

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, November 12, 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 Lowther; Assistant Town Administrator Lauren Martz; Director of Finance Heather Jacoby; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski; Fire Chief Bob Rupp; Solicitor Jack Mihalik and Office Assistant Amy Seamans.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – KELLY GREEN – COLUMBIA AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC.

Mayor Knorr explained that Council has approved a couple of rent extensions for Columbia Aircraft Services since the 2011 flood. At last week's Administrative/Finance Committee meeting, Columbia Aircraft Services representatives were asked to submit a business proposal at either this meeting or the December 5, 2012 committee meeting.

Kelly Green and Shirley Brobst of Columbia Aircraft Services, Inc. were present. Mr. Green reported that a plan was submitted to the Town this past Friday. He explained that for six months after the flood they had no business. They spent another three to six months satisfying the FAA so they could get back up and running. Their work of overhauling aircraft engines is coming in and things are looking up but they are not there yet. They are asking the Town to forgive six months of rent payments and to reduce the amount of the current rent payment for the remaining eight months of past due rent. They are also expecting the \$41,000 the Town has received from PEMA/FEMA for reimbursement of flood cleanup costs. K. Green feels it's a fair proposal. He expressed that they need to know soon.

Mayor Knorr stated that Council would need to work on a counter proposal so he's not recommending that they take action tonight.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Knorr stated that when the Bloomsburg Area Joint Flood Control Authority was formed in 2007, it was so they could facilitate the Army Corps of Engineers flood control project. Now that there will not be an Army Corps project, the Authority has been working with Autoneum and Windsor Foods on a project to protect their industries. Mayor Knorr will be looking at the ordinance over the next month to see how it can be amended to give them authority to help facilitate this project and possibly other flood protection efforts.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2012 AND OCTOBER 28, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the October 22, 2012 Council meeting minutes and the October 28, 2012 Council Emergency meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the October payroll authorization: General Fund, \$408,229.85; Debt Service Fund, \$5,986.69; Recycling Fund, \$15,999.82; Street Lighting Fund, \$13,512.09; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$945.97; FFY 11 CDBG Program, \$8,080.00; Day Care Project, \$2,737.40; Airport Expansion Project, \$262,445.18; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$600.68 and the October payroll authorization in the amount of \$180,703.48.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the addition of Carrie Pfeiffer and Take a Powder, Inc. to the 2012 town vendor list.

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

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Company from the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$3,664.46 and \$2,903.64 from the Employees Pension Plan for third quarter trustee fees.

APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PPL E-POWER DIRECT DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved participating in the PPL E-Power Direct Discount Program in the amount of \$17,297.29 for lighting improvements at the Town Hall, Police Department, DUI Center and Public Works buildings.

APPROVAL OF HOSTING A PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL PLANNING EDUCATORS INSTITUTE COURSE IN ZONING

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved hosting a Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Educators Institute Course in Zoning in the amount of \$1,500 for Bloomsburg Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission members and Code Enforcement staff to attend.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF AN AIR COMPRESSOR FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of an air compressor in the amount of \$649 for the Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO WMCS, INC. FOR THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved final payment to WMCS, Inc. in the amount of \$22,750 for Town Park Restroom Replacement Project with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR THE TOWN PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH CDBG FUNDS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved final payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$650 for the Town Park Restroom Replacement Project with CDBG funds.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FROM DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR THE THIRD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by B. Kreisher and voted on unanimously, Council approved a change order from Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$15,515 for the Third Street Reconstruction Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DON E. BOWER, INC. FOR THE THIRD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Don E. Bower, Inc. in the amount of \$67,825.33 for the Third Street Reconstruction Project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF THE THIRD STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Larson Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$9,426.77 for professional services of the Third Street Reconstruction Project.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE 900 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET DEMOLITION PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for bids for the 900 Block of West Main Street Demolition Project.

APPROVAL OF PERMANENTLY CLOSING TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THE RIVER SIDE ACCESS ROAD OFF FT. MCCLURE BLVD. TO STREATER FIELD

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved permanently closing to vehicular traffic the river side access road off Ft. McClure Blvd. to Streater Field as part of the upcoming construction project.

APPROVAL OF ASPHALT AS THE SURFACE TREATMENT FOR THE NEW ROAD AND PARKING AREAS AT STREATER FIELD

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved asphalt as the surface treatment for the new road and parking areas at Streater Field.

APPROVAL OF HAVING LARSON DESIGN GROUP INCLUDE THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING OF THE PROPOSED FOOTBALL FIELD IN THE STREATER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FINAL DESIGN

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved having Larson Design Group include the design and permitting of the proposed football field in the Streater Field Improvements Project final design in the amount of \$3,300.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM BRENT FONDREN FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 2002 FORD F350 TRUCK WITH DUMP BODY

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved the bid from Brent Fondren through Municibid.com in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of the 2002 Ford F350 truck with dump body.

APPROVAL OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE FOR BARBARA HENDRICKS

On a motion by E. Bower, seconded by F. Trump and voted on Six (6) (E. Bower, F. Trump, D. Knorr, S. Costa, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Levan voting "No"), Council approved a handicapped parking space for Barbara Hendricks at 442 East Third Street.

APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE AT WESTMINSTER DRIVE

On a motion by E. Bower, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a stop sign on Country Club Drive at Westminster Drive for vehicles traveling south.

APPROVAL OF LEO SOKOLOSKI ATTENDING AN ALL HAZARD MANAGEMENT TRAINING

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, Council approved Leo Sokoloski to attend an All Hazard Management Training in Indianapolis, IN on December 4-6, 2012 at no cost to the Town.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF BUNKER GEAR, HOSE AND PUMP TESTING

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by F. Trump and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of bunker gear, 2 ½" and 3" hose, and pump testing for three engines and the ladder truck in an amount not to exceed the budgeted line item amounts.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Caldwell Consistory to change the roof material to a stone coated metal roof system produced by Gerard products at **150 Market Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Betsy Hancock to install a fence and replace the porch roof at **21 East Fifth Street**.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by E. Bower and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for George Haines to install a porch railing at **321-323 East Fifth Street**.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by D. Levan and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Stephen and Michelle Diltz to replace a porch column, install new PVC gutters, replace the wood encasement and replace rotted porch floor boards at **513-515 Market Street**.

DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for Richard Miller to install a metal roof at **120-122 East Main Street** due to no representative being present at the Board meeting.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – ALEX DUBIL

Alex Dubil, 361 E. Second Street, wanted to bring to Council's attention the amount of litter that is coming from the street vendors in the downtown. He is tired of picking up hot dog wrappers and other trash including used condoms. Chief Sokoloski expressed that he comes into Town every weekend and knows what properties are problematic and it's addressed swiftly. He notifies Code Enforcement on Monday and Public Works have been called out over the weekend as well.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DEB HUCKANS

Deb Huckans, coordinator of Kidsburg 2.0 was present to inform Council and the public about the efforts happening to rebuild a play structure in Bloomsburg Town Park. Ms. Huckans expressed that Kidsburg was the center of the park and a lot of people were saddened when it had to be taken down. The group is looking for support from outside of Town as well but they may come to the Town to ask for funding. They plan to have a community build again using composite material instead of wood and the structure will be made accessible for everyone. Just like Kidsburg did, they are looking for Kidsburg 2.0 to serve the community but in a better way. A Kidsburg Dining Club has been formed and this coming Sunday at Turkey Hill Brewing Company, a portion of the proceeds from meals purchased that evening will be donated. W. Lowthert stated that he provided Ms. Huckans with other funding source information such as the CDBG program, DCNR grants and the Town's 2013 budget.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DAWN COULTER

Dawn Coulter, 503 Clover Court, was present as a representative of her neighborhood concerning the trailer at 424 Millville Road. She passed around photos of the trailer to Council. She explained that a house had been torn down on this property sometime ago but the foundation is still there. Recently, several dump truck loads of dirt were dumped at the property. She is very concerned about how the trailer was placed on the piles of dirt. The trailer also does not look to be habitable and there is mold on the outside. She can see this trailer from the rear of her home and after the recent rain and wind storm; it now looks to be twisted. She tried researching the zoning for the property but needs clarification if it's H-D or R-C. Ms. Coulter stated that she's been keeping in contact with E. Fegley but is wondering when something is going to happen and what she should tell her neighbors.

E. Fegley stated that the trailer was put in without prior zoning approval. Assistant Code Enforcement Office Ralph Magill did issue a stop work order and the trailer owner had thirty (30) days to submit a zoning application. E. Fegley stated the R. Magill is pursuing the matter with the tenant and he's pursuing the matter with the land owner.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:53 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 & Secretary