

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 24, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Presiding was Mayor Sandy Davis. Also present were Council Members W. Carey Howell, Sylvia Costa, William Kreisher, Fred Trump, James Huber, and Joseph Martarano; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Finance/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Police Sergeant Leonard Rogutski, and Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mayor Davis gave the oath of office to newly appointed Council Member Joseph Martarano.

#### **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 10, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 10, 2016 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST COMPANY FOR QUARTERLY TRUSTEE FEES**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank & Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$4,133.67 and \$3,610.93 from the Employees' Pension Plan for quarterly trustee fees.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GRAY BUILDERS, LLC (GC) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Gray Builders, LLC (GC) in the amount of \$44,946 for the Police Department Project through 10/05/16.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SILVERTIP, INC. (PLUMBING) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Silvertip, Inc. (Plumbing) in the amount of \$4,941 for the Police Department Project through 09/30/16.

#### **APPROVAL OF A ONE-YEAR PHONE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH NORSTAR NETWORKS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved a one-year phone system maintenance agreement with Norstar Networks for Town Hall in the amount of \$2,925.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC.**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$14,327.50 for professional services of the Airport Master Plan through 10/02/16.

#### **RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF CHARLES WAGNER FROM THE BLOOMSBURG ZONING HEARING BOARD**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Charles Wagner from the Bloomsburg Zoning Hearing Board with regret.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 3 TO LENDENMANN'S REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-18**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 3 to Lendenmann's Remodeling in the amount of \$6,840 for HOME Program application TB-T-18.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NO. 4 TO LENDENMANN’S REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM  
APPLICATION TB-T-18**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment No. 4 to Lendenmann’s Remodeling in the amount of \$6,320 for HOME Program application TB-T-18.

**APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAMERA SYSTEM  
PROJECT**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the Police Department Camera System Project.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES OF THE JONES RE-ZONING REQUEST**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Marinos, McDonald & Knecht, LLP in the amount of \$1,062.50 for professional services of the Jones re-zoning request.

**APPROVAL OF THE RETIREMENT OF COREY KREISCHER**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the retirement of Corey Kreischer from the Town effective November 30, 2016 with regret.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6 OF THE CODE ORDINANCES RELATING TO  
PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT**

Council decided to discuss a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 6 of the Code of Ordinances relating to pensions and retirement at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> budget workshop. A Special Council meeting will be advertised for November 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss advertising the proposed ordinance. If the ordinance is approved for advertisement, a Special Council meeting will held on November 16<sup>th</sup> prior to a budget workshop being held that day at 1:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF A BID FROM DANIEL MITCHELL SR. THROUGH MUNICIBID FOR THE SALE OF A  
1998 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved a bid from Daniel Mitchell, Sr. through Municibid in the amount of \$1,550 for the sale of a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck.

**APPROVAL OF A BID FROM EDUARDO LOCCI THROUGH MUNICIBID FOR THE SALE OF A 2005  
KUBOTA MOWER**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a bid from Eduardo Locci through Municibid in the amount of \$1,800 for the sale of a 2005 Kubota mower.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM BRADCO SUPPLY CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FISHER SNOW  
PLOW**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Bradco Supply Co. in the amount of \$4,888 for the purchase of a Fisher snow plow. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

**APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A HALI-BRITE® HBM 400PS AIRPORT ROTATING BEACON**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a Hali-Brite® HBM 400PS airport rotating beacon in the amount of \$5,609. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

## **APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM HOWARD ORGANIZATION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A POLE TO SUPPORT THE AIRPORT BEACON**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Howard Organization, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a pole in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to support the airport beacon. It was noted that this purchase was budgeted.

## **FRED GAFFNEY – DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. QUARTERLY REPORT**

Fred Gaffney gave the following report to Town Council:

Good evening. It's my pleasure to provide an update on the activities of Downtown Bloomsburg Incorporated on behalf of the Board.

We've already talked about the downtown revitalization plan a bit with you and have some additional updates to share with you and the public as well. The report has been completed and we are very appreciative of the financial support from the Town and many local businesses and individuals that contributed to this process. There are too many to list now but they are posted on our website at [VisitBloomsburg.com](http://VisitBloomsburg.com).

The report is quite detailed and would be too much to present at a public meeting, but we do want to provide an overview and get input. A committee has condensed the report into six sections for presentation: public infrastructure and amenities, recommendations for property improvements, strategies for supporting retail businesses, the potential for market rate housing, ways to encourage new development, and the importance of engaging community stakeholders. Following the presentation, attendees will be invited to provide input on their priorities. The public meeting will be held Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Greenly Center. Again, anyone from the public is welcome to attend and we certainly hope that the members of Council, the Planning Commission, and your staff will participate.

As we are very excited to start working with the Town and other stakeholders on the recommendations in the plan, our search for a new Downtown Manager is underway. We have already conducted first interviews and hope to be in a position to make an offer very soon.

While we're certainly putting a lot of focus on the plan, we're also getting things in place for the upcoming holiday season. Hopefully, you've noticed the Halloween window paintings in the downtown again this year. We want to thank The Exchange for taking on coordination of that annual fall project.

DBI is finalizing the arrangements for Santa's Cottage, which will again be in front of the Bloom Diner. Santa will arrive at the conclusion of the WHLM Parade of Lights on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The North Pole Express train rides are also happening the weekend of Thanksgiving on Saturday and Sunday and remain extremely popular. We've sold over 1,900 tickets online already and will have the remaining tickets available at the Chamber of Commerce office starting at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning. These rides draw people from significant distances. Online orders came from Lock Haven, Wilkes Barre, Williamsport, Mechanicsburg, Lebanon, and the Altoona area. Due to the popularity, people have asked us about adding rides. Unfortunately, there is a limit on how many hours operators can be on the tracks in a period of time so we can't add more rides that weekend and the train is booked for the remainder of the holiday season. We are exploring the possibility of doing rides during the Easter and Halloween seasons next year. In the meantime, I suspect tomorrow will be very busy at our office so if anyone hasn't gotten their tickets I would recommend getting there as close to 9 a.m. as possible.

So, it's a very exciting time. We also have at least two properties in the downtown being renovated for new businesses that we hope to see open soon.

I'd be glad to answer any questions. Again, on behalf of the DBI Board, we thank Council for your ongoing support of our efforts.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary