

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, May 12, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Sandy Davis; Council Members Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Assistant Town Administrator Lauren Martz; Code Enforcement & Zoning Administrator Ed Fegley; Director of Finance Lisa Laboskie; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Environmental Services Administrator Charles Fritz and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

PROCLAMATION – RELAY FOR LIFE DAY

Mayor Davis proclaimed the 24-hours of June 6-7, 2014 as Relay for Life Day in the Town of Bloomsburg and presented the proclamation to Bloomsburg Relay for Life Team Member Liz Miller.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Davis presented Chief Roger Van Loan with the National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day proclamation and urged everyone to observe the week of May 11-17, 2014 as National Police Week and May 15, 2014 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-14.01 – AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT SIGNATORY DELEGATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 05-12-14.01 authorizing Mayor Davis to sign the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-14.02 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM LOWTHERT AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE TOWN AND BERKHEIMER FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 05-12-14.02 authorizing the appointment of Town Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer William Lowthert as liaison between the Town and Berkheimer for the express purpose of sharing confidential tax information.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 28, 2014 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 C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the April payroll authorization: General Fund, \$164,959.68; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$13,185.30; Street Lighting Fund, \$12,246.40; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$408.54; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Expansion Project, \$65,098.08; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$11,345.70 and the April payroll authorization in the amount of \$201,772.55.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,140 and \$1,140 from the Employees Pension Plan for second quarter trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$290 for benefit calculation.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE TOWN'S EXISTING DEBT SERVICE LOAN WITH FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved authorizing the modification of the Town's existing debt service loan with First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. from an interest rate of 4.09% to an interest rate of 2.23% with maturity in October 2018.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. FOR A SEVEN-YEAR LOAN

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. for a seven-year loan in the amount of \$350,000 with an interest rate of 2.41% for the purchase of a new fire engine. Mayor Davis stated that a Special Council meeting will be scheduled in the very near future to consider adoption of an ordinance for the loan associated with the purchase of the new fire truck and will be advertised in the Press Enterprise.

APPROVAL OF CHIEF VAN LOAN'S ATTENDANCE AT THE PA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONFERENCE

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Chief Van Loan to attend the PA Chiefs of Police Association Centennial Education and Training Conference in Valley Forge on July 13-17, 2014 in the amount of \$1,100. It was noted that this was budgeted.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT 2003 FORD EXPEDITION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the sale of a Police Department 2003 Ford Expedition.

APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Professional and Administrative Service Agreement with SEDA-COG in an amount not to exceed \$33,300 to administer the Town's 2013 CDBG Program.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved Diane Levan, Carey Howell and Fred Trump to attend the Annual Pennsylvania Municipal League Convention in Philadelphia at a cost of \$600 each.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ONE DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of two desktop computers for Administration and one desktop computer for Code Enforcement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss Public Works and Swimming Pool personnel matters and reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF HIRING JONATHAN TRAUGH AS A FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATOR

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Jonathan Traugh as a full-time Public Works Department Operator at a rate of \$18.26/hour contingent upon the completion of pre-employment testing.

APPROVAL OF HIRING NICHOLAS PUNTURIERO AS A POOL MANAGER

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Nicholas Punturiero as a Pool Manager at \$16.00/hour with a maximum of 29 hours a week at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool.

APPROVAL OF HIRING JEFFREY HUSS AND BRANDON SHERBO AS ASSISTANT POOL MANAGERS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Jeffrey Huss and Brandon Sherbo as Assistant Pool Managers at \$13.00/hour with a maximum of 29 hours a week at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool.

APPROVAL OF DREAM MACHINES MOTOR CLUB HOLDING ANNUAL AUTO SHOW AT THE BLOOMSBURG AIRPORT

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Dream Machines Motor Club to hold their annual auto show at the Bloomsburg Airport on June 14, 2015.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR PHASE 6 (PAVING) OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$14,668.29 for Phase 6 (Paving) of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 04/30/14.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR PHASE 6 (PAVING) OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$32,342.83 for Phase 6 (Paving) of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 04/30/14.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PHASE 5 OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (S. Costa, D. Levan, S. Davis, C. Howell, F. Trump and E. Bower voting "Yes") to One (1) (B. Kreisher voting "No"), Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$8,216.96 for engineering services of Phase 5 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 04/26/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PHASE 6 OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (S. Costa, D. Levan, S. Davis, C. Howell, F. Trump and E. Bower voting "Yes") to One (1) (B. Kreisher voting "No"), Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$19,574.60 for engineering services of Phase 6 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 04/26/14.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A MAHINDRA LAWN TRACTOR FROM TPC POWER CENTER

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a Mahindra lawn tractor from TPC Power Center in the amount of \$15,268.90 through the COSTARS program. It was noted that this purchased was budgeted.

APPROVAL OF REPLACING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER CABINET AT THE EAST AND MAIN STREETS INTERSECTION

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved replacing the traffic signal controller cabinet at the East and Main Streets intersection in an amount not to exceed \$14,560. J. Barton stated that the issue has been worked on since January and the only thing left to do is replace the entire cabinet. R. Van Loan expressed that the traffic signals go into flash mode at any given time and has been happening more frequently.

APPROVAL OF A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR WILLIAM CARNEY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (C. Howell, S. Costa, S. Davis, D. Levan, F. Trump and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (B. Kreisher voting “No”), Council approved a handicapped parking space for William Carney at 334 West Fourth Street.

UPDATE ON TRANSFER OF FIRE POLICE VEHICLE

B. Lowthert reported that he found out that there is a loan on the Fire Police vehicle. The bank is willingly to transfer the title to the Town, but, if for some reason the Fire Department doesn't finish paying off the loan, the vehicle would be repossessed. Members were confident that this wouldn't happen, but asked B. Lowthert to get more information from Chief Rupp.

APPROVAL OF APPLYING FOR A VARIANCE FOR TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Town applying for a variance for the town-owned property located at 206 West Eighth Street.

E. Fegley noted the parcel is located in the Residential-Suburban (R-S) District and because the setbacks are large, the only thing that could be placed on the lot is a mobile home.

Mayor Davis expressed a variance change to have the setback requirements similar to the Residential-Urban (R-U) District, which currently exists across the street, would make the property more sellable when the Town bids the property for sale. Steve Coladonato, 210 West Third Street, asked if this was considered spot zoning and E. Fegley replied no.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – CHUCK WAGNER – KIDSBURG UPDATE

Chuck Wagner reported that between April 30th and May 5th, one thousand volunteers turned out to help construct Kidsburg. Their goal was to be finished by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and they finished at 6:10 p.m. Chuck thanked everyone who volunteered and especially thanked John Barton and the Public Works Department crew. The project is 95% complete with sidewalks and a few benches remaining to be installed. The project went over budget a little bit, but as promised, the Bloomsburg Town Park Improvement Association took care of it. He expressed that the playground is a huge success and you can hear the laughter of the children a block away.

C. Wagner wanted to alert Council that there is a problem with older kids using the equipment. He witnessed a bunch of kids piled on one piece of equipment attempting to break the chain. Parents have asked him to post rules. Parents have been helping by trying to shoo the kids away but he would like to develop some rules and bring them to Council for approval. He will also research what other parks have done.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

WILLIAM LOWTHERT
Town Administrator and Secretary