

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 26, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 E. Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present was Mayor Sandy Davis presiding; Council Members W. Carey Howell, Bill Kreisher, Sylvia Costa, Fred Trump, and Eric Bower; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Assistant Town Administrator Lauren Martz, and Chief of Police Roger Van Loan. Absent were Council Member Diane Levan; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Director of Finance Lisa Dooley; Environmental Services Coordinator Charles Fritz, and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 968 AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO POLICE PENSION AND RETIREMENT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending Chapter 1, part 6 of the Code of Ordinances relating to police pensions and retirement.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15.01 –POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION DETERMINATION

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Police Pension Contribution Determination which requires a 4% contribution from each participant as determined by the actuary in accordance with Act 600. This contribution is retroactive, as agreed with the Police Union, to January 1, 2015.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15.02 –TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FEDERAL-AID REIMBURSEMENT GRANT SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Federal-Aid Reimbursement Grant Agreement Signatory Authorization which gives signature authorization permission to the Mayor, Sandra Davis.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-26-15.03 – APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM (ARC) CUSTOM REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATORY AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Appalachian Local Access Road Program (ARC) Custom Reimbursement Grant Agreement Signatory Authorization which gives signature authorization permission to the Mayor, Sandra Davis.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 12, 2015 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. FOR QUARTERLY TRUSTEE FEES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,888.98 and \$3,289.57 from the Employees Pension Plan for quarterly trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FOR QUARTERLY ACTUARIAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,200 and \$1,200 from the Employees' Pension Plan for quarterly actuarial and consulting services.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO COHEN LAW GROUP FOR WIRELESS LEASE NEGOTIATION SERVICES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Cohen Law Group in the amount of \$1,085.75 for wireless lease negotiation services.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM POM, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF 154 PARKING METERS

On a motion by E. Bower, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from POM, Inc. in the amount of \$54,660.25 for the purchase of 154 parking meters and 23 adapter assembly's (budgeted: \$36,617, unbudgeted: \$18,043.25).

RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY-TREASURER WILLIAM LOWTHERT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of William Lowthert as Town Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer effective November 12, 2015.

APPROVAL OF A NINETY (90) DAY TIME EXTENSION FOR JOHN O. COATES LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for John O. Coates land development project located at 602 Honeysuckle Lane.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM GEISINGER-BLOOMSBURG HOSPITAL TO VACATE ALLEYS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Solicitor Mihalik to proceed with the request from Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital to vacate alleys with the understanding that all costs associated with the process being paid by Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital Inc.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR STREATER FIELD PHASE II PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$12,191.26 for professional services of the Streater Field Phase II Project through 09/19/15 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF RELEASING THE FINANCIAL SECURITY BOND FOR THE DILLON CENTER PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing the financial security bond for the Dillon Center Project.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. REPORT

Downtown Manager, Laura Haden, gave an update on current activities happening in Downtown Bloomsburg. Halloween window painting by local school children in the Downtown was successful again this year and has been happening in Bloomsburg for 40 years.

A Halloween Scavenger Hunt was held this year on October 23rd instead of Downtown Trick or Treating. Laura explained that DBI, Inc. and businesses seemed to like this transition and some of the businesses still continued to hand out candy as well.

Brewsburg will be held on October 31st at the Caldwell Consistory and will feature a large assortment of craft beers and an 80's costume theme.

North Pole Express train rides will be on November 28th and 29th and tickets will be going on sale shortly.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Chuck Wagner, President of the Bloomsburg Town Park Improvement Association, announced that the Bloomsburg Skate Park will be reopening within the next few days. This is the first phase of the renovations at the skate park and will cost approximately \$30,000.

Vince DeMelfi, 246 West Main Street, announced that a candidate forum for Town Council will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the Greenly Center in Downtown Bloomsburg at 7:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss a possible real estate transaction and being no further business, the meeting did not reconvene.

William Lowthert
Town Administrator/Secretary