

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 8, 2010, 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, Paul Kinney, Kathy Shepperson, Sylvia Costa, W. Carey Howell and Bill Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement and Zoning /Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz and Fire Chief Bob Rupp.

PROCLAMATION – PENNSYLVANIA HOMECARE MONTH

Mayor Knorr proclaimed November 2010 as Pennsylvania Homecare Month in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation was presented to Loreen Comstock of the Columbia Montour Home Health/Hospice Agency.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK

Mayor Knorr proclaimed November 7th through the 13th 2010 as National Radiologic Technology Week in the Town of Bloomsburg. The proclamation was presented to Katie Calkins of the Bloomsburg Hospital Radiology Department.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – CHUCK WAGNER

Bloomsburg Town Park Improvement Association President, Chuck Wagner was present to clarify rumors with regards to the toddler playground. The toddler playground is part of the Town Park Master Site Plan. To date a committee has raised \$10,000 for the project. The committee would like to scale back the project from the original \$50,000 structure and build a smaller version. Some parents have approached him with their safety concerns of having the toddler playground placed across Market Street from Kidsburg. Having the toddler playground closer to Kidsburg will make it more convenient for parents who have children of different ages. The project is tentatively set to begin in the middle or end of April 2011.

B. Kreisher asked about the status of the dog park. C. Wagner stated that there is an issue with placement and the need for more funds.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – BONNIE CRAWFORD AND LAURA DAVIS

Bonnie Crawford of 537 Market Street and Laura Davis of 220 East Fifth Street were present to discuss their concerns regarding this year's trick-or-treating night. B. Crawford saw a lot of older kids and adults trick-or-treating. The sidewalks were really crowded because of Fifth Street being closed and she personally handed out 40 pieces of candy in the first five minutes. She had to turn her light off at 7:30pm after handing out 300 pieces of candy. L. Davis expressed that older kids were pushing and shoving the smaller children who were trying to come up to her house. She had a broken car window the next day as well. They asked Council to consider setting an age limit and changing the time from 6:00pm to 8:00pm instead of until 9:00pm next year. They also wondered why Fifth Street was being closed. They feel that having the street closed only draws people from all over who are going from development to development. B. Crawford had someone at her door that traveled from Hazleton and friends of hers that live on Eleventh Street only had about 50 trick-or-treaters.

C. Wagner suggested having smaller children trick-or-treat from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and older kids from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Mayor Knorr stated that Council will discuss the matter again closer to Halloween next year.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 932 – AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO POLICE PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council adopted Ordinance No. 932 amending Chapter 1, Part 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg relating to police pensions and retirement.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor stated that the next budget workshop is scheduled for November 10th at 6:00pm and there will be a dedication ceremony at the new tennis courts on November 16th at 1:30pm. Mayor Knorr thanked P. Kinney for organizing another successful Veterans Day Parade this past Saturday. P. Kinney again mentioned that this will be his last year as committee chair and asked that a Council member step up and take over.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 25, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 25, 2010 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the October payroll authorization: General Fund, \$524,957.69; Recycling Fund, \$28,819.54; Street Lighting Fund, \$6,932.26; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$944.03; Capital Projects, \$988.00; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$107,868.26; Liquid Fuels, \$114,685.66 and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$162,697.30.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of S & J Recycling to the town vendor list.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FROM THE EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN AND THE POLICE PENSION PLAN

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$2,605.82 from the Employees Pension Plan and \$3,407.07 from the Police Pension Plan for third quarter trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, PART 4 RELATING TO OUTDOOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED OR CONSUMED

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance amending Chapter 13, Part 4 of the Code of Ordinances relating to outdoor social gatherings where alcohol is served or consumed.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Nicole Good to install a 3 foot by 5 foot sign on the front of 36 East Main Street. The sign will be constructed of aluminum with vinyl lettering and will be mounted flush to the front of the building.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Gordon and Mary Clapp to construct a 22 foot by 12 foot deck at the rear of 328 East Street and to install a 4 foot wooden picket fence in the side yard extending from the south side of the house to the existing 6 foot fence along the southern edge of the yard.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Ann McHugo to have the top four feet of two chimneys re-pointed on the structure located at 344 Market Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Debra Maclachlan to remove the existing standing seam roof on the 115 West Street side of the structure located at 115 West Street and replace it with black architectural shingles to match that of the front porch.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Matt Zoppetti, Sante D'Ambrosio and John Berger of Capitol Luxury Apartments, LLC to make the following renovations to the façade and marquee of the former Capitol Theatre located at 45 East Main Street: the soffit under the marquee will have a mixture of diamond pattern quilted stainless steel and brushed stainless steel installed along with recessed can lights. The brushed stainless will be installed flush along the front fascia area facing Main Street with the quilted stainless being installed to the soffit area underneath the marquee. The solid wings located on either side of the marquee will be covered with brushed stainless steel sheeting. The tiered center portion of the marquee (APEX) that resembles a cake will also be covered with stainless steel. The top tier and the third tier from the top will be covered with the quilted pattern and the remaining two tiers will be brushed stainless. A decorative metal fan will be installed in front of the top tier. The recessed vertical panels on each side, of the "cake area" will be scraped and painted black. The neon letters "CAPITOL" will stay as they are and the word "RESTAURANT" will be painted directly below the neon letters but above the proposed 5' x 15' signs. The two five foot by fifteen foot sign panels located on either side of the marquee will be removed and replaced with electronic LED signage. The metal framing will be replaced with stainless steel frames. The area directly below the sign panels will have an electronic "Ticker Tape" style sign that will extend across the entire front of the marquee (approximately 12" inches in height). The dental work located at the top of the façade will be scraped, primed and repainted. The individual capitol theatre letters located on the front of the façade above the marquee will be reconditioned along with the lighted frame around the letters. A series of security cameras will be installed on the front the structure.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Six (6) (C. Howell, P. Kinney, D. Levan, K. Shepperson, S. Costa and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Knorr voting "No"), and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historical Architectural Review Board, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Cleve Hummel to have the following exterior renovations completed at 108 East Third Street: eliminate a small window on the back porch, eliminate two small windows on the second floor and replace all the remaining windows in the structure with one over one vinyl replacement windows. Install a cellar door in the back porch area and remove the portion of two chimneys that extend above the roof line and install vinyl siding to match that of the existing clapboard style. The applicant must retain and or replace the existing frieze board located around the top of the structure immediately below the fascia, the crown molding located around the soffit and fascia on the gables and the crown molding above the windows with fypon material molding to match the existing style.

APPROVAL OF NINETY (90) DAY TIME EXTENSION – IRONDALE LUXURY APARTMENTS – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved a ninety (90) day time extension for Matt Zoppetti's Irondale Luxury Apartments land development project.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR STUDY OF FRANKLIN STREET

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a proposal from Larson Design Group for the study of Franklin Street in the amount of \$4,870 contingent upon receiving the funds from the developer.

APPROVAL OF SENDING LETTER TO COLUMBIA COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER TO CONFIRM NAME OF PRIVATE DRIVE FOR STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT ALONG HONEYSUCKLE LANE

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved sending a letter to the Columbia County 9-1-1 Center to confirm the name of "Greystone Court" as a private drive for a future student housing project along Honeysuckle Lane.

APPROVAL OF 25-YEAR LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY FOR NEW COMPOST SITE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 25-year land lease agreement with the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority for the new compost site at \$1.00 per year.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance amending the Solid Waste Ordinance to include corrugated paper to the list of recyclables owners and occupants of all residential properties shall keep separate.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PRO-CONTRACTING FOR PLYWOOD REPLACEMENT OF THE APARTMENT ROOF AT THE AIRPORT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of an additional \$800 to Pro-Contracting for plywood replacement of the apartment roof at the airport.

REVIEW OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Shade Tree Commission Chair, Cristina Mathews expressed to Council that the town's shade tree ordinance is in need of updating. Penn State Extension Urban Forester Vinnie Cotrone recommended using Factoryville Borough's ordinance as a guide. Cristina obtained a copy and compiled a comparison of the town's current ordinance, Factoryville's ordinance and what the commission is proposing. Some of the proposed changes are: removing a long section on pruning and substituting a reference to the industry standard for pruning which is issued by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI); removing the specific list of approved shade trees and stating, "see Shade Tree Commission for an approved list of street shade tree species" and clarifying the responsibilities of property owners and the town. There are a few items she needs Council to clarify so the amendment will be discussed further at the next Public Works Committee meeting. Council thanked Cristina for preparing the comparison.

APPROVAL OF ELIMINATING NO-PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF WEST SIXTH STREET BETWEEN JEFFERSON AND RAILROAD STREETS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved eliminating the no-parking on both sides of West Sixth Street between Jefferson and Railroad Streets.

Matt Zoppetti noted that he has a problem with this. He is concerned that in the future when he develops the former Bloom Mills site that he may need to eliminate some parking spaces to accommodate site distance for entrances/exits. L. Sokoloski had already spoken to Matt regarding this change and when the time comes he would work with Matt. L. Sokoloski hopes opening this area up for parking will alleviate some congestion around Memorial Elementary at Market and Sixth Streets.

APPROVAL OF NO-PARKING IN ALL MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS FROM 3:00 A.M. TO 5:00 A. M. AT THE SILVER/WHITE METER POSTS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on Five (5) (D. Levan, P. Kinney, D. Knorr, K. Shepperson and S. Costa voting “Yes”) to Two (2) (C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting “No”), and on the recommendation of the Parking Study Execution Task Force, Council approved no-parking in all municipal parking lots from 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. at the silver/white meter posts.

Mayor Knorr noted that this should help rectify the problem of warehoused vehicles in the lots over the weekends. Downtown shoppers will then be able to find parking at the silver/white meter posts.

Jim Hollister has a problem with this change. He feels this is not being community friendly or guest friendly and asked where visitors of college students should park when they come to town to visit for the weekend. Mayor Knorr stated that students will need to plan ahead and suggested the Hoppes Parking Lot.

Bloomsburg University student, Jim Prestifilippo doesn’t know how this will help because students will leave their car on Friday and won’t return to their vehicle until they leave on Sunday.

APPROVAL OF FREE DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARKING

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved free holiday parking on Main Street from Friday, November 26, 2010 through Friday, December 31, 2010 with the two-hour parking limit enforced and free holiday parking in all municipal parking lots from Monday, December 13, 2010 through Friday, December 31, 2010.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Town Administrator & Secretary