

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 13, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Daniel Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell, William Kreisher (arriving at 7:06 p.m.), Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Town Administrator Ron Mull; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO 02-13-12.01 SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR 2012 – AMENDED**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously with Council Member Kreisher being absent, Council approved Resolution No. 02-13-12.01, Setting Various Fees for 2012 with the demolition permit fee correction.

#### **MAYOR’S UPDATE**

Mayor Knorr reported that \$210,000 has been allocated in the state budget for the Army Corps of Engineers to do a benefit cost ratio analysis of the Town. At the next Community and Economic Development Committee meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., the Commercial District in the Downtown will be discussed and PennDOT representatives will be at the 4:00 p.m. Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the crosswalks.

#### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the January 23, 2012 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **DOWNTOWN PARKING REQUEST**

Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. President Tim Wagner expressed that DBI would like to be more heavily involved in downtown parking discussions and asked if they could be notified when such discussions are going to take place. T. Wagner along with Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce President Fred Gaffney would like to know if Council is interested in forming a parking garage “task force” which DBI and the Chamber would like to be involved in. Mayor Knorr stated that this will also be discussed at the Community and Economic Development meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and they will be receiving an invitation.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JANUARY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the January payroll authorization: General Fund, \$286,865.52; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$20,451.70; Street Lighting Fund, \$13,161.25; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$35.01; FFY 10 CDBG Program, \$6,607.50; Capital Projects, \$195.83; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Extension and Realignment Project, \$960.90; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$583.10 and the January payroll authorization in the amount of \$210,278.58.

#### **APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of United State Geological Survey, Kevin E. Raker Construction, LLC, Swartz Collision Winfield and Ernest Pozzi Quality Tree Service to the 2012 town vendor list.

#### **APPROVAL OF TITLE VI COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Town of Bloomsburg Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Complaint Procedure.

#### **APPROVAL OF CHARLES FRITZ ATTENDING ANNUAL PROP CONFERENCE**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Charles Fritz to attend Annual PROP Conference in Lancaster on July 25-27, 2012.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL 90-DAY RENT DEFERRAL FOR COLUMBIA AIRCRAFT SERVICES WITH PAYBACK PLAN**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved an additional 90-day rent deferral with a payback plan of double rental payment beginning June 1, 2012 for Columbia Aircraft Services.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGING PRE-65 GHP FROM TWO TIERED TO FIVE TIERED STRUCTURE**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved changing the pre-65 GHP from a two tiered structure to a five tiered structure.

**APPROVAL OF STREATER FIELD MASTER SITE DESIGN PLAN**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approve the Streater Field Master Site Design Plan as presented by Steve Beattie of Larson Design Group.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the Town Park Restroom Reconstruction Project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE PHASE V STREET LIGHTING PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$383.00 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

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On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$343.75 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

**APPROVAL OF BID FROM FYE FENCING FOR BLOOMSBURG CHAIN LINK FENCE REPLACEMENT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the bid from Fye Fencing in the amount of \$16,200.00 for the Bloomsburg Airport Chain Link Fence Replacement. J. Barton noted this is eligible for reimbursement through FEMA.

**APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT RENTAL BIDS**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following equipment rental bids from Sokol, Inc.: Caterpillar 315 trackhoe or equivalent with operator at \$79.00/hour, tri-axle dump truck for hauling of snow with operator at \$59.00/hour and tri-axle dump truck for hauling fill, stone, etc. with operator at \$64.50/hour from Sokol, Inc.

**APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING 2012 ROAD MATERIAL BIDS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the following road material bids for 2012: 2A subbase, 2RC, 1B and 2B stone from Sokol, Inc., FOB Bloomsburg and Hanson Aggregates PA LLC, FOB plant; and ID-3, Superpave 9.5mm and Superpave 25.0mm from HRI, Inc., FOB plant only.

**APPROVAL OF BID FROM DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR PHASE IV OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the bid from Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$76,065.00 for Phase IV of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project.

**APPROVAL OF BID FROM DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR PHASE V OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the bid from Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,332,918.00 for Phase V of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project.

**APPROVAL OF BID FROM DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR PHASE VI OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, C. Howell, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (F. Trump voting “No”), Council approved the bid from Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$659,825.00 for Phase VI of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project.

**APPROVAL OF BID FROM TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR AIRPORT GUIDANCE SIGNS AND LIGHTING FOR PHASE VI OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Six (6) (D. Levan, C. Howell, D. Knorr, S. Costa, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (F. Trump voting “No”), Council approved the bid from Tech Services, Inc. in the amount of \$264,202.50 for airport guidance signs and lighting for Phase VI of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project.

**APPROVAL OF BID FROM DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR FLOOD REPAIR WORK TO THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, C. Howell, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (F. Trump voting “No”), Council approved the bid from Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$175,505.00 for flood repair work to the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport runway.

**APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING WEST THIRD STREET FROM MARKET STREET TO RAILROAD STREET**

J. Barton informed Council that West Third Street between Market and Railroad Streets is at the point where the roadway needs to be resurfaced. United Water is finishing a water main replacement project and the curbs and sidewalk in a lot of places are flush with the roadway creating water runoff problems.

John Jacobson, 201 W. Third Street, commented that G. M. Crawford, contractor for United Water, were reckless and unprofessional. Mr. Jacobson asked Council if they were aware that two homes had gas leaks and another had water fill their basement caused by the carelessness of the workers. He just happened to look out his front window one evening to find a gas company worker chest deep in a hole they dug in his front yard because of the leak. Council Members noted that they had not been made aware. Mr. Jacobson would also like to know why this type of work was started in late November when the asphalt plants are closed.

John Stephens, 308 W. Third Street, expressed the same dissatisfaction with the extreme carelessness of the workers from G. M. Crawford. Mr. Stephens also stated that the residents of West Third Street were never notified by United Water that this project was even going to take place. They would experience times without water without any notice. When the water was restored to his home, large stones ended up in his washing machine filter which he had to pay a plumber to fix.

Ronald Ferdock, 140 W. Third Street, wanted to know why the Town had property owners pay for new curbs and sidewalks on Market Street back in the 1980’s but didn’t have property owners pay for the same thing on East Third Street years later. J. Barton stated that the Third and Fourth Street Reconstruction Project was funded by CDBG.

Jim McMenamin, 164 W. Third Street, stated that when he purchased his home, his insurance company told him that he needed to level his sidewalks or they would drop him, so he did. Now, because of the heavy equipment driving all over the street and up on the curbs and sidewalks and the vibrations of their equipment, his sidewalks are cracked and uneven.

Ann Stephens, 308 W. Third Street, wanted to let Council know that the current condition of the sidewalks are deplorable and a hazard. There are numerous residents from the Bloomsburg Towers located further down Third Street that walk this area daily. Some use walkers or drive motorized scooters and she's afraid someone is going to get hurt.

Mr. McMenamin expressed that his wife has been picking up some of the residents from the Towers and driving them to the opposite end of Third Street to avoid the construction area.

Mayor Knorr stated he would contact Bob Manbeck from United Water PA to have someone attend the next Council meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> to address the issues.

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved having West Third Street from Market Street to Railroad Street engineered to determine which curbs and sidewalks will need to be replaced in conjunction with the roadway being resurfaced.

#### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF AN ADA COMPLIANT SWIMMING POOL LIFT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of an ADA compliant swimming pool lift from If It's Water, Inc. in the amount of \$3,900.

#### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A 2012 FORD F-550 CHASSIS AND 9' TRUCK BODY FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-550 chassis from Sunbury Motor Company and a 9' truck body from Bradco Supply Company in the amount of \$52,186.90. It was noted that this is a budgeted item for the Public Works Department.

#### **APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO HRG, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE STREATER RECREATION COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS WITH CDBG FUNDS**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved final payment to HRG, Inc. in the amount of \$908.60 for professional services of the Streater Recreation Complex Improvements with CDBG funds.

#### **DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for Michael Kaleta to construct a new four-story commercial/residential building at 158-160 West Main Street because there was no final sketch plan submitted and the applicant was not present to provide further information.

#### **APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Joe Gushen to demolish the garage at the rear of 249 Center Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on Five (5) (C. Howell, F. Trump, D. Knorr, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting "Yes") to Two (2) (D. Levan and S. Costa voting "No") and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Joe Gushen to remove the carport on the south side of the structure located at 249 Center Street.

**APPROVAL OF STREET VENDOR PERMIT FOR CHARLES BAKER**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a street vendor permit for Space #6 for Charles Baker of B & C Food Services effective January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

**APPROVAL OF STREET VENDOR PERMIT FOR MARY GIRTON**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved a street vendor permit for Space #7 for Mary Girtton of Napoli Pizza effective January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

**APPROVAL OF REDUCING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR PINE AVENUE LUXURY HOUSING PROJECT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved reducing the financial security for the Pine Avenue Luxury Housing Project by \$59,594.00 leaving a balance of \$6,179.40.

**TOWN HALL TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION**

After reviewing a proposal from InnoTek Computer Consulting, Council authorized R. Mull to develop a core group of staff and Council members to prioritize and develop a recommendation for the technology needs at Town Hall. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting on February 27, 2012.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

RONALD J. MULL  
Town Administrator & Secretary