

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 10, 2009, 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, Kathy Shepperson, W. Carey Howell and Bill Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Deputy Chief Bob Rupp and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent were Fire Chief Hugh Gross and Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz.

#### CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – ALISON STEVENSON, SEDA-COG

Alison Stevenson from SEDA-COG is working on the Revitalizing River Towns initiative. Phase I of the project consisted of an assessment of the river towns and identifying strategies to educate the public of the amenities each of the communities offer. They are now applying for a grant to begin Phase II of the project. This will include initiating the strategies and organizing workshops and conferences. Ms. Stevenson asked for a letter of support from Council to accompany the grant application. She also asked for a contribution towards the local match. On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a letter of support for Phase II of the project. A contribution will be considered during the budget process.

#### CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – WILLIAM PICARELLI

William Picarelli of 541 Sunset Drive was notified by the Code Office that the cement block wall he constructed was in the town's right-of-way. He appeared before Council to request permission to leave the decorative wall in the right-of-way by approximately one foot. On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a revocable license for the current wall to remain. The single blocks along the roadway and the sidewalk from the block wall to the roadway is to be removed.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

Pat Ferry, 438 Center Street, received a letter outlining the increase in residential parking permits from \$5.00 per vehicle initially to \$10.00 per vehicle plus \$20 for a visitor's permit per year. D. Levan explained this was decided during the 2009 budget process. D. Knorr stated that the proceeds would help defray the costs of road maintenance. Ms. Ferry questioned why everyone did not pay if the funds were to be used for roadwork.

Mike Chapel, 431 Center Street, was also concerned about the increase and asked if another increase would take place this year. He is on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay additional fees.

Julie Scholl, 154 East Fifth Street, said snow plowing around the curb extensions was terrible. Dennis Scholl wondered why the university does not pay more since the students are the reason for permitted areas.

Daniel Rosler, 427 Jefferson Street, suggested opening the former Streater property up for long term parking and have the university provide shuttle service to the lot.

#### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-10-09.01 – APPOINTING TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE DELEGATES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 08-10-09.01 appointing Carol Mas as the primary delegate and Theresa Baylor as the alternate delegate to the countywide earned income Tax Collection Committee.

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-10-09.02 – SIGNS AND BANNERS ACROSS STATE HIGHWAYS – UNITED WAY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 08-10-09.02 for the erection of a United Way banner across Route 487 attached to Bloomsburg University's catwalk from August 24, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

## MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr briefly reviewed the upcoming calendar of events and meetings. He introduced Downtown Manager Megan Hummel. She outlined the timeline for the Courthouse Plaza project, described the recent downtown events and announced plans for a catalog for new business recruitment.

## APPROVAL OF JULY 13, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved the July 13, 2009 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JULY 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 July payroll authorization: General Fund, \$125,335.45; Recycling Fund, \$16,514.87; Street Lighting Fund, \$19,969.31; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$4,744.68; Capital Projects, \$5,322.20; FFY08 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$11,432.01; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$10,759.20; Liquid Fuels, \$90,064.66 and the July payroll authorization in the amount of \$187,818.35.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM POLICE PENSION PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of an invoice from First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,211.01 for second quarter trustee fees.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of an invoice from First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$2,409.90 for second quarter trustee fees.

## APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding the following companies to the Town Vendor List: PA Gaming Control Board, American Test Center, B&R Roofing, R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Theresa Baylor, and Battery Tech Central.

APPROVAL OF 2009 BUDGET TRANSFERS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following 2009 budget transfers:

	<u>DR</u>	<u>CR</u>
Auditing Services	2,500.00	
Advertising and Printing	3,000.00	
General Expense	1,000.00	
Wages - Full Time Employees	2,000.00	
Social Security	250.00	
Town Building Maintenance	1,500.00	
Planning Consultant - Parking Study		10,250.00
Overtime	12,000.00	
Planning Consultant - Comp Plan		12,000.00
Donation for Shade Trees		500.00
Replacement Costs	500.00	

APPROVAL OF 401-403 LIGHTSTREET ROAD LLC BOND REDUCTION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved reducing the financial security of 401-403 Lightstreet Road LLC land development project by \$90,961.35 as recommended by the town’s engineer.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR A TEMPORARY PART-TIME POLICE CLERK

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (S. Costa, D. Levan, D. Knorr, K. Shepperson, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) (P. Kinney voting “No”), Council approved advertising for a temporary part-time police clerk with a wage range of \$8.00 to \$9.50 per hour and a schedule of up to thirty hours per week.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR TWO PART-TIME PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted unanimously, Council approved advertising for two (2) part-time parking enforcement officers with a wage range of \$10.00 to \$12.25 per hour and a combined schedule of forty hours per week.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Daniel and Diane Rosler to remove a greenhouse and install a deck and fence at 427 Jefferson Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, S. Costa, D. Levan, K. Shepperson, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) (D. Knorr voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for James and Jacqueline McGinley to install vinyl siding and five (5) vinyl replacement windows at 214 West Fourth Street.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Justin and Stephen Hummel for exterior renovations at 22 East Main Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Richard Huskey to construct a deck and ramp, replace a door and window and install twenty-one (21) vinyl replacement windows at 440 Iron Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Dennis and Julie Sholl for an addition at the rear of the structure located at 154 East Fifth Street.

#### APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a professional services agreement proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the relocation of the compost site.

#### APPROVAL OF NAMING AN ALLEY GOLDER AVENUE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved naming the alley between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets Golder Avenue in honor of Frank Golder, a former Bloomsburg High School principal and coach who just turned 100 years old. The alley begins at Catherine Street and stops just short of Market Street behind Mr. Golder's home at 1103 Market Street and begins again at Murray Avenue and ends at Railroad Street.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO BARLETTA MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR 2009 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of an invoice from Barletta Materials and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$79,308.29 for the 2009 street resurfacing project.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO HRI, INC. FOR OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoice No. 6A to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$14,155.92 for obstruction removal at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO HRI, INC. FOR SITE PREP WORK AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoice No. 2 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$119,824.43 for site prep work at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

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On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of invoice No. 3 to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$117,487.35 for site prep work at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

#### APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM ROBERT C. YOUNG, INC. TO SEALCOAT ARBUTUS PARK ROAD

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Robert C. Young, Inc. in the amount of \$7,040.00 to sealcoat Arbutus Park Road from the forestry building to the Scott Township boundary.

#### APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM DONALD E. KOCHER, INC. TO REPAIR CONCRETE BOAT HOUSE ROOF

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Donald E. Kocher, Inc. in the amount of \$4,900.00 to repair the concrete boat house roof at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM PA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council accepted a grant from the PA Liquor Control Board Grant in the amount of \$11,500.00 for alcohol prevention and education.

#### APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF PATROLMAN STEVEN PERSING

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Patrol Officer Steven Persing effective September 12, 2009 with deep regret.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF WATER RESISTANT MOBILE RADIO FOR BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a water resistant mobile radio from Keystone Communications in the amount of \$1,781.15 to be installed in the Fire Department's boat.

#### APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF MICROPHONES AND CHARGERS FOR BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of four (4) microphones and four (4) chargers from Keystone Communications in the amount of \$531.00 for the Bloomsburg Fire Department to be used with their new radios which were purchased with grant funds.

#### APPROVAL OF CHILDREN'S MUSEUM CONSTRUCTING A PERGOLA ON TOWN-OWNED LAND AND WAIVING BUILDING/ZONING PERMIT FEES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Children's Museum to construct a pergola on town-owned land and waiving the building and zoning permit fees.

#### AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dave Ruckle reported that the committee is seeking a grant to pay for a credit card system to be installed on the fuel tank. The annual fly-in is scheduled for September 12, 2009. This year they are honoring Town Council for their ongoing support and invited Council to the award presentation.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

CAROL L. MAS  
Town Administrator & Secretary