

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 11, 2011, 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; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Code Enforcement Officer Ed Fegley; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

PROCLAMATION – NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mayor Knorr presented a proclamation to Loreen Comstock and Deborah Forsythe of Columbia-Montour Home Hospice & Nurse-Family Partnership in recognition of Nurse Family Partnership's ten year anniversary.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – WILLIAM FINNERTY – WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

William Finnerty, representing Wesley United Methodist Church located at the corner of West Third and Market Streets, was asked by the board of trustees to inquire about the recent parking changes on Market Street as it's affecting functions held during the day at the church. Mr. Finnerty asked where are people supposed to park when there is a funeral or wedding, etc. now that the parking meter heads have been removed from the posts? This Wednesday a meal for 100 people will be served at the church and they don't know where to tell everyone to park. Today, visitors attending a blood drive and members of a quilters group received parking tickets. The board of trustees also felt that some sort of notice should have been sent. The only way they knew about the change was from reading about it in the newspaper.

Mayor Knorr expressed that the article in the newspaper was the best way to inform the public about this change. This permit parking change was implemented as part of the Parking Study. It is meant to balance the parking needs of the persons who either live or work in the downtown area with general visitor parking.

Dean Kriner who owns a funeral home on Market Street near the church was also present. Mr. Kriner stated that there were red meter posts in front of the funeral home prior to this change but at least they had meters on them. Now that the meters are gone, only permit holders can park there. He just had a viewing this afternoon and the spots sat there empty. Last winter there was a car covered in snow parked in front of the funeral home for an entire week.

Parking Enforcement Officer Ryan Salas noted that Mr. Finnerty and Mr. Kriner are referring to nine parking spaces located on Market Street between Third Street and Anthony Avenue. Ryan said that there is metered parking available above Third Street and free parking below Anthony Avenue. He feels that it's too early to make any changes. The majority of the permits will be sold to students who have not yet returned to town.

Mr. Kriner feels the Commercial District zoning needs to be changed. He knows that parking is not required to be provided and that the number of students allowed is determined by square footage unlike other areas of town.

B. Kreisher has fielded several complaints concerning this parking change and feels the ordinance should be repealed.

Steve Coladonato of 210 W. Third Street also feels that the parking requirement in the Commercial District needs to be addressed. He is fine with property owners not providing parking for the first floor business tenants but feels parking should be required for tenants occupying the upper floors.

Downtown Manager Josh O'Brien has been fielding a lot of calls and emails from merchants who are upset about the meters being taken away. The merchants were ready to petition Council this evening to hold off on selling the remaining permits until an open forum could be held.

Mayor Knorr stated that the matter will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda scheduled for July 25th. In the meantime he will obtain more information from the Parking Study Execution Task Force.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr expressed that things were quiet this past weekend with the 4-Wheel Jamboree. He noted some upcoming meetings and briefly reviewed the status of the budget.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 27, 2011 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JUNE 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 June payroll authorization: General Fund, \$113,403.41; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$58,120.95; Library Fund, \$20,000.00; Street Lighting Fund, \$12,017.13; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$8,724.14; FFY 10 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$8,568.19; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Expansion Project, \$300.00; Liquid Fuels, \$3,146.50 and the June payroll authorization in the amount of \$200,092.43.

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 Law Offices of David H. Trathen, G & M Crawford, Inc., John Evert and Lincoln Equipment, Inc. to the 2011 town vendor list.

APPROVAL OF FREE PARKING FOR ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved free parking in the municipal parking lots, on East Street and on Main Street with the two-hour parking limit enforced for the annual Sidewalk Sales being held in Downtown Bloomsburg on July 21, 22 and 23.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUESTS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, C. Howell, P. Kinney, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Knorr voting "No"), Council approved the following appropriation transfer requests:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
01.357.00.4582	Alcoa Grant		6,000.00
01.380.00.4806	Workers Comp Reimbursement		4,000.00
01.392.00.4004	Transfer from Recycling	15,000.00	
01.395.00.4950	Refund of Prior Year's Expenditure		5,000.00
01.415.00.5451	Contracted Services	2,550.00	
01.492.00.5021	Transfer of Capital Projects Account		2,550.00

<u>Recycling</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
04.380.00.4802	Other Revenue		2,500.00
04.426.00.5317	Trash Removal	17,500.00	
04.492.00.5001	Transfer to General Fund		15,000.00

<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
35.432.00.5244	Snow Removal Materials	6,000.00	
35.437.00.5374	Equipment Maintenance		6,000.00

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FLOOD BROCHURES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of flood brochures, a requirement of the Community Rating Systems (CRS) program, in the amount of \$594 from Bird Printing.

APPROVAL OF PAY INCREASE FOR NON-UNION PUBLIC WORKS AND RECYCLING CENTER EMPLOYEES, INCLUSIVE OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a \$.25 per hour pay increase for non-union Public Works and Recycling Center employees, inclusive of salaried employees, effective July 1, 2011 in lieu of a clothing allowance.

APPROVAL OF CREDIT CARD POLICY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by D. Knorr and voted on unanimously, Council approved a credit card policy.

APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM BARDO COLLISION REPAIR FOR REPAIRS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from Bardo Collision Repair in the amount of \$5,118.79 for repairs to the Police Department 2005 Ford Crown Victoria.

APPROVAL OF CHARGING A \$5.00 PER LOAD FEE FOR DUMPSTER DAY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on Three (3) (C. Howell, B. Kreisher and P. Kinney voting "Yes") to Three (3) (D. Knorr, D. Levan and S. Costa voting "No"), the motion to not charge a per load fee for Dumpster Day was defeated due to the lack of a majority. On a motion by D. Knorr, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Four (4) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to Two (2) (P. Kinney and C. Howell voting "No"), Council approved charging a \$5.00 per load fee for Dumpster Day.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM THE POLICE PENSION PLAN AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,636.98 and \$2,785.99 from the Employees Pension Plan for quarterly trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF STREET VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved a street vendor permit for Mary Girton of Napoli Pizza for space #7 effective from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FROM SOKOL, INC. FOR THE COMPOST SITE
RELOCATION PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved change order no. 3 for an additional 30-day time extension from Sokol, Inc. for the Compost Site Relocation Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 2 TO SOKOL, INC. FOR THE COMPOST SITE RELOCATION
PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment no. 2 to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$200,393.28 for the Compost Site Relocation Project.

APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM EQUIPMENT DEPOT FOR REPLACEMENT OF YALE FORKLIFT
TIRES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Equipment Depot in the amount of \$1,426 for the replacement of Yale forklift tires at the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM HRG, INC. FOR THE TOWN
PARK REST ROOM PROJECT AND STREATER

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved an engineering proposal from HRG, Inc. in the amount of \$56,600 for the Town Park Rest Room Project and the Streater Park Improvements Project.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR
THE MILL RACE CULVERT PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$8,350 for the Mill Race Culvert Project.

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

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$2,091.25 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF HAVING PENNDOT COMPLETE ADA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG
IRON STREET/MILLVILLE ROAD

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved having PennDOT complete ADA sidewalk improvements along Iron Street/Millville in conjunction with their roadway project proposed for 2012. C. Mas expressed that this will cost approximately \$45,000 which can be funded with liquid fuels funds.

APPROVAL OF PENNDOT PLACING TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARNING SIGNALS ON ROUTE 42
INTERCHANGE RAMPS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved PennDOT placing traffic signal warning signals on the Route 42 interchange ramps located within the Town of Bloomsburg. C. Mas noted that there will be no cost for installation or maintenance.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF BRAKE LATHE FROM AE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a used brake lathe from AE Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$1,995 with DUI funds. C. Mas noted that only \$1,500 was budgeted for this purchase.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. REPORT

Downtown Manager Josh O'Brien reported that the annual sidewalk sales will be held on July 21-23 along with the BMW motorcycle rally being held at the Fairgrounds, movie night is scheduled for Friday, August 5 and Artfest will be held on August 19 and 20.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss a police department personnel issue and did not reconvene.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary