

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, March 9, 2009, 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; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Office Assistant Amy Seamans and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent were Council Member Kathy Shepperson; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley and Fire Chief Hugh Gross.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – BRIAN BEAROR, BLOOMSBURG AREA YMCA

Mr. Bearor explained that the YMCA would like to save the former field house building located at the corner of Eighth and Center Street from being demolished. The YMCA would like to renovate the building in two phases. First they would renovate it enough to use it for storage and as they raise funds in the future they would like to use the 2,100 square foot space for youth and family programming.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending the lease with the YMCA to include the restoration and utilization of the former field house building located at the corner of Eighth and Center Streets with the YMCA's attorney drafting the amendment.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr reported that he will be on WHLM's Morning Buzz tomorrow morning at 8:45am, the deadline to file a petition to run for public office is tomorrow and he reviewed the meetings and functions that are coming up within the next two weeks.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 23, 2009 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND FEBRUARY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the February payroll authorization: General Fund, \$137,525.45; Recycling Fund, \$15,905.46; Street Lighting Fund, \$13,000.85; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$148.75; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$4,830.77; Liquid Fuels, \$1,641.90; Stroup Fund, \$277.42 and the February payroll authorization in the amount of \$114,412.19.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding the following companies to the Town Vendor List: NMS Laboratories, Sportsman's Guide, Osburn Associates, Inc., Custom Products Corp., Applied Industrial Technologies, CER Construction Corp. and Merrell's Nursery.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO TOWN SAFETY MANUAL

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved various changes to the Town Safety Manual as recommended by the Safety Committee.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING PROPOSAL TO THE STATE FOR A REGIONALIZED BOOKING CENTER

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the submission to the State of a proposal for Bloomsburg to act as a regional booking center.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTING A TWO-DAY ILLEGAL GAMBLING TRAINING SESSION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Police Department to host a two-day Introduction to Identification, Prevention and Deterrence of Illegal Gambling training session in Bloomsburg to meet the grant criteria.

APPROVAL OF OBTAINING RFP'S FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO GASB 45

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved obtaining RFP's for actuarial services pertaining to GASB 45 which the Town is mandated to comply with during its 2009 fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF TERMINATING AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAN

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved terminating the professional and administrative services agreement with SEDA-COG for the development of a Veterans Memorial plan dated March 24, 2008. C. Mas noted that the Town was not charged for the services Bill Lowthert of SEDA-COG did provide.

APPROVAL OF TOWN HALL SUMMER HOUR SCHEDULE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following summer hour schedule for second and third floor Town Hall administrative staff: Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 4:30pm and Friday 7:30am to 2:00pm, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF WARREN FAUST FROM BLOOMSBURG HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Warren Faust from the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board.

APPOINTMENT OF WARREN FAUST TO BLOOMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Warren Faust to the Bloomsburg Planning Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2010.

APPOINTMENT OF NANCY VOUGHT TO BLOOMSBURG HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Nancy Vought to the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2012.

APPROVAL OF CHARLES FRITZ TO ATTEND ANNUAL PROP CONFERENCE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Charles Fritz to attend the annual PROP Conference in Scranton from July 29 to July 31, 2009.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF TRUCK SCALE AND CANOPY FOR RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the purchase of a truck scale and a canopy for the Recycling Center. C. Fritz noted that grant funds will be used for the purchases.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR A PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR THE COMPOST SITE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a part-time seasonal employee for the compost site.

APPROVAL OF RETAINING FORESTER ENVIRONMENTAL TO IDENTIFY ASBESTOS AT FORMER STREATER PROPERTY

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved retaining Forester Environmental to identify the asbestos at the former Streater property. J. Barton expressed that the results will then be placed in the bid specifications for the demolition of the buildings.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE 2009 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the 2009 Street Resurfacing Project. Streets proposed to be resurfaced are Country Club Drive from the 90° turn on Country Club Drive to the dead end, North Street from East First Street to Lightstreet Road and West First Street from Railroad Street to Leonard Street.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE NO. 3 TO HRI, INC. FOR OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoice no. 3 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$125,754.84 for obstruction removal at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR ROBERT TALANCA

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicapped parking space for Robert Talanca of 533 Iron Street.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMUNITY DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Police Department to submit a grant application for \$1,000 through the Office of Attorney General Community Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF TERMINATING TEMPORARY FINANCE CLERK

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved terminating the temporary finance clerk effective immediately.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND TRISTAR HOUSING, LP

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved signing an agreement between the Town and Tristar Housing, LP to end the pending legal proceedings.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary