

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 22, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Presiding was Mayor Sandy Davis. Also present were Council Members W. Carey Howell, Sylvia Costa, William Kreisher, Fred Trump, Eric Bower, and James Huber; Director of Human Resources/Asst. Secretary Tracy Lanza fame; Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans; Director of Finance/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, and Chief of Police Roger Van Loan. Absent was Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD –RACHEL BITLER, ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rachel Bitler Junior Warden of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church read the following statement: I am here to appeal HARB’s decision concerning the restoration of the chimney on the east side of the big white house belonging to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, known as the rectory.

There is no question that repairs need to be made, but we feel that the cost of rebuilding the chimney to its original condition far exceeds the value of doing so.

The purpose of any church is first, worship. Next is to educate ourselves and others. And third is outreach to the community. This last point is very important.

St. Pauls’ church is a non-profit organization. Our goal is to provide the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people in our neighborhood. We recognize our responsibility as a good neighbor in the historical district, but we see that responsibility to be more than just the maintenance to our property.

We value our rectory and love our other historic buildings and want to preserve them, but we feel that it is our duty to exercise prudent judgement in how we spend our money. The chimney is a small piece of a larger building and that building an even smaller piece of our overall mission. For this reason it seems realistic to remove the existing chimney and not involve the excessive burden of cost that would be needed in rebuilding it to its appearance in 1880.

I have talked with Lee Samsel, owner of the Chimney Sweep, about the cost of restoring this nonworking chimney. To photograph it from all sides, complete design work beforehand, then build up an inside layer of bricks and then a second decorative layer would cost about \$9,000. To simply remove the top several decorative feet of the chimney and then cap it off would cost about \$2,000. This \$7,000 could certainly be used more advantageously toward the welfare of this neighborhood.

In conclusion, I would ask that the Town Council reconsider HARB’s decision and permit us to remove the decorative top few feet of the chimney down to the roof flashing and cap it off at that point.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for St. Paul’s Episcopal church to remove the chimney on the east side of the rectory building and cap it off at the roof flashing at 125 East Main Street.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-22-16.01 – VEHICLE LEASE WITH FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 08-22-16.01 authorizing the lease agreement with First Columbia Bank and Trust Company for the purchase of three police department vehicles.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-22-16.02 – APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM (ARC) CUSTOM SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 08-22-16.02 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Supplemental Reimbursement Agreement for the Appalachian Local Access Road Program (ARC) Grant.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 8, 2016 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF HIRING WADE S. VERCHIMAK AS A PART-TIME SEASONAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Wade S. Verchimak as a part-time seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer at \$10.00/hour beginning August 29, 2016 contingent upon successful completion of drug and background checks. Chief Van Loan noted that he has passed all of the background

APPROVAL OF FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING ANNUAL PML SUMMIT

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved four Council Members to attend the Annual PML Summit in the amount of \$2,053.32 in Lancaster on Oct. 5-6, 2016.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC.

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$14,327.50 for professional services of the Airport Master Plan update through 07/31/16.

APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG FOR THE FFY 2015 CDBG PROGRAM

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Professional and Administrative Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for the Town's FFY 2015 CDBG Program in the amount of \$25,060.00.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM PLAZA HOUSE FOR THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Plaza House in the amount of \$2,740 for the purchase of furniture for the Airport Terminal Building Project.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

Denise Bedio of Berwick introduced herself and stated that she is running for State Representative of the 109th District.

B. Kreisher noted that a code enforcement officer still has not been hired. He is going to bring up at the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting next week, that the regular license inspection be extended to five years, adding two years to the original three. Mayor Davis stated that she's not on the committee but would also like the provisional license extended to five years, adding two years to the original three.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Tracy Lanzafame
Assistant Secretary