

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 10, 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 and Fred Trump; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanza fame; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Director of Finance/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Fire Chief Bob Rupp, and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent were Council Member James Huber; Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz and Superintendent of Public Works John Barton.

#### **PROCLAMATION – DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Davis proclaimed the month of October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in the Town of Bloomsburg.

#### **COUNCIL VACANCY**

Mayor Davis explained that there were seven letters of interest received for the Council vacancy. She noted that the term of the seat would be in until 12/31/17 and the remaining two-year term would be on the ballot during the next election. She gave each of the following candidates up to three minutes each to express why they would like to be appointed to the Council vacancy: Chuck Wagner, William Vincent, James Garman, Ray Vought, Doug Reiter and Joe Martarano. Diane Levan was not able to attend. Mayor Davis explained that nominations do not have to be seconded and are voted on in the order they are received.

Carey Howell nominated Joe Martarano and Mayor Davis nominated Chuck Wagner. On a motion F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell, the nominations were closed.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH MARTARANO FOR COUNCIL VACANCY**

Voted on Four (4) (C. Howell, S. Costa, F. Trump and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to One (1) (S. Davis voting “No”), Council appointed Joseph Martarano to fill the Council vacancy.

#### **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – JOANNE PILESKE**

Joanne Pileski, 111 Hemlock Lane, read the following letter to Council:

Subject: Littering in Bloomsburg

Dear Council Members:

I would like to publicly express my concerns about the dirty conditions in our town that have been created by careless littering.

The council had invested in many projects to revitalize our town and Main Street. You have enhanced the appearance of Bloomsburg by planting trees; placing seasonal flowers and banners on the new light posts; maintaining our beautiful town fountain; and placing attractive welcome signs on the roads coming into town. However, all these wonderful projects have been accomplished while neglecting the trash that accumulates on the curbs, on the sidewalks, parking lots and grassy areas throughout the town.

Complaining about these unsightly conditions or blaming the mess on someone else is NOT cleaning up the debris. That is the reason I started to pick up trash myself on several occasions. I collected litter in front of the local diner, an empty lot on Iron and First Streets and a section on East Street. While I was picking up litter, a man entering the diner made this comment: “Why are you doing this? Let the kids that made the mess clean it up!” My replay was: “The point is I live here and I am saddened by these filthy conditions in my hometown so I have decided to do something about it.”

Knowing that it is impossible to clean the town streets myself, I first contacted the following Bloomsburg University officials:

Dan Knorr – Director of External Relations and Government

Tom Kersch – Assistant Vice President in Student Affairs

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John Caserta – Community Government Association

Gretchen Osterman – Assistance Dean of Students for Greek Affairs

Rebecca Dooley – Service Chair of Alpha Phi Omega

All of these people have expressed an interest in helping to clean the streets of the town. The Alpha Phi Omega volunteers have already been helping by cleaning certain areas twice a month. Now, I am here to ask council to take an active role to solve the litter problem. I would strongly encourage a TOWN AND GOWN initiative. College students working with Bloomsburg service organizations, churches, and private citizens to keep the environment of our community clean. This type of project would be an excellent way to create better communication between students and residents. Let's face it: We all live, work and study here. It would behoove all of us to make efforts to make our town more attractive for business and visitors. The university has prospective students and parents to impress with the cleanliness of our area rather than to view unsightly trash when they come to visit.

#### **Proposals:**

1. I propose council review the current Ordinance on Littering #862 under Section 20-103-862 adopted on 6.9.03.

At #2 it reads in part: **Every owner of property or occupant thereof responsible for such property's day-to-day operation or maintenance shall pick up and discard in an appropriate receptacle any municipal waste, recyclables or other debris deposited or accumulated on the sidewalk or gutter in front of or adjacent to such property.** Ironically, two of the places where I personally collected trash were in front of local businesses. I am vague about who enforces this executive ordinance and what is the penalty for violators.

2. I propose Bloomsburg initiate an Adopt-a-Street program (AAS) similar to other towns and cities nationwide. The program has been highly successful and it encourages civic organizations, churches, and students to pitch-in and become involved in their community. This type of program has been established to promote civic responsibility and community pride as well as to enhance the quality of life by maintaining clean streets and neighborhoods.

3. I propose that under council's leadership there would be action taken to control the litter problem in our town. The council could consider appointing a task force comprised of members of council, Bloomsburg University representatives and residents who would plan and carry out programs such as Adopt-a-Street in order to improve the visual and aesthetic appearance of the town and roads leading into Bloomsburg.

We need a **Beautify Bloomsburg** campaign to stimulate public awareness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Pileski

Council thanked for Mrs. Pileski for all of her efforts and suggests she attend the next Public Works Committee meeting.

#### **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – MATT ZOPPETTI**

Matt Zoppetti distributed proposed changes to the Commercial District concerning parking structures and parking lots. He stated that he hired an engineer from State College who identified areas in town for possible parking and two of the areas are owned by Columbia County. He approached the County and they approved an aerial right proposal over the two properties they own. The areas could accommodate 40 plus cars. At the last Community and Economic Development Committee meeting Matt invited the members to visit the proposed sites so he can show Council how to create additional parking that wouldn't cost them anything. He noted this offer still stands. B. Kreisher asked if this information had been presented to the Parking Sub-Committee and Dan Knorr stated that he will coordinate a date and time for the Parking Sub-Committee to meet with Matt.

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costal and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 12, 2016 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 21, 2016 Special Council meeting minutes with the minimum municipal obligation amounts changed for the Police and Employees Pension Plans.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the September payroll authorization: General Fund, \$375,326.32; Recycling Fund, \$18,820.09; Street Lighting Fund, \$5,149.10; Fire Fund, \$22,902.78; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool, \$4,048.93; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$196,016.70; Debt Service Fund, \$1,425; Airport Fund, \$95,835.43; CDBG-DR, \$8,113.00, and the September payroll authorization in the amount of \$248,428.12.

#### **APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM BARDOS COLLISION REPAIR**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Bardos Collision Repair in the amount of \$2,454.16 for repairs of the Police Department 2005 Ford expedition.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK USING THE 1991 VEHICLE FOR A TRADE WITH THE BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. BEING FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING OUT A LOAN AND MAKING LOAN PAYMENTS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a new fire truck using the 1991 vehicle as a trade in with the Bloomsburg Fire Department, Inc. being fully responsible for taking out a loan and making loan payments for the new vehicle.

#### **APPROVAL OF ENGAGING WITH SKYSHOOTER DISPLAYS FOR 2017 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved engaging with Skyshooter Displays for a 2017 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display in the amount of \$8,500.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO AMERIHEALTH CASUALTY**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to AmeriHealth Casualty in the amount of \$16,354 for 2015 audit billing.

#### **APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by F. Trump, 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 Kyle Marshall to install a compressor unit for a heat pump on the second story roof at the rear of 118 West Street.

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 Mary Chamuris to install 20 two over two double hung replacement windows at 211 West Third 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 Good Shepard Church to install a flame symbol sign on the front façade at 101 East Fifth Street.

On a motion by C. Howell, 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 Shane Hart to install asphalt shingles on the rear portion of the roof at 110-114 Iron Street.

On a motion by S. Costa, 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 Ed Sabo to move the front door forward 47 inches, install new window framing and glass panels, and replace the door with a nine light steel entry door with 13 inch filler plates on each side of the door at 346 East Street.

On a motion by S. Davis, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on Two (2) (S. Davis and B. Kreisher voting “Yes”) to Three (3) (C. Howell, S. Costa and F. Trump voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, the motion to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for Mary Chamuris to install vinyl siding at 211 West Third Street was defeated.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Mary Chamuris to install vinyl siding contingent upon the siding being the same width as the existing clapboard siding, retaining all of the wood trim around the windows and incorporating the j-channel at 211 West Third Street.

#### **DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for Shane Hart to install galvanized imperial rib metal roofing on the front portion of the roof at 110-114 Iron Street.

#### **APPROVAL OF WAIVER – JOSEPH GUSHEN (REAR 249 CENTER STREET) LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from providing monuments and markers. [Sec. 22-702] for Joseph Gushen (Rear 249 Center Street) Land Development.

#### **APPROVAL OF WAIVER – JOSEPH GUSHEN (REAR 249 CENTER STREET) LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from submitting a formal erosion and sedimentation pollution control plan. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.1, Sec. 22-508.1.E and Sec. 22-804] for Joseph Gushen (Rear 249 Center Street) Land Development.

#### **APPROVAL OF WAIVER – JOSEPH GUSHEN (REAR 249 CENTER STREET) LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a waiver from the requirement that a storm water plan be prepared under the direction of a PA registered professional engineer. [Sec. 22-801] for Joseph Gushen (Rear 249 Center Street) Land Development.

#### **APPROVAL OF JOSEPH GUSHEN (REAR 249 CENTER STREET) LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CONTINGENCIES**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved Joseph Gushen (249 Center Street) land development plan contingent upon the following conditions being met:

1. Financial security shall be provided for all proposed site improvements. A construction cost estimate shall be submitted. [Sec. 22-403.1.A. and Sec. 22-404.C.]
2. The ‘Certificate of Ownership and Acknowledgement of Land Development Plans’ statement provided on sheet 1 shall be signed by the Owners and notarized. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(s) and Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(t)]
3. A sewage facilities planning module exemption from the PA DEP must be obtained for the proposed connection to the existing sanitary sewer system. A copy of the approval letter from the PA DEP shall be provided. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(w)]
4. Location for garbage collection and utility area will be shown on the plan. [22-606.A]

**RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF BARRY THORNE FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Barry Thorne from the Planning Commission effective December 31, 2016 with regret.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN RFP FOR ENGINEERING/PLANNING SERVICES FOR A FLOOD PROTECTION STUDY**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an RFP for engineering/planning services for a flood protection study.

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

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Rutledge Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$43,335.58 for the Streater Field Improvements Phase II Project through 09/30/16 with grant and donated funds.

**APPROVAL OF QUOTES FOR THE CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF THE ABOVE GROUND FUEL TANK AT THE AIRPORT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved quotes in the amount of \$3,516.54, plus the cost of waste removal, for the cleaning and inspection of the above ground fuel tank at the airport.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 2 TO LENDENMANN'S REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-18**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 2 to Lendenmann's Remodeling in the amount of \$6,170 for HOME Program application TB-T-18.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approve payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$2,320 for professional administrative services of the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program.

**APPROVAL OF RELEASING FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR DIRTY DIAPERS LAND DEVELOPMENT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing financial security in the amount of \$208,370.95 for Dirty Diapers Land Development.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter in the Recycling Department and reconvened the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF TERMINATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF RECYCLING CENTER DRIVER BRIAN SITLER**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved terminating the employment of Recycling Center Driver Brian Sitler effective immediately.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary