

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 10, 2012, 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, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell, Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/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 Bill Kreisher and Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr expressed that to mark the one year anniversary of the flood, there were two thank you events this past weekend. The first was held at Bloomsburg University's first football game of the season on Saturday and secondly, the Bloomsburg Ministerium held an event at the bandshell in Town Park on Sunday.

Mayor Knorr reported that the Phase V Street Lighting Project is out to bid with construction beginning in the spring of 2013. He also expressed that a generator was put in the budget for this year. During the flood last year, the generator in the basement of Town Hall was flooded. The new generator will be placed outside in the bicycle corral area. J. Barton is obtaining updated quotes to be presented at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Since January when Carol Mas retired, she has been working as a consultant for the Town but as of August 29, 2012 she will no longer. Mayor Knorr expressed that her help will be missed.

Mayor Knorr briefly pointed out a few things concerning the 2012 general fund budget. Revenue is down substantially from the projections because of the switch from Centax to Berkheimer and the costs incurred from the flood. Mayor Knorr is confident it will catch up by the end of the year.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 27, 2012 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND AUGUST PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the August payroll authorization: General Fund, \$149,194.16; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$16,503.24; Street Lighting Fund, \$11,157.08; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$2,903.29; FFY 11 CDBG Program, \$38,738.55; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Fund, \$41,999.53; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$26,687.51 and the August payroll authorization in the amount of \$220,002.79.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of Dobrinski Brothers, Inc., MePush, Inc. and Resilite Sports Products, Inc. to the 2012 town vendor list.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC.

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved submitting a façade grant application on behalf of Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc.

APPROVAL OF ENDING EMPLOYEE COMPUTER PURCHASE PROGRAM

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the employee computer purchase program. A memo will be placed in employees paychecks explain the change.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR PHASE 0 OF THE COMPUTER UPGRADES PROJECT WITH INSTALLATION BY MEPUSH COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

On a motion by E. Bower, seconded D. Levan and voted on Five (5) (E. Bower, D. Levan, D. Knorr, S. Costa and C. Howell voting “Yes”) to One (1) (F. Trump voting “No”), Council approved advertising for bids for computer hardware and software for Phase 0 computer upgrades project with installation by MePush Computer Solutions.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDING WITH PHASE I OF THE COMPUTER UPGRADES PROJECT AS PROPOSED BY MEPUSH COMPUTER SOLUTIONS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved proceeding with Phase I of the computer upgrades project as proposed by MePush Computer Solutions. B. Lowthert stated this phase is to have the Town’s email moved off site.

APPROVAL OF USING FITNESS TRAIL IN TOWN PARK AS A DOG WALK

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved using the fitness trail in Town Park as a dog walk. D. Levan noted that signs would be posted stating that all dogs must be kept on a leash and owners must clean up after their dogs.

APPROVAL OF POLICE AND TOWN EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2013

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation requirement for 2013 in the amount of \$62,279 and the Town Employees Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation requirement for 2013 in the amount of \$49,189.

APPROVAL OF ADDING SCANNING AND FAXING CAPABILITIES TO THE COPIER AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding scanning and faxing capabilities to the copier at the Recycling Center in the amount of \$750 through Phillips Supply House.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$227.50 for professional services of the Town Park Restroom Replacement Project through 06/09/12 with CDBG funds.

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On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,755 for professional services of the Town Park Restroom Replacement Project through 08/11/12 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE STREATER RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,217.68 for professional services of the Streater Recreation Improvements Project through 06/09/12 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO URS CORPORATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE STREATER RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to URS Corporation in the amount of \$1,718.19 for professional services of the Streater Recreation Improvements Project through 07/27/12 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEMOLITION OF ELEVEN PROPERTIES IN THE 900 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$17,800 for engineering services associated with the demolition of eleven properties in the 900 block of West Main Street.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. TO INSTALL A POST WITH ATTACHED CONVEX MIRROR IN THE TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a request from First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. to install a post with an attached convex mirror in the Town right-of-way at 1010 Market Street.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM ALCOA FOUNDATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council accepted a grant from the Alcoa Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 for an additional emergency warning system.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for B & L Properties to replace the rear steps to the original design, replace the porch railings and the guards at **368 East Second Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Service Electric Cablevision to construct a new building at **245 Iron Street**.

APPROVAL OF PETER AND MARGARET KASSAB/ROBERT AND SANDRA RUPP – BARTON AND ZEHNER STREETS LOT INCORPORATION WITH CONTINGENCY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Peter and Margaret/Robert and Sandra Rupp's lot incorporation at Barton and Zehner Streets contingent upon them showing proof of a variance granted by the Town of Bloomsburg Zoning Hearing Board for Lot No. 1A and 2A within ninety (90) days.

APPROVAL OF NINETY (90) DAY TIME EXTENSION – SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION/ COLUMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY – ADD-ON/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for Service Electric Cablevision/Columbia County Housing Authority add-on/land development plan.

APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION – SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION/COLUMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY – ADD-ON/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following modification for Service Electric Cablevision/Columbia County Housing Authority add-on/land development plan: access drives shall be no less than 22 feet in width at street line and shall be clearly defined by the use of curbing. The plan currently shows the access drive to have a width of twelve and one half (12.5) feet with no curbing [Sec.22-502.10.D.1]. The applicant has requested a modification because the access drive is one-way.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION/COLUMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY – ADD-ON/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Service Electric Cablevision/Columbia County Housing Authority add-on/land development plan: curbing shall be shown on the plan in the area of the proposed parking lot [Sec.22-503].

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLEVISION/COLUMBIA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY – ADD-ON/LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Service Electric Cablevision/Columbia County Housing Authority add-on/land development plan: landscaping, screening and buffering shall be provided [Sec.22-606 and Sec. 22-607.3.A.1]. The applicant proposes to provide a four (4) foot buffer yard around the parking lots and utility areas [Sec.22-606.8 and Sec. 22-606.11].

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On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Service Electric Cablevision/Columbia County Housing Authority add-on/land development plan: Parking aisle width shall be no less than 15 feet for parking stalls at 45 degrees that use a one-way aisle. The plan currently shows the access drive to have a width of twelve and one half (12.5) feet [Sec.22-607.3.D.1].

APPROVAL OF WAIVER – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY – PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT – LIGHTSTREET ROAD

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Bloomsburg University Lightstreet Road Pedestrian Bridge Project plan: from providing bearings and distances of lot lines for properties impacted by the project [Sec. 22-403.1.A.2.c].

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On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Bloomsburg University Lightstreet Road Pedestrian Bridge Project plan: from providing markers or monuments at all property corners in close proximity to the project that are not currently set [Sec. 22-702].

Mayor Knorr adjourned the meeting for a break at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

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On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the following waiver for Bloomsburg University Lightstreet Road Pedestrian Bridge Project plan: the applicant requests using bituminous paving instead of the required concrete for the “walking path” [Sec. 22-706].

**APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM BLOOMSBURG THEATRE ENSEMBLE TO GIVE CENTER STREET
A SECONDARY NAME OF “AVENUE OF THE ARTS”**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a request from Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble to give Center Street (between Pine Avenue and Main Street) a secondary name of “Avenue of the Arts” in honor of their 35th anniversary.

On a motion by D. Levan and seconded by S. Costa, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

WILLIAM LOWTHERT
Town Administrator & Secretary