

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 22, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor W. Carey Howell; Council Members Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump, Eric Bower and Sandy Davis; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Assistant Town Administrator Lauren Martz; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Code Enforcement Officer Ed Fegley; Acting Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bloomsburg Town Council held an Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss the ongoing liquor license transfer matter and reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

FFY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT FINALIZATION

Bill Seigel of SEDA-COG expressed that the Town's FFY 2013 CDBG Program allocation is estimated to be \$165,000. B. Seigel reviewed the list of proposed projects that were identified at the June 24, 2013 Public Hearing:

1. Streater Fields – Phase II – The project meets town-wide LMI by census. SEDA-COG does not recommend allocating 2013 funds because it's premature due to Phase I being currently under construction.
2. Bloomsburg Skate Park – The project meets town-wide LMI by census. SEDA-COG does not recommend because it's premature and there is a local group that is spear heading the efforts but could assist if needed.
3. Walking Trail – Connecting Town Park to Streater Fields – The project meets town-side LMI by census. SEDA-COG recommends allocating 15% of 2013 funds – estimated at \$24,750.
4. Curb Cuts – Removal of Architectural Barriers at Various Intersections throughout Town – Presumed benefit. SEDA-COG recommends allocating 67% of 2013 funds – estimated at \$110,550. B. Seigel noted that ADA curbs are required by law and there are several that need to be done in Town.
5. First Street Reconstruction – Hospital Area – SEDA-COG does not recommend allocating 2013 funds. If the project qualified, a resident survey would need to be conducted.
6. Penn Street Reconstruction – SEDA-COG does not recommend allocating 2013 funds. If the project qualified, a resident survey would need to be conducted.
7. Housing Rehabilitation for Flood-Damaged Owner-Occupied and Rental Homes – SEDA-COG does not recommend allocating 2013 funds. There are other sources of funds for this project and \$165,000 would not accomplish the rehabilitation of many properties.
8. Administrative/Planning Activities – 18% is typically set aside for administration costs and planning projects – estimated at \$27,700

Nicole Flaugh, AYSO Regional Commissioner, expressed that their organization is still in need of soccer fields. They have a minimum of \$15,000 set aside for a U-14 field. B. Lowthert stated that one U-10 and two U-8 fields are part of the Phase I construction project at Streater Field and one U-12 and one U-14 field are proposed as part of Phase II. B. Seigel expressed that their funding could be a match for a DCNR grant.

APPROVAL OF FFY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (B. Kreisher, S. Costa, C. Howell, E. Bower, F. Trump and S. Davis voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Levan voting "No"), and on the recommendation of SEDA-COG, Council approved allocating \$110,550 in FFY 2013 CDBG funds to Curb Cuts, \$24,750 towards a Walking Trail to connect Town Park to Streater Fields and \$27,700 for Administration and Planning Projects.

APPROVAL OF CDBG-DR APPLICATION PROJECTS

Bill Seigel of SEDA-COG reported that the applications for projects for possible funding with CDBG-DR funds are due on August 23, 2013. He reviewed a list of projects that were compiled by J. Barton and B. Lowthert. He also noted that the maximum request for each project is \$500,000.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the maximum amount of \$500,000 for the reconstruction of Fort McClure Boulevard from Market Street to the confluence of Fishing Creek, including the addition of a debris lane. The project is estimated to cost \$587,000.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Davis and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$74,887 for the replacement of the Town Hall generator.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$250,000 for the construction of a new Terminal Building at the Airport. Additional funding is coming from insurance, PEMA, FEMA and PennDOT Bureau of Aviation. Joe Martarano, 295 E. Tenth Street, spoke in opposition of this project.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$52,700 for the replacement of the sidewalks in the 900 block of West Main Street. Existing driveways would also be removed.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$489,758 for the reconstruction of Fort McClure Boulevard from Route 11 to the Susquehanna River (along Fishing Creek).

On a motion by E. Bower, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in an estimated amount of \$45,000 for the clean-out and armoring of Snyder's Run stormwater channel from Hospital Drive to Honeysuckle Lane.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$76,570 for improvements to Snyder's Run in the area of West Eleventh Street and Port Noble Drive to include stormwater flapper gates and pump.

On a motion by E. Bower, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$500,000 for the relocation of Snyder's Run at Autoneum, turning the storm sewer south, following Railroad Street to the Susquehanna River.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in an amount estimated at \$40,000 for the reconstruction of Kinney Run entailing the clean-out and vegetative armoring of the drainage way and swale.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by E. Bower and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, E. Bower, C. Howell, F. Trump and S. Davis voting "Yes") to Two (2) (S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "No"), Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in an estimated amount of \$80,000 for flood protection at the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Waste Water Treatment Plant. The project scope still needs to be defined. S. Costa felt this project should have been completed as part of the previous flood proofing project.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (F. Trump, D. Levan, C. Howell, B. Kreisher, E. Bower and S. Davis voting "Yes") to One (1) (S. Costa voting "No"), Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$500,000 for the acquisition and demolition of the following six (6) properties with Council defining the criteria at a later date: 615, 637, 643 and 904 West Main Street, 274 East Tenth Street and a commercial property at 1001 Industrial Drive. Council asked B. Lowthert to also make direct contact with the six property owners.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$100,000 for planning activities including updating of the CRS, disaster resiliency, and emergency response plans.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application in the amount of \$57,398 or 2.5% of the total of all projects for administration.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application for the reconstruction of the area where Kinney Run empties into the Susquehanna River.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application for the replacement of the Kinney Run culvert under Catherine Street. This project was proposed by resident Joe Martarano who noted that the pipe is undersized.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a CDBG-DR application to rip rap the south side of Fishing Creek from West First Street to where the weir was removed. This project was proposed by Council Member Trump.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on August 1, 2013 to take comments on the projects. The public will also have a chance to comment at the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting, the Administrative/Finance Committee meeting, the Public Works & Environment Committee meeting or the next Town Council meeting on August 12th.

APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the July 8, 2013 Council meeting minutes with the following corrections: Sandy Davis will be added to the Council Members that were present and the name of the person who asked about the old macadam in the last paragraph on page 4 will be changed from Mayor Howell to B. Kreisher.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS FOR THIRD QUARTER ACTUARIAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,140 from the Police Pension Plan and \$1,140 from the Employees Pension Plan for third quarter actuarial and consulting services.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. FROM THE POLICE AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS FOR QUARTERLY TRUSTEE FEES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. in the amount of \$3,800.54 from the Police Pension Plan and \$3,067.16 from the Employees Pension Plan for quarterly trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CONTINGENCIES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the land development plan for Service Electric Cablevision at 1005 East Seventh Street contingent upon the following conditions being met: The Columbia County Planning Commission shall review the plan and provide comments. [Sec. 22-203.]; Financial security must be provided for all proposed site improvements. A construction cost estimate shall be submitted. [Sec. 22-403.1.A. and Sec. 22-404.C.]; A sewage facilities planning module exemption must be approved by the PA DEP for the proposed connection to the existing sanitary sewer system. A copy of the approval letter shall be provided. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(w)]; Evidence that potable water can be adequately supplied to the proposed building shall be provided. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(aa)]; The proposed access drive shall clearly be defined by the use of curbing. [Sec. 22-502.10.D.(1)]; An erosion & sediment pollution control plan shall be deemed adequate by the Columbia County Conservation District. A copy of the plan and adequacy letter shall be provided. [Sec. 22-508.1.E.]; A landscape plan may be required by the Planning Commission which may include street trees and screening or buffering. [Sec. 22-510.A.(2) and Sec. 22-606.], and a sign shall be provided at the accessible parking space. [Sec. 22-607.4.B.(5)].

APPROVAL OF THE BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TO DISPLAY SIGNAGE ON THE TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY THAT WILL BE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 50 EAST MAIN STREET

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg University Foundation to display signage on the temporary pedestrian walkway that will be in the right-of-way at 50 East Main Street to inform the public that the obstructed neighboring businesses are present. E. Fegley noted that the actual sign(s) would still need to meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

WILLIAM LOWTHERT
Town Administrator & Secretary