

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 22, 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, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump and Eric Bower; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Code Enforcement Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

PRESENTATION – KURT HETRICK, LARSON DESIGN GROUP – CURBING AND SIDEWALK PLANNING STUDY

Kurt Hetrick of Larson Design Group presented the final curbing and sidewalk study. Maps were distributed showing the following: Exhibit #1 – overall project area; Exhibit #2 – sidewalks that are spalling/cracking (stage 1); Exhibit #3 – spalling/cracking (stage 2); Exhibit #4 – heaving greater than a half inch; Exhibit #5 – heaving greater than 1 inch; Exhibit #6 – spalling/cracking (stage 2) and heaving greater than a half inch; Exhibit #7 – spalling/cracking (stage 2) and heaving greater than one inch and Exhibit #8 – curbs less than 4 inches. A proposed ordinance amendment was also distributed. Mr. Hetrick stated that all of the data is on discs which includes property owner information and has been given to the Town. If the Town would like someone from Larson to work with staff on manipulating the database, Mr. Hetrick stated that could be arranged.

Mayor Knorr thanked Mr. Hetrick for the information and stated that the Public Works Committee will look at the ordinance amendment.

CDBG PROJECTS UPDATE – BILL SEIGEL, SEDA-COG

B. Seigel reported that the Town's 2012 CDBG contract has been approved by DCED. The issues with the Streater Recreation Improvements Project environmental review have been worked through and as of today, the archaeological has been cleared. The 2013 CDBG Program will have a long delay due to the federal budget but there is a continuing resolution in place. The Town will probably just be applying this time next year. Bill also stated that he is continuing to work with the County, Autoneum and Windsor on flood protection for these industries.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – JOE MARTARANO

Joe Martarano, 259 East Tenth Street, was present concerning another phase of tree trimming scheduled to happen in his neighborhood. He feels this adversely affects their quality of life. After the last tree removal in conjunction with the airport project, it looked terrible. He's afraid this will end up looking like it does on Catherine Street. It diminished the main entrance coming into Town on Route 487. After talking to one of his neighbors, he doesn't feel they know exactly what they signed. All he's asking for is for the Town to take a short break to meet with the residents to discuss what's going to be cut.

B. Lowthert stated that the obstruction removal is a requirement of the Bureau of Aviation, not the Town. Phase 6 of the Bloomsburg Airport Extension and Realignment Project cannot begin until the obstructions are gone. The contractor will not be able to finish Phase 5 before the end of the year but can complete the obstruction removal. After some researching, B. Lowthert and J. Barton feel the price obtained from the contractor is the most feasible. B. Lowthert feels that if the Town doesn't take action on the change order quickly, the contractor may not honor its price and then the project would have to be put out for bid costing more time and money.

J. Barton expressed that most of the work is located at the Scott Township end of the runway on private property. He also noted that property owners on both ends have been notified and signed off on having their trees either pruned or removed. In talking with the contractor, J. Barton feels they would honor the price if Council decides to meet with the residents.

Mayor Knorr asked J. Barton if he could provide a map at the next Council meeting showing which trees are to be trimmed or removed and he replied yes.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-22-12.01 – ADOPTING THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Resolution No. 10-22-12.01 adopting the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan as its own municipal waste management plan and approves submittal of the Regional Waste Management Plan by the County of Columbia to PA DEP for review and approval.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr expressed that Council just held the second 2013 budget workshop prior to this meeting and a third workshop will be scheduled for the second week of November.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 8, 2012 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FROM DOBRINSKI BROTHERS, INC. FOR OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL ASSOCIATED WITH PHASE 6 OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a change order from Dobrinski Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$62,400 for obstruction removal associated with Phase 6 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project with a notice to proceed in 45 days from the date of this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PERMITS FOR THE 900 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET HMGP PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a change order from Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$900 for the preparation and submission of permits for the 900 block of West Main Street Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project.

B. Lowthert noted that originally DEP stated that only one permit would be needed for the project but they are now requiring a permit for each property.

APPROVAL OF CONCURRING WITH PENNDOT TO AWARD THE PHASE V MAIN STREET LIGHTING PROJECT ON EAST STREET FROM MAIN TO THIRD STREETS TO KUHARCHIK CONSTRUCTION, INC.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved concurring with PennDOT to award the Phase V Main Street Lighting Project on East Street from Main to Third Streets to Kuharchik Construction, Inc. in the low bid amount of \$309,183.55

APPROVAL OF FFY 2012 CDBG CONTRACT FROM DCED

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the FFY 2012 CDBG contract from DCED in the amount of \$161,204.

RE-AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF OFFICERS READLER AND SZKODNY TO ATTEND COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TRAINING COURSE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council re-authorized the approval of Officer M. Readler and Officer N. Szkodny to attend the Collision and Reconstruction Training Course on December 3, 2012 through December 14, 2012. L. Sokoloski noted that the course earlier this year filled up so the officers were not able to attend.

APPROVAL OF FREE DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARKING

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on Six (6) (D. Levan, F. Trump, D. Knorr, S. Costa, C. Howell and E. Bower voting “Yes”) to One (1) (B. Kreisher voting “No”), Council approved free holiday parking on Main Street from Friday, November 23, 2012 through Monday, December 31, 2012 with the two-hour parking limit enforced and free holiday parking in all municipal parking lots from Monday, December 17, 2012 through Monday, December 31, 2012.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

C. Howell asked for an update concerning the buyout of the 900 block of West Main Street properties. B. Lowthert stated that PEMA indicated that 106 permits will be required for this project. This was a change from their original direction earlier in the project. The 106 permit requirement would delay acquisition of the properties for several months. After extensive consultation between Larson Design Group and the DEP regional office in Williamsport, it was determined that the 106 permit would again not be required for the 900 block of West Main Street demolition project. DEP would actually require 11 Section 105 permit waivers. Property acquisition is anticipated to occur before the end of 2012.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss an active mediation with Solicitor Mihalik regarding Phase 4 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project and did not reconvene.

WILLIAM LOWTHERT
Town Administrator and Secretary