

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, May 10, 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, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and Bill Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Code Enforcement and Zoning /Planning Officer Ed Fegley and Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski.

PROCLAMATION – POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Knorr presented a proclamation to Chief Sokoloski proclaiming the week of May 9-15, 2010 as Police Week and May 15, 2010 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the Town of Bloomsburg.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – BONNIE CRAWFORD

Bonnie Crawford of 537 Market Street addressed the issue of a small sign she had in front of her home along the right-of-way. She received a phone call from the code office asking her to please remove it. She removed the sign which she had been planning to remove anyway. She had read in the newspaper about a gentleman asking Council if he could keep a large wooden sign in front of his residence and the next day she received the phone call. Ms. Crawford asked the zoning officer for clarification but did not receive a definitive answer. She wondered why political signs, realty signs and contractor signs are allowed. Mayor Knorr explained that those types of signs are allowed because they have set beginning and ending periods. B. Kreisher stated that if she asked, the code enforcement office could give her a copy of the sign ordinance.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – PAUL D’ANGELO

Paul D’Angelo of 709 Country Club Drive was present to express his thoughts about block party. Mayor Knorr informed him that the discussion was at 6:00pm prior to the Council meeting. The Mayor highlighted what had been discussed and stated that overall it was a successful weekend. Mr. D’Angelo asked what made it a success? It should be stopped altogether. It’s just a bunch of drunken hooligans running around urinating in people’s yards and since the university condones it, they should have it on campus.

MAYOR’S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr thanked everyone that was involved with Art Walk last week. He announced that the Bloomsburg Town Park Improvement Association is accepting donations for a toddler playground and that Downtown Bloomsburg Inc.’s Spring Soiree is scheduled for May 22nd from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at the Moose Exchange.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 26, 2010 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND APRIL PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the April payroll authorization: General Fund, \$119,726.93; Recycling Fund, \$25,625.43; Street Lighting Fund, \$9,362.55; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$1,251.79; Capital Projects, \$405.00; FFY 09 CDBG Program, \$3,366.00; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$1,974.08; Liquid Fuels, \$26,214.31 and the April payroll authorization in the amount of \$168,767.33.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO HAY GROUP, INC. 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 Hay Group, Inc. from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,673.60 and \$2,957.60 from the Police Pension Plan for first quarter actuarial fees.

APPROVAL OF POLICE OFFICER MATT GOLLA ATTENDANCE AT 23RD ANNUAL GANG INFORMATION SHARING CONFERENCE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Officer Matt Golla to attend the 23rd Annual Gang Information Sharing Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on July 13-16, 2010.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF BLACKBERRY AND DATA PLAN FOR CHIEF OF POLICE

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Five (5) (S. Costa, D. Levan, K. Shepperson, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Two (2) (D. Knorr and P. Kinney voting "No"), Council approved the purchase of a blackberry and a data plan for use by Chief of Police, Leo Sokoloski.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

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 Dan and Diane Rosler to install a Decra[®] stone coated steel roofing system at 427 Jefferson Street. If the applicant decides to install a standing seam metal roof or another material type, they must return to the Historic Architectural Review Board.

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 Giuseppe Lafata to install vinyl replacement windows with the sills being wrapped in aluminum on the second floor of the structure located at 452 East 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 Elise Grandizio to install six foot vinyl fencing with Victorian style scalloped top with New England style post caps along the Fifth Street side of the property and solid privacy fencing with New England style post caps on the Sterner Avenue and Iron Street sides of the property located at 60 East Fifth 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 Karen Radice to replace five windows at the rear of the property located at 144 West Fourth Street with Anderson double hung windows. The windows will be six inches shorter on the top and bottom for a total of twelve inches. Vinyl siding to match the existing siding will be installed around the area where the original windows will be removed.

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 Kathy Smith to install a central air condensing unit at the side of the structure located at 149 West Anthony Avenue.

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 Steven and Cynthia Beagle to construct a front porch across the entire length of the structure located at 138 East Fifth Street. The porch floor will be a concrete slab, the roof supports will be a colonial style post along with turned spindles for the guard system. The roof will be a hip style roof with a vinyl soffit around the perimeter, white aluminum trim over the header and white Alcoa rain gutter and downspouts. Shingles will be black 30 year architectural shingles.

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 Steven and Cynthia Beagle to demolish the existing carport at the rear of the structure located at 138 East Fifth Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, S. Costa, D. Levan, C. Howell, K. Shepperson and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Knorr voting "No"), Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Steven and Cynthia Beagle to construct a garage at the rear of the structure located at 138 East Fifth Street. The size of the garage will be 26 foot by 28 foot. The garage will be wooden construction with double 5 inch siding to match the existing house. The roof material would match the proposed shingles to be used for the front porch construction. Two 9 foot by 9 foot, 5 panel garage doors will be installed on the Sterner Avenue side of the structure. The walls are to be 10 foot in height with the roof peak to be 16 feet in height as per the maximum height allowed per the zoning ordinance. A solid steel man entry door will be installed on the back wall facing the house. Lights will be installed on the side of the garage doors and the entry door for security. The pitch of the roof will be 5:12.

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 B & L Properties to renovate the exterior of the structure located at 135-137 East Third Street. The project is to include replacement of the entire roof with class A architectural shingles; replacement of the rear staircase that accesses the third floor with pressure treated lumber and enclose it from view of the bank parking lot; replacement of the A-Frame style roof on the dormers on either side of the structure with a shed style roof; installation of vinyl siding on the entire structure to match the style currently installed on the dormers; reopen three windows on both sides of the structure that are currently boarded over; removal of five windows on both sides and repair and replace the existing porch railing system.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Six (6) (C. Howell, P. Kinney, D. Levan, S. Costa, K. Shepperson and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) Abstention (D. Knorr "Abstaining"), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Vince DeMelfi to install two front entry steel doors with six light half glass in the top at the structure located at 338-340 Center Street.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM BE EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO EXCEL EX62 CLOSED DOOR BALER AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposal from BE Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$1,647.00 for repairs to the Excel EX62 closed door baler at the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM BE EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO HARRIS BADGER
BALER AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposal from BE Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$4,007.00 for repairs to the Harris Badger baler at the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 4 TO MADONNA ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR STREATER
PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 4 to Madonna Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$7,374.00 for the Streater Property Demolition Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CHANGE ORDER TO MADONNA ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR
STREATER PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of a change order to Madonna Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Streater Property Demolition Project.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM FORESTER ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR REMOVAL AND
DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS SIDING ON THE FORMER LEIBY PROPERTY

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposal from Forest Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$700.00 for the removal and disposal of asbestos siding on the former Leiby property.

APPROVAL OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND
KAWNEER COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF
EMERGENCY ACCESS DRIVEWAY WITH CONTINGENCY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved an easement agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and Kawneer Company, Inc. for the construction and future maintenance of an emergency access driveway for Kawneer's Flood Protection Project contingent upon the discrepancy of the exhibits being corrected by Larson Design Group.

APPROVAL OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND
COLUMBIA COUNTY FOR KAWNEER'S FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved an easement agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and Columbia County for construction and future maintenance easement #1/airport area, temporary construction easement for the construction of drainage facilities, drainage easement #1/airport area, drainage easement #2/outlet structure and obstruction light operation and maintenance easement/airport area for Kawneer's Flood Protection Project contingent upon L. Robert Kimball's review, the Bureau of Aviation's review and approval and the discrepancy of the exhibits being corrected by Larson Design Group.

APPROVAL OF ALLOWING THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE TO HOLD AN RV FLY-IN AT THE
BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Airport Advisory Committee to hold an RV fly-in at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

APPROVAL OF EXTENDING RUCKLE AND YOHEY AIRPORT HANGAR LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending the time limit by two (2) years in which Ruckle and Yohey are to begin construction of the airport hangar in their second land lease agreement dated June 2, 2008.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary