

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 12, 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, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and Bill Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement and Zoning /Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Council Member Paul Kinney; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Downtown Manager Megan Hummel.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – BOB HEWLETT

Bob Hewlett appeared on behalf of his mother who is purchasing a lot in the Sunview Terrace development. Mr. Hewlett explained that there is a drainage and public access easement on Lot 27 limiting the building setbacks and was told that the issue would be discussed at tonight's meeting. Solicitor Mihalik informed Council that Attorney Hummel is researching the history of the easement. A site visit was arranged and the issue will be addressed at a future meeting.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr reported that Council will begin reviewing each section of the Code of Ordinances starting with the sign ordinance. He noted that the code office is ready to send letters to property owners regarding sign ordinance violations. D. Levan stated she would like the letters sent. B. Kreisher would like to see the letter condensed to one page; deleting the section and subsection reference information. Council asked E. Fegley to shorten the letter and send. Mayor Knorr advised Council to review Chapter 27 §27-805, prior to the August 9, 2010 Council meeting where it will be discussed.

Mayor Knorr also reported that the Public Safety Committee is reviewing a Walkable Communities Program report that was compiled by PennDOT LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program). The budget was reviewed and upcoming meetings were noted.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the June 14, 2010 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JUNE PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the June payroll authorization: General Fund, \$109,142.82; Recycling Fund, \$16,097.62; Street Lighting Fund, \$8,271.94; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$4,716.07; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$190,160.84; Liquid Fuels, \$695.17 and the June payroll authorization in the amount of \$167,634.25.

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

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,550.59 and \$3,347.13 from the Police Pension Plan for the second quarterly trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for the Town of Bloomsburg to re-point the stone and brick area under the window where the steps that were removed, repair the area on the extreme right of the window and to install a concrete sidewalk up to the Town Hall building frontage.

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Jack Deal to install double four inch Dutch lap vinyl siding on the garage and the replacement of the front doors on the residence with steel entry doors at 245-247 West Third Street.

APPROVAL OF WAIVERS – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, LIGHTSTREET ROAD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waivers for Bloomsburg University's pedestrian bridge project: landscaping, screening and buffering [510.A.2 and 606], the expansion joint material at the "concrete walk detail" shall have a width of 1 ½ inches [706.E and F] and the outlines of the properties impacted shall be shown on the plan with bearings and distances of lot lines [403.1.A.2.c].

APPROVAL OF NINETY DAY TIME EXTENSION – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT, LIGHTSTREET ROAD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for Bloomsburg University's pedestrian bridge project.

APPROVAL OF WAIVERS – PINE AVENUE LUXURY HOUSING – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Zero (0) to Six (6) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, K. Shepperson, S. Costa, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "No"), the approval of the following waivers for Pine Avenue Luxury Housing land development: curbs shall be provided along Whiteman Avenue and Pine Avenue [503] and sidewalks shall be provided along Whiteman Avenue and Pine Avenue [504] failed due to a lack of a favorable majority vote.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – PINE AVENUE LUXURY HOUSING – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, K. Shepperson and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (C. Howell voting "No"), Council approved the following waiver for Pine Avenue Luxury Housing land development: an off-street loading area shall be provided [608].

BLOOMSBURG MILLS PROPERTY ZONING AMENDMENT HEARING

Council scheduled the public hearing for the Bloomsburg Mills property zoning amendment request for Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:00pm.

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SCOTT FRANKS TO HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council appointed Robert Scott Franks as the registered architect position to the Historic Architectural Review Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2013.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2010 INTERNATIONAL 4300 TRUCK

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a 2010 International 4300 truck for the Recycling Center in the amount of \$73,625.00 using \$65,338 in grant funds and \$8,287 from the Recycling Fund.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2011 LOADMASTER LEGACY 3 – 20 YARD REAR LOADER TRUCK

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a 2011 Loadmaster Legacy 3 – 20 yard rear loader truck in the amount of \$134,873.00 using \$117,367 in grant funds and \$17,506 from the Recycling Fund.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF GLASS CRUSHER BREAKERS FROM THE C.S. BELL CO.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of glass crusher breakers in the amount of \$749.28 from The C. S. Bell Co.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF GLASS CRUSHER REPLACEMENT BELT

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a glass crusher replacement belt in the amount of \$600.00 plus shipping from Highway Equipment.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 500 GALLON TANK WITH SKID SUPPORTS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a 500 gallon tank with skid supports in the amount of \$970.00 from J.J. Fuel, Inc. for the bio-diesel furnace project at the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PHASE IV MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amounts of \$1,477.00, \$7,150.00 and \$11,050.30 for the Phase IV Main Street Lighting Project using CDBG program funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SOKOL, INC FOR TOWN PARK TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$72,355.23 for the Town Park Tennis Court Construction Project.

CURBING AND SIDEWALK STUDY

B. Kreisher made a motion twice to approve reallocating administration/planning funds from the town's 2009 and 2010 CDBG Program for a curb and sidewalk study. The motions both died for lack of a second. Mayor Knorr and K. Shepperson both expressed concerns with reallocating funds mid-year when the projects for 2010 were decided during the public hearing process in the beginning of the year. D. Levan feels the town is studied out and should complete other projects before starting another. B. Lowthert explained that typically each year Council allocates 18% of their total CDBG Program funding for administration and planning. A proposal from the town's CDBG engineer, Larson Design Group, was received in the amount of \$16,500. B. Lowthert had proposed, at the Public Works and Environment Committee, using 2009 and 2010 CDBG administration/ planning funds for the study which are not earmarked for any other projects. B. Kreisher noted that future CDBG funds could be used toward helping residents of low to moderate income replace their curbing and sidewalks. Council seemed receptive to discussing the project during the 2011 CDBG Program process. No action was taken at this time.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR PHASE IV MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

Bill Lowthert of SEDA-COG and Dennis Peters and Sherry Horcha of Peters Consultants were present concerning the Phase IV Main Street Lighting Project from Iron Street to Third Street. Shade Tree Commission Chair Cristina Mathews provided input on the replacement of two trees in front of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and one tree in front of Steph's Subs. The trees will need to be removed to accommodate light posts. After a brief discussion, it was decided that a Swamp White Oak tree would be planted in the curb extension area in front of Balzano's as a replacement for the tree in front of Steph's Subs and C. Mas will contact a representative of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to inform them of the tree removal and replacement. D. Peters said the tree species and placement could be added to the plans as alternates.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the Phase IV Main Street Lighting Project.

APPROVAL OF SECOND ADDENDUM TO SEWAGE TREATMENT AGREEMENT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved Mayor Knorr and C. Mas signing a Second Addendum to Sewage Treatment Agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg, Municipal Authority of the Town of Bloomsburg, Scott Township and Scott Township Authority allowing Scott Township Authority to increase their allocated capacity into the Kinney's Run Interceptor and Parallel Interceptor from 500,000 gallons per day to 650,000 gallons per day contingent upon the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board's approval at their July 13, 2010 meeting.

APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING 25MPH SPEED LIMIT ON IRONDALE ROAD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved establishing a 25mph speed limit on Irondale Road.

APPROVAL OF ENFORCING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING YEAR ROUND

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved enforcing residential permit parking year round in all areas except Area #1 and Area #14.

APPROVAL OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicapped parking space on West Third Street at Murray Avenue for Wesley United Methodist Church.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKING APPARATUS OUT OF TOWN

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Bloomsburg Fire Department personnel taking the air truck to an event at Barlow Fire-Rescue near Gettysburg on Saturday, July 17, 2010.

APPROVAL OF ONE OUTDOOR TABLE FOR READY-GO-BURRITO AT 102 EAST MAIN STREET

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved Shawn McNally to place one (1) table with two (2) chairs within the right-of-way in front of Ready-Go-Burrito located at 102 East Main Street.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary