and authorized the Mayor and Town Administrator to sign the amended agreement.

Section 1, Item G was amended to read: Kawneer Company, Inc., its successors and/or assigns, shall coordinate maintenance, including mowing of the levee on the airport side of the levee with the airport manager or his designee prior to, but not more than 72 hours before undertaking any repair of the obstruction lights or any activity other than mowing which would affect the runway(s) and/or safety zones for the runway(s). All maintenance equipment including mowers shall be properly lighted and flagged in accordance with FAA and PA Bureau of Aviation recommendations and/or requirements set forth in applicable regulations, and any amendments thereto.

Section 3, Item B was amended to read: Should Kawneer Company, Inc., its successors and/or assigns, fail to timely and/or properly perform its obligations under this Item 3 on three (3) consecutive occasions, the Town of Bloomsburg shall require Kawneer Company, Inc., its successors and/or assigns, to post and maintain a performance bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 to provide for the cost of maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the levee, the easement, obstruction lights and infrastructure.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH

Mayor Knorr presented a proclamation to Bloomsburg Health System director of physical therapy, Todd Bardua, proclaiming October 2010 as National Physical Therapy Month in the Town of Bloomsburg.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL HOSPICE/PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

Mayor Knorr proclaimed the month of November 2010 as Pennsylvania Homecare and Hospice Month in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation was presented to Susan Smith and Loreen Comstock of the Columbia Montour Home Health/Hospice Agency.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr noted that revisions are being considered for the sign and shade tree ordinances. An ordinance is being added for sidewalk vendors. The Parking Study Execution Task Force will be making recommendations; a budget workshop is scheduled for November 4th, Oktoberfest and homecoming were successful. He announced that Megan Hummel had submitted her resignation as Downtown Manager.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 11, 2010 Council meeting minutes as amended.

APPROVAL OF SIX-MONTH DRAWDOWN EXTENSION ON MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY LOAN

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a six-month extension on the drawdown period for the Municipal Authority's Series 2009 loan.

APPROVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BLOOMSBURG THEATRE ENSEMBLE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Performing Arts Facility Restaurant Liquor License for the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR 2011 and 2012

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved Constellation NewEnergy as the town's electricity provider for 2011 and 2012 at a rate of \$.077030 per kWh.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 4 TO DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR PHASE IV OF THE
BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of Invoice No. 4 to Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$104,450.56 for Phase IV of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Runway Extension and Realignment project.

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

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary