

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, May 14, 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, 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; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent was Council Member W. Carey Howell.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Knorr presented Chief Leo Sokoloski with the National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day proclamation. The week of May 13-19, 2012 is National Police Week and May 15, 2012 is Peace Officers Memorial Day.

MAYOR’S UPDATE – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Knorr reported that the applications for the 11 properties in the 900 block of West Main Street and the 3 miscellaneous properties have been moved into the final phase with funding a strong possibility. An announcement from D.C. is expected by the end of May. The 3 properties in the 600 block of West Main Street have been deemed not substantially damaged and are not in the 100-year floodplain, both requirements for Round 1. The applications have been moved to Round 2.

Mayor Knorr reiterated that the Hazard Mitigation Grant is a reimbursement grant. Council will eventually need to decide on how to make up the 3% match. The 900 block application 3% total is \$60,961.35 and the miscellaneous application 3% is \$16,178.70 for a total of \$77,140.05. The Mayor would like Council to think about the funding options: town pay the full 3% from the General Fund, do a partial match with the property owners or have the property owner pay the full amount.

B. Kreisher asked who is responsible to make sure the property is taken down and the land is filled in and restored. Mayor Knorr stated he believes the town is responsible.

2011 FINANCIAL REPORT UPDATE

Mayor Knorr gave an overview of the 2011 Financial Report prepared and issued by Boyer & Ritter highlighting the assets, liabilities and debt. Actual expenditures exceeded the budget by \$508,117 due to the Tropical Storm Lee flood and actual revenue exceeded budget by \$919,149 due to several line items greatly exceeding expectations. Mayor Knorr also reviewed current and future budgetary challenges; increased demand for services; overlap with and replacement of retirees and infrastructure.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DOWNTOWN MANAGER

Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. President, Tim Wagner introduced newly hired Downtown Manager, Adrienne Mael. Mayor Knorr and Town Council welcomed Ms. Mael.

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, \$190,360.65; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$45,021.34; Street Lighting Fund, \$11,382.48; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$2,071.63; FFY 10 CDBG Program, \$5,950.04; FFY 11 CDBG Program, \$3,073.73; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Fund, \$5,504.72; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$12,553.84 and the April payroll authorization in the amount of \$168,554.97.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of Fye Fencing, Crawford Heating and Cooling, A and H Equipment, Kay Park Rec Corp., Tennant Sales and Service Company, Campus Cycle and Fly Fishing Center, and HD Supply Utilities LTD to the 2012 town vendor list.

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY OWNER OF 252 EAST EIGHTH STREET TO TEMPORARILY SHARE THE EXISTING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 235 EAST EIGHTH STREET

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the property owner of 252 E. Eighth Street to temporarily share the existing handicapped parking space at 235 E. Eighth Street.

APPROVAL OF HIRING WILLIAM LOWTHERT, IV AS TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY-TREASURER

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring William Lowthert, IV as Town Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer at a salary of \$74,000 plus \$300/month payment in lieu of health benefits effective mid June.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A ROLLING DOOR FROM OVERHEAD DOOR CORPORATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase and installation of a rolling door from Overhead Door Corporation in the amount of \$6,292. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT THROUGH 2/11/12 WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$8,100.82 for professional services of the Town Park Restroom Replacement Project through 2/11/12 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT THROUGH 4/7/12 WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$650 for professional services of the Town Park Restroom Replacement Project through 4/7/12 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE STREATER RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT THROUGH 2/11/12 WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting "Yes") to One (1) (F. Trump voting "No"), Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$3,092.32 for professional services of the Streater Recreation Improvements Project through 2/11/12 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THIRD STREET THROUGH 3/31/12

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 \$9,093.23 for professional services of the Third Street project through 3/31/12.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL 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 \$185.05 for professional services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF WAIVING STREET EXCAVATION FEE FOR BLOOMSBURG AREA YMCA

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved waiving the street excavation fee for the Bloomsburg Area YMCA to have water and sewer line connections made to the former fieldhouse building along Center Street.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-12.02 – CREATING TOBACCO-FREE ZONES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Four (4) (D. Levan, S. Costa, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to Two (2) (D. Knorr and F. Trump voting “No”), Council adopted Resolution No. 05-14-12.02 to include an enforcement statement with regards to Resolution No. 04-23-12.02 where tobacco-free zones were created within the Town of Bloomsburg.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM ALBERT MUMMEY FOR SALE OF USED CHAIN LINK FENCE MATERIAL

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the bid from Albert Mummey in the amount of \$1,069 for the sale of the used chain link fence material.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM ROBERT C. YOUNG, INC. FOR MILL RACE CULVERT REMOVAL PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the bid from Robert C. Young, Inc. in the amount of \$40,620 for the Mill Race Culvert Removal Project.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by E. Bower and voted on Five (5) (F. Trump, E. Bower, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) Abstention (D. Knorr “Abstaining”), and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Vince DeMelfi to replace the front porch roofs and repair one masonry pillar on the structure located at **269 West First Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by E. Bower and voted on Four (4) (F. Trump, E. Bower, D. Knorr and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to Two (2) (S. Costa and D. Levan voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Aaron Ferrance to install an additional banner on the structure located at **6 West Main 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 Audra Mitchell to install a window in the arched window area of a dormer that is currently boarded over, replace all of the first floor windows with the same size and style that currently exists, add a window on the back of the house in the same size and style that currently exists, remove the window on the rear sunroom addition and install a door onto the back deck, remove the old deteriorated screen door on the front entry door with no replacement, remove the old wooden lattice work that is attached below the front covered porch on the south side of structure to expose decorative stone work with no replacement, remove the cement slab at the front of the covered porch along with the cement sidewalk that extends along the north side of structure, construct a 5 foot by 7 foot addition on the first floor at the rear of the structure, remove the 40” by 80” window on the north side of the structure and install a replacement window at the structure located at **106 West Street**.

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 Bob Barton to construct a patio off of the garage located at **119-121 E. Fifth Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Warren Faust to construct a deck at the rear of the structure located at **118 West Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Jack Deal to replace the double four inch vinyl siding with double three inch vinyl siding on the structure located at **235-237 West Main Street**.

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

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from submitting a stormwater management plan [Sec.802.3.A].

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – ADDITION TO LUZERNE HALL – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (F. Trump voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a modification to use a 12 inch pipe for drainage facilities instead of the required 15 inch pipe [Sec.22-803.2.A.4].

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – ADDITION TO LUZERNE HALL – LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, B. Kreisher and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (F. Trump voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Bloomsburg University’s addition to Luzerne Hall revised land development plan contingent upon the following conditions being met: Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Requirements: the ‘Surveyor’s Certification’ provided on the cover sheet shall be signed and sealed [Sec.22-403.1.A.2.o], the ‘Statement of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Plan’ provided on the cover sheet shall be signed and notarized [Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.s and t], a Sewage Facilities Planning Module (exemption) must be approved by the PA DEP. A copy of the approval letter shall be provided [Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.w], and a written agreement providing for ownership and maintenance of proposed drainage and stormwater management facilities shall be provided [Sec. 22-805].

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – AAA STUDENT HOUSING – 17 EAST MAIN STREET – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from providing monuments and markers [Sec.22-702].

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – BLOOMSBURG INDUSTRIAL VENTURES – SIXTH STREET – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from providing stormwater management [Sec. 22-404.B.2.f, Sec. 22-404.D.1.a.17, Sec. 22-404.D.1.a.20.h, Part 8 and Sec. 806.2].

DENIAL OF MODIFICATION – BLOOMSBURG INDUSTRIAL VENTURES – SIXTH STREET – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council denied approving a modification to reduce the aisle width between the parking spaces and the first loading space from the required twenty-four (24) feet to twenty (20) feet for Bloomsburg Industrial Ventures Sixth Street land development.

STEVE SHANNON – LAND DEVELOPMENT – PRELIMINARY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a Ninety (90) Day Time Extension contingent upon a written request being received within fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice or the application will be denied for Steve Shannon’s preliminary land development.

APPROVAL OF PLACEMENT OF A SANDWICH BOARD TYPE SIGN IN FRONT OF 40 EAST MAIN STREET

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on Five (5) (S. Costa, F. Trump, D. Levan, B. Kreisher, F. Trump and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) Abstention (D. Knorr “Abstaining”), Council approved the placement of a sandwich board type sign in front of 40 East Main Street. D. Knorr expressed that the sign would be taken in overnight.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG RELAY FOR LIFE HOLDING 24-HOUR EVENT IN TOWN PARK

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Relay for Life to hold their 24-hour event in Bloomsburg Town Park on August 17-18, 2012.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-12.01 – COMMITMENT TO COMPLETE THE BLOOMSBURG PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT SUBJECT TO FUNDING THROUGH THE PENNDOT AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT (ARLE) TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 05-14-12.01 committing to the completion of the Bloomsburg Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project, subject to funding through the PennDOT Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancement Grant Program.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Amy B. Seamans, Office Assistant
RECORDING SECRETARY