

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 9, 2012, 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, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz and Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – PATTI ZWALKUSKI AND RON FLICK, BLOOMSBURG RELAY FOR LIFE**

Patti Zwalkuski from Bloomsburg's Relay for Life group informed Council that their 24-hour event isn't being held at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds this year because of a scheduling conflict. Organizers would like to hold the event in Bloomsburg Town Park in the large grassy area in front of the bandshell. The event is from noon on August 17<sup>th</sup> until noon on August 18<sup>th</sup>. She asked about the noise ordinance because they do have bands and karaoke. L. Sokoloski stated that the noise ordinance is in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Mayor Knorr asked Ms. Zwalkuski to work with Chief Sokoloski on figuring out all of the details and then he can make a recommendation at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

#### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-12.01 – ADOPTING THE COLUMBIA COUNTY 2012 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 04-09-12.01 adopting the Columbia County 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### **MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Knorr informed Council that he received a response from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Bloomsburg Hospital/Geisinger merger endorsement letter simply stating that it's still being reviewed. Mayor Knorr thanked Bloomsburg University students for holding the Big Event again and he noted there were over 900 students this year.

#### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 26, 2012 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 29, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the March 26, 2012 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND MARCH 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 March payroll authorization: General Fund, \$117,135.09; Debt Service Fund, \$6,076.05; Recycling Fund, \$11,223.27; Library Fund, \$25.54; Street Lighting Fund, \$12,528.51; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$786.89; Fire Fund, \$51.08; FFY 10 CDBG Program, \$153.80; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Fund, \$64,004.25; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$1,490.18 and the March payroll authorization in the amount of \$200,720.56.

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

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of Utility Engineers, PC, Albarell Electric, Inc., Berks County Chiefs of Police Association, The C.S. Bell Co. and Robbins Marine to the 2012 town vendor list.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF TRACY LANZAFAME AS COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE ALTERNATE**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Tracy Lanzafame as Columbia County Tax Collection Committee Alternate.

#### **APPROVAL OF HIRING RYAN EDGAR AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Ryan Edgar as a full-time police officer.

#### **APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT CONDUCTING AN EDUCATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG AT STREATER FIELDS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Professor Susan Dauria of Bloomsburg University Anthropology Department to conduct an educational archeological dig during the second week of July at Streater Fields.

#### **STEPHEN GOODALE – REQUEST TO CONDUCT A TWO-WEEK AEROSPACE ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMP AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council tabled the request of Stephen Goodale to conduct a two-week aerospace engineering summer camp in a hangar at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport until the next Council meeting. Mr. Goodale was asked to submit the following prior to the meeting: a certificate of insurance listing the Town of Bloomsburg as an additional insured, copies of all current clearances, a letter of introductory and a resume. E. Fegley expressed that he may have land use questions that need to be addressed.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$6,749.18 for professional services of the Town Park Restroom Replacement Project with CDBG funds.

#### **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FROM PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE PHASE V STREET LIGHTING PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a change order from Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$2,185.35 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

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

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$634.59 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

#### **APPROVAL OF TEN YEAR AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE PROPOSAL TO DEAN PUDERBAUGH**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved proposing \$150/month for ten (10) years to Dean Puderbaugh for a hangar lease at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

#### **APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING PENNDOT BUREAU OF AVIAITON GRANT FOR MAIN BULDING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a PennDOT Bureau of Aviation grant in the amount of \$500,000 for main building improvements at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

#### **APPROVAL OF DONATING A COUCH AND BED FROM THE TRAVEL TRAILER TO AGAPE**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved donating the couch and bed that came with the travel trailer to AGAPE.

**APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TOWN PARK, STREATER FIELDS, SKATE BOARD PARK, BOCCE BALL COURTS AND NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL AS ALL TOBACCO PRODUCT- FREE ZONES**

Kelly Ann Pegg of Clinical Outcomes Group, Inc. expressed that in 2006 local high school students conducted a survey in Town Park which Town Council then approved posting the Kidsburg area of Town Park with “No-Smoking” signs. There is now a program through the Department of Health to prevent children’s exposure to secondhand smoke in public parks and playgrounds. “Young Lungs at Play!” signs will be provided free of charge to communities who adopt an ordinance, policy or resolution identifying specific areas within their park or playground.

Mayor Knorr asked how the resolution would be enforced. S. Costa and Ms. Pegg feel that after signs are posted it should police itself.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (S. Costa, D. Levan, C. Howell, B. Kreisher, F. Trump and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (D. Knorr voting “No”), Council approved adopting a resolution designating Bloomsburg Town Park, Streater Fields, Skate Board Park, Bocce Ball Courts and the Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool as all tobacco product free zones.

**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 Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Christopher and Shonna Patton to construct a three season room at the rear of the structure located at 55 East Fifth Street.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for B & L Properties to construct a deck, stairway and install an entry door at the structure located at 263 East Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Audra Mitchell to replace the roof with architectural shingles, remove the awnings, remove the concrete steps and construct a wooden stairway at the rear of the structure located at 106 West Street.

**DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for A Plus Student Housing to alter the windows at 140-152 Iron Street due to the applicant not being present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF WAIVER – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – ADDITION TO LUZERNE HALL – LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver to submit plan as a preliminary/final plan.

**APPROVAL OF JOHN AND CINDY LITTERER LOT INCORPORATION – 519-521 EAST FOURTH STREET**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved John and Cindy Litterer’s lot incorporation plan at 519-521 East Fourth Street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO PLACE FOUR SIX-PERSON AND TWO BAR TOP TABLES IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL RESTAURANT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved John Berger to place four (4) six-person tables and two (2) bar top tables in front of the Capitol Restaurant located at 45 E. Main Street during lunch and dinner (11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.). Mr. Berger noted that no alcohol will be served outside.

#### **COMMERCIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE DISCUSSION**

D. Levan said that the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting minutes are worded incorrectly. The recommendation from the Committee is to move the Commercial District boundary line from Third Street to Pine Avenue between Strawberry Avenue and Jefferson Street. Mayor Knorr asked E. Fegley to have Solicitor Mihalik draft an ordinance amendment. E. Fegley noted that the Columbia County Planning Commission and the Bloomsburg Planning Commission have 30 days to review the proposed change and then a public hearing would be scheduled.

#### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A COLOR LASER PRINTER FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a color laser printer in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the Code Enforcement Office.

#### **APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT WORK RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Police Department Work Rules, Policies and Procedures Manual.

#### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF VARIOUS POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT FROM KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of various police vehicle equipment from Keystone Communications in the amount of \$4,996.14. It was noted that the purchase was budgeted.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF A MARKED CROSSWALK ACROSS LIGHTSTREET ROAD (SR487) AT PENN STREET**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a marked crosswalk across Lightstreet Road (SR487) at Penn Street.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:33 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters and reconvened at 9:53p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF RE-ADVERTISING CODE ENFORCEMENT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING INSPECTOR POSITION**

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved re-advertising the Code Enforcement Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector position.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Amy B. Seamans, Office Assistant  
RECORDING SECRETARY