

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 12, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Sandy Davis, Council Members W. Carey Howell, Sylvia Costa, William Kreisher, Fred Trump, Eric Bower, and James Huber; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanza fame; Director of Finance/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Fire Chief Bob Rupp, and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent was Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – FRED GAFFNEY, COLUMBIA MONTOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fred Gaffney of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce reiterated the time table and history of the Parking Sub-Committee. The Committee was waiting to collect additional data after the students returned so the Chamber is asking that the ordinance amendment be tabled until further study of the perceived issue is completed. A second poll of downtown businesses was also taken and he reviewed the results.

Oren Helbok asked if the changes are made, how will the changes be measured and what will those changes be measured by.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-12-16.01 – AUTHORIZING SMALL BORROWING FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES UNDER SECTION 8109 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 09-12-16.01, authorizing small borrowing for capital purposes under Section 8109 of the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 977 – AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 977 amending certain sections of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations in force in the Town of Bloomsburg, as set forth in Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg relating to parking regulations, on-street metered parking, off-street metered parking, unmetered parking and authorized parking by permit placard in public parking lots.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 22, 2016 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 29, 2016 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the August 29, 2016 Council Public Hearing minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND AUGUST PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the August payroll authorization: General Fund, \$134,931.94; Recycling Fund, \$18,291.27; Street Lighting Fund, \$4,852.64; Fire Fund, \$5,437.08; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool, \$4,662.52; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$12,480.73; Debt Service Fund, \$17,280.00; Airport Fund, \$94,141.72; HOME Fund, \$23,433.00, 2015 CDBG Annual Entitlement Fund, \$1,016.80, and the August payroll authorization in the amount of \$254,635.95.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO COMMONWEALTH CODE INSPECTION SERVICE, INC. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES OF NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. in the amount of \$3,539 for inspection services of the new Police Department building.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Keystone Communications in the amount of \$1,643.50 for the purchase of radio equipment for the Bloomsburg Fire Department, Inc.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Kyle Marshall to install a guard and railing system on the porch at 118 West Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Alan Hack to repair the exterior basement steps at 4 West Fifth Street.

APPROVAL OF TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE PHASE VI STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,275 for architectural services of the Phase VI Street Lighting Project through 08/06/16.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO RUTLEDGE EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE STREATER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT WITH GRANT AND DONATED FUNDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Rutledge Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$64,538.08 for the Streater Field Improvements Phase II Project through 07/31/16 with grant and donated funds.

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On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Rutledge Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$108,811.37 for the Streater Field Improvements Phase II Project through 08/31/16 with grant and donated funds.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM KOHL BUILDING PRODUCTS FOR REPAIRS TO THE SNACK STAND AT THE AIRPORT

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Kohl Building Products in the amount of \$1,042.28 for repairs to the snack stand at the airport.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR THE 2016 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$259,893.45 for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO STROSSER ARCHITECTURE & CONSERVATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Strosser Architecture & Conservation in the amount of \$1,425 for architectural services of the police department project.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BARTON TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY WATER MITIGATION AUTHORITY

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council appointed John Barton to the Columbia County Water Mitigation Authority.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Rupp reported that this past weekend Engine 24 suffered a mechanical breakdown. According to what was observed, they believe it blew a head gasket. The engine is a 1991 and they stopped making the engine in 1992. Due to the age and type of engine there are only two garages that will work on it and both are located in Muncy. The engine was towed to one of the garages and the estimate of repairs would cost approximately \$23,000. After discussing this with Public Works Department Mechanic Larry Brown, they feel this is a lot to spend on a 1991 engine and a motor that has not been manufactured since 1992. Additionally, they estimate a sale or trade would only net \$10,000 even if a new engine was installed.

At their officers meeting last night they discussed and considered several options. There are actually a number of options that could be pursued. The Fire Department would like to suggest to Council that a committee be formed involving Council Members and fire department members to discuss the options. They are already looking at the feasibility of buying a used apparatus or a demo and they have some fundraising ideas to help offset the cost. Chief Rupp also noted that the ISO rating that was recently received specifies that a Town the size of Bloomsburg should have three engines. S. Costa and C. Howell expressed interest in being on the committee and F. Trump stated if they need another person, he would be willing to attend the meetings.

APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE REVISED FOOD TRUCK PILOT PROGRAM

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending the revised food truck pilot program until September 12, 2017.

APPROVAL OF A STREET VENDOR PERMIT FOR WILLIAM BLANDEN/BLANDEN'S BAD BBQ

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved a street vendor permit for William Bladen/Bladen's Bad BBQ for space #6 through 12/13/16 at a prorated amount.

APPROVAL OF SEDA-COG PROCEEDING WITH A MODULAR HOME OPTION FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICANTS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved SEDA-COG proceeding with a modular home option for HOME Program applicants.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR PINE AVENUE LUXURY HOUSING

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing financial security in the amount of \$6,179.40 for Pine Avenue Luxury Housing.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC BOWER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Council Member Eric Bower effective September 13, 2016 with regret.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss union negotiations and did not reconvene.

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary