

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 11, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor W. Carey Howell; Council Members Diane Levan, Sylvia Costa, Bill Kreisher, Fred Trump, Eric Bower and Sandy Davis; Town Administrator William Lowthert; Assistant Town Administrator Lauren Martz; Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Administrative Assistant Amy Seamans. Absent were Code Enforcement Officer Ed Fegley and Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz.

PROCLAMATION – BLOOMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM DAY

Mayor Howell proclaimed November 11, 2013 as Bloomsburg High School Boys Soccer Team Day in the Town of Bloomsburg for their accomplishment of being Bloomsburg High School's first District 4 Class A champions. D. Levan read and presented the proclamation to Coach Mike McGarry and the members of the boys soccer team.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 7, 2013 Public Hearing minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 14, 2013 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the October payroll authorization: General Fund, \$276,062.76; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$20,913.23; Street Lighting Fund, \$11,804.65; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$573.22; FFY 10 CDBG Program, \$2,800.93; FFY 11 CDBG Program, \$191,759.00; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Project Fund, \$365,884.91; Liquid Fuels, \$549.19 and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$179,092.48.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., Maple Ridge Sports and Lewis Barlett Klees to the 2013 town vendor list.

APPROVAL OF WAIVING VARIANCE AND ZONING FEES FOR A BUS STOP SHELTER AT THE REQUEST OF DAWN COULTER

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved waiving the variance and zoning fees for a bus stop shelter at the request of Dawn Coulter contingent upon the receipt of a letter from the property owner stating that he is aware and approves of the project, and is in the process of entering into a lease for the property where the shelter will be built.

APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM LA FOUNTAIN MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OUTDOOR CAFÉ SALES AND SEATING IN FRONT OF LA FONTANA LOCATED AT 105 WEST MAIN STREET

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved a request from La Fountain Management, Inc. for the continuation of outdoor café sales and seating in front of La Fontana located at 105 West Main Street.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS FOR FOURTH QUARTER ACTUARIAL FEES

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,140 and \$1,140 from the Employees Pension Plan for fourth quarter actuarial fees.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LEWIS BARLETT KLEES FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Lewis Barlett Klees in the amount of \$422.50 and \$1,855 for accounting services.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF TO ECKERT SEAMANS FOR LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Eckert Seamans in the amount of \$4,342.85 for legal services associated with the Police Department.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 7 PATROL RIFLES WITH SLINGS, 3 PATROL CAR LOCKING GUN RACKS, 4 BARRICADE ENTRY TOOL KITS AND 3 BALLISTIC SHIELDS

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 7 patrol rifles with slings, 3 patrol car locking gun racks, 4 barricade entry tool kits and 3 ballistic shields in the amount of \$8,711.97. It was noted that these items were budgeted.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 10 STOP STICKS WITH DUI FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 10 stop sticks in the amount of \$4,364 with DUI funds.

APPROVAL OF UPGRADES TO THE MOBILE COMMAND POST VEHICLE WITH DUI FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved upgrades to the mobile command post vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 with DUI funds.

APPROVAL OF ANNOUNCING AND CONDUCTING TESTING FOR A SERGEANT PROMOTION LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved announcing and conducting testing for a sergeant promotion list.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE TOWN'S FFY 2010, 2011 AND 2012 CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$570 for the administration of the Town's FFY 2010 CDBG Entitlement Program, \$2,600 for FFY 2011 and \$12,800 for FFY 2012.

APPROVAL OF ENDING THE SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATOR ANTHONY SILVETTE

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the six-month probationary period of Public Works Department Operator Anthony Silvette.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 3,500 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 3,500 gallons of aviation fuel in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HAY GROUP, INC. FROM THE POLICE AND EMPLOYEES PENSION PLANS FOR SECOND QUARTER ACTUARIAL FEES

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Hay Group, Inc. from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$1,140 and \$1,140 from the Employees Pension Plan for second quarter actuarial fees. It was noted that at the April 8, 2013 Council meeting, these invoices were approved to be paid out of the General Fund in error.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – OCTOBER 29, 2013

Mayor Howell stated that an Executive Session was held after the Budget Workshop on October 29, 2013 to discuss personnel matters in the codes department, administration, and the ongoing lawsuit with Ronald Jumper.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Vince DeMelfi to replace the wooden porch decking with concrete at **338-340 Center Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Gail Menapace/Columbia Child Development Program to replace the sign at the daycare center at **215 East Fifth Street**.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Steven and Cynthia Beagle to install vinyl siding and to replace the shutters with vinyl shutters at **138 East Fifth Street**.

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Cleve Hummel to replace the lintel above the windows and doors on the front façade at **24-26 East Main Street**.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE STREATER FIELDS PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group in the amount of \$720 for engineering services of the Streater Fields Project through 10/19/13 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GLENN O. HAWBAKER, INC. FOR THE STREATER FIELDS PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. in the amount of \$121,974.96 for the Streater Fields Project through 10/31/13 with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO ARCH CENTRAL ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Arch Central Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$1,100 for architectural services associated with the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Terminal Building Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLOOD DEBRIS OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$6,857.45 for engineering services associated with the flood debris of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 09/29/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLOOD DEBRIS OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$1,362.20 for engineering services associated with the flood debris of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 10/27/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PHASE 5 OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$3,019.51 for engineering services of Phase 5 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 09/29/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PHASE 6 OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$31,295.62 for engineering services of Phase 6 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 09/29/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO L.R. KIMBALL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PHASE 6 OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to L.R. Kimball in the amount of \$31,522.28 for engineering services of Phase 6 of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 10/27/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR PHASE 6 (LIGHTING) OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Tech Services, Inc. in the amount of \$19,744.78 for Phase 6 (Lighting) of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 10/21/13.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR PHASE 6 (LIGHTING) OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Tech Services, Inc. in the amount of \$13,963.09 for Phase 6 (Lighting) of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 10/21/13.

APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR PHASE 6 (LIGHTING) OF THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXTENSION AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved final payment to Tech Services, Inc. in the amount of \$13,963.09 for Phase 6 (Lighting) of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Extension and Realignment Project through 10/31/13.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FROM GLENN O. HAWBAKER, INC. FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED SOILS AT STREATER FIELDS

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved change order No. 4 from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. in the amount of \$5,405 for the disposal of contaminated soils at Streater Fields.

APPROVAL OF INCREASING THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FEE

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved increasing the handicapped parking space fee from \$35 to \$50 effective January 2014.

APPROVAL OF FREE DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY PARKING

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on Five (5)(F. Trump, S. Costa, C. Howell, E. Bower and S. Davis voting “Yes”) to Two (2) (B. Kreisher and D. Levan voting “No”), Council approved free holiday parking on Main Street from Friday, November 29, 2013 through Tuesday, December 31, 2013, with the two-hour parking limit enforced and free holiday parking in all municipal parking lots from Monday, December 16, 2013 through Tuesday, December 31, 2013.

THIRD STREET COMMERCIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE

This matter will be placed on the January 27, 2014 Council meeting agenda for further discussion.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – BRIGITTE CALLAY

Brigitte Callay, 422 Jefferson Street, read the following prepared statement:

Re: Industrial noise emanating from the Autoneum

To the Mayor and Bloomsburg Town Council:

In spite of announced sound mitigation plans, the industrial noise emanating from the Bloomsburg Autoneum has not been mitigated to date. In fact, the industrial drone has been very intense in recent weeks, particularly at night and overnight in recent weeks. With the exception of Sundays during the day and on days the plant is not in production mode, the noise has been almost continuous. This noise is very bothersome especially because its detrimental impact on many residents of Jefferson Street (myself included) and the West end of town. It is even heard as far as Spring Garden Avenue in Fernville.

I thank Mayor Howell and Representative Millard for cooperating in their efforts to resolve the problem and for coming by my house in the evening to observe the noise first hand. As I look forward to Representative Millard’s planned meeting of all concerned, I hope current Mayor Carey Howell and Mayor Elect Sandy Davis as well as the Bloomsburg Town Council will continue to work with Representative Millard and the Autoneum to seek relief for the industrial noise pollution and its detrimental effects.

Mayor Howell and S. Costa both expressed that they can hear the noise from their residences as well. Mayor Howell reported that Autoneum is working on finding a solution.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

WILLIAM LOWTHERT
Town Administrator/Secretary