

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 12, 2011, 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, W. Carey Howell, Bill Kreisher and Claude Renninger; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; EMA Coordinator Joe Wondoloski and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Code Enforcement Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Fire Chief Bob Rupp and Solicitor Jack Mihalik.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – JIM HOLLISTER, BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY

Jim Hollister, on behalf of the Bloomsburg University Foundation, informed Council of a land development project they are undertaking. The Foundation has a written agreement with Presbyterian Senior living for the purchase of a portion of land located on upper campus and plan to close on the property at the end of November. The Foundation will file a subdivision plan to the Bloomsburg Planning Commission and then a rezoning request to change the district from Health Care (He-C) to University Educational Park (U-EP). Their initial plan is to use the land for additional housing. J. Hollister expressed that they still have a waiting list. The University has been leasing the land and using it for athletic fields.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr stated that the town is still in a state of emergency. There are travel restrictions from sun down to sun rise with checkpoints being manned by Pennsylvania State Police and the National Guard. United Water is going to start pressurizing the lines tonight to begin the process of restoring water service. PPL is assessing electric meters and the code office is out inspecting also. AGAPE has a form for affected residents to sign up if they need help with cleaning out their homes, etc. and forms for persons to sign up to volunteer to help. FEMA representatives were in town documenting and assessing the damage but there is no word on where residents can go to sign up. Mayor Knorr expressed that residents need to document their damage to alleviate fraud. The fire department is pumping out basements. The three large industries in town were hit hard and water restoration is essential to get back up and running. Rieter Automotive lost a lot of machinery; the president of Alcoa is coming to town this week and the ammonia leak at Windsor has been identified, contained and mitigated. The wastewater treatment plant is treating but not processing.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 22, 2011 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 23, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 23, 2011 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 7, 2011 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND AUGUST 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 August payroll authorization: General Fund, \$131,137.09; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$33,506.06; Street Lighting Fund, \$11,177.38; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$3,506.95; FFY 10 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$9,200.00; Capital Projects Fund, \$1,699.00; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Liquid Fuels, \$639.75 and the August payroll authorization in the amount of \$167,709.20.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (C. Howell, P. Kinney, D. Knorr, D. Levan, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) abstention (C. Renninger "Abstaining"), Council approved the payment of a bill from Renco Ace Hardware in the amount of \$5.35.

APPROVAL OF HIRING LUKE HUNSINGER AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Luke Hunsinger as a full-time police officer.

APPROVAL OF TOWN EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2012

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approve the Town Employees Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation requirement for 2012 in the amount of \$41,193.

APPROVAL OF POLICE PENSION PLAN MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR 2012

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approve the Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation requirement for 2012 in the amount of \$52,954.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE PHASE V STREET LIGHTING PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$220.00 for engineering services of the Phase V Street Lighting Project with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO COMPUTERS FOR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of two (2) computers in the amount of \$918.30 each from CDW-G for the Director of Finance and the new Town Administrator.

APPROVAL OF OBTAINING PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR 2012

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Six (6) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, P. Kinney, C. Howell and C. Renninger voting "Yes") to One (1) abstention (B. Kreisher "Abstaining"), Council approved obtaining proposals for legal services for 2012.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by C. Howell, 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 Aaron Snyder to replace the siding material at 133 East Fifth Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, 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 Thanh Le to replace the windows in the entire structure and install siding at the rear of 204 West Main 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 Kirk and Marion Lehman to do exterior renovations at 350 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 Columbia County to install a generator at the Courthouse located at 35 West Main Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, 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 Enrico Mancino to repair the front façade at 105 West Main Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, 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 Liang Chen to install signage at 147 East Main Street.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved denying a Certificate of Appropriateness for Joe Gushen to install signage at 53 West main Street due to no representative being present to provide information.

APPROVAL OF CANCELLING DUMPSTER DAY

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved cancelling the Dumpster Day scheduled for October 15, 2011.

APPROVAL OF REINSTALLING TWO TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved reinstalling two (2) two-hour parking meters in front of 262 Iron Street.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLING 2-HOUR PARKING METERS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST THIRD STREET FROM MARKET STREET TO MURRAY AVENUE

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved installing two-hour parking meters on the south side of West Third Street from Market Street to Murray Avenue.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a network storage system for the police department in the amount of \$1,753.85.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON VILLAGE WAY AT COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a stop sign on Village Way at Country Club Drive.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR A FULL-TIME, SECOND SHIFT POLICE CLERK

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Two (2) (C. Howell and P. Kinney voting "Yes") to Five (5) (D. Knorr, D. Levan, S. Costa, B. Kreisher and C. Renninger voting "No"), Council defeated the motion to approve advertising for a part-time police clerk. On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, S. Costa, D. Knorr, B. Kreisher and C. Renninger voting "Yes") to Two (2) (P. Kinney and C. Howell voting "No"), Council approved advertising for a full-time, second shift police clerk at the starting wage of Clerk Randi Fetterman.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF HOSE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of ten (10) 2 ½" hose and ten (10) 3" hose for the fire department.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING FINANCIAL SECURITY TO IRONDALE LUXURY APARTMENTS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing \$205,454 in financial security to Irondale Luxury Apartments.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING FINANCIAL SECURITY TO GREYSTONE COURT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing \$75,119 in financial security to Greystone Court.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary