

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, December 11, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Presiding was Mayor Sandy Davis; Council Members Fred Trump; Sylvia Costa; William Kreisher; James Huber; Joe Martarano and Carey Howell; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Public Works Superintendent John Barton; Fire Chief Scott McBride; and absent was Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame and Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Director of Finance/Treasurer Lisa Dooley and Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman .

#### **CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – BRIAN BOOK**

Brian Book discussed with Council the need for the Municipal Authority to update the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Book assured the Council that updating the 537 Plan will provide a more cost effective and efficient way to remove waste sludge from the plant. Bloomsburg University and Scott Township have both agreed to participate by offering to pay 15%-20% each for the cost of the project. The Municipal Authority would be responsible for paying about 65% of the total cost of the project.

Mike Mertz left the following letter for Council to read.

Members of Council & Mayor Davis-

Good evening, my name is Mike Mertz and I am a resident of the Town of Bloomsburg. For those of you who do not know me, I am also a long standing member of the Planning Commission, as well as, a proponent of continued business growth in our community.

Firstly, I am here to address the zoning overlay at Windsor Foods which would allow Mr. Zoppetti to improve the structure, add additional structures and then lease the facility to a licensed rehabilitation care provider that would employ many residents of our area. Everyone, in attendance here this evening, has a good amount of working knowledge when it comes to this project. It has been in the pipeline since the planning commission made a “non-recommendation” to council regarding the overlay many months ago. Since then it has been debated in closed door sessions, mulled over by the Town Solicitor, and as recent as today, been Front page headlines in our local paper, but yet we are no further along than we were when the PC also refused to act many months ago.

While many people believe the flood wall was installed to protect manufacturing jobs, and we should try to find manufacturers to open shop there, that is simply unrealistic. Manufacturing jobs have moved overseas, nothing can stop the global economy and that is the economy of the future. If you are going to hold out for manufacturing jobs we will see that building sit empty for years to come. I have brought a list of 15 such industrial locations that are currently vacant in Columbia & Montour Counties, there certainly have not been manufacturers knocking on their doors to open shop, why should we add another to that list.

Fast forward to today, now you are faced with an ultimatum from the developer, act tonight or else. Act tonight or the only person gaining employment from the vacant Windsor

Foods will be Mr. Zoppetti as he cashes rent checks from someone looking to use the building for warehousing. Act tonight, or understand that those possible jobs created are going somewhere else because of decisions made by this council. Maybe those jobs will stay in Bloomsburg. Mr. Zoppetti may open the new rehab down the block from Memorial Elementary at the old Bloom Mills Site, instead of the nursing home originally intended and approve for that location. A location, adjacent to lands recently improved by the Columbia County Housing Authority for our aging residents, the same location where they plan Phase II of the project to bring even more 55+ residents into that area. If there is an area in Bloomsburg to open a Nursing Home, I would believe the Bloom Mills site is the right area.

I am simply here to point out that both projects would benefit our town, in tax base growth, as well as, quality jobs created. I would hate to see the Windsor Building generating no income for the Town other than Property Tax, while it's protected within the Tax payer funded Flood Wall built to keep jobs in Bloomsburg, not just manufacturing jobs per se, but jobs.

Respectfully,

Mike Mertz

Diane Levan asked Council to table the decision to fill the Planning Commission Vacancy until the new Council gets appointed.

Matt Zoppetti discussed with Council and the audience his plans for a Drug Rehab Center and future jobs he believes it will offer. He assured the Council and the audience that there will be a Drug Rehab Center somewhere in the Town of Bloomsburg. On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table this item and let this decision go to the courts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-17.01 - 504 PLAN APPOINTING A COMPLIANCE OFFICER & ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 12-11-17.01.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-17.02 – RE-ADOPTION OF THE FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 12-11-17.02.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-11.17.03 – APPOINTING LAUREN MARTZ AS THE LANGUAGE ACCESS COORDINATOR**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 12-11-17.03.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-17.04 – HOUSE BILL 271: GAMING EXPANSION IN MUNICIPALITIES**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 12-11-17.04.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, the Council approves the November 13, 2017 Town Council meeting minutes.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND NOVEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the November payroll authorization: General Fund, \$387,529.80; Recycling Fund, \$17,571.91; Street Lighting Fund, \$6,289.61; Fire Fund, \$3,399.59; Norris E. Rock Memorial Swimming Pool Fund, \$198.73; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$217,574.52; Howard Company, \$1,097.94; LTS Plumbing & Heating Inc., \$1,739.00; LTS Plumbing & Heating Inc., \$2,989.00; T-Ross Brothers Construction, \$23,440.79; and the November payroll authorization in the amount of \$209,826.79.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO ECKERT SEAMANS ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR GENERAL LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT REGARDING UNION NEGOTIATIONS**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Payment to Eckert Seamans Attorneys at Law in the amount of \$1,512.00 for General Labor and Employment Regarding Union Negotiations.

**APPROVAL OF THE BLOOMSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO TURN OVER FUNDS TO THE CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Area Community Foundation to turn over funds to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation to be managed by the CSCF, but administered per the regulations set forth by the BACF.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR ACCESS CONTROL TO THE FRONT DOOR TO TOWN HALL**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by B. Kreisher, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Payment to Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$1,350.00 for Access Control to the Front Door of Town Hall.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR A CAMERA SYSTEM AT THE DUI CENTER TO BE PAID WITH DUI FUNDS**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by C. Howell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment to Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$7,900.99 for a Camera System at the DUI Center to be paid with DUI Funds.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR A NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE DUI CENTER TO BE PAID WITH DUI FUNDS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Payment to Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,143.25 for a new Fire Alarm System at the DUI Center to be paid with DUI Funds.

**APPROVAL OF REMOVING SANDY DAVIS AND CAREY HOWELL AS CHECK SIGNORS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2017**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, Council approves to remove Sandy Davis and Carey Howell as check signors effective December 31, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF ENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF EMPLOYEE KYLE HOFFMAN EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to end the probationary period of employee Kyle Hoffman effective November 25, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF ENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF EMPLOYEE DAN FOX EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 22, 2017**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to end the probationary period of employee Dan Fox effective November 22, 2017.

**APPROVAL TO APPOINT SYLVIA COSTA THE NEW MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on 4 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes by B. Kreisher and J. Huber and 1 abstention by S. Costa, Council approves to appoint Sylvia Costa to be the new member of the Planning Commission.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KORN FERRY HAY GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2017 ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR THE POLICE PENSION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Payment to Korn Ferry Hay Group in the Amount of \$1,788.00 for fourth quarter 2017 actuarial services for the Police Pension Plan.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO CAMPBELL DURRANT BEATTY PALOMBO & MILLER, P.C. FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL AND GENERAL LABOR MATTERS**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 2 'no' votes by B. Kreisher and J. Huber, Council approved Payment to Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller, P.C. in the Amount of \$38,248.35 for Special Labor Counsel and General Labor Matters.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO CAMPBELL DURRANT BEATTY PALOMBO & MILLER, P.C. FOR SPECIAL LABOR COUNSEL AND GENERAL LABOR MATTERS**

On a motion by J. Martarano, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 2 ‘no’ votes by B. Kreisher and J. Huber, Council approved Payment to Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller, P.C. in the amount of \$11,794.66 for Special Labor Counsel and General Labor Matters.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO HUMMEL, LEWIS, & SMITH LLP. FOR GENERAL MATTERS**

On a motion by J. Martarano, seconded by C. Howell, and voted on 6 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote by J. Huber, Council approved payment to Hummel, Lewis, & Smith, LLP. In the amount of \$3,247.60 for general matters.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KORN FERRY HAY GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2017 ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR THE EMPLOYEE PENSION**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Payment to Korn Ferry Hay Group in the Amount of \$1,788.00 for fourth quarter 2017 actuarial services for the Employee Pension Plan.

**APPROVAL OF STREET VENDOR PERMIT TO EMILY ZENZEL/EM’S PINK WIENERS FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2018**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Street Vendor Permit to Emily Zenzel/Em’s Pink Wieners from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Frans Verstreten to install new Front Window at 59 E. Main Street.

**APPROVAL TO AUCTION OFF POOL LOCKER ROOM BASKETS FOR FUNDRAISING FOR POOL COMMITTEE**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to auction off pool locker room baskets for fundraising for the pool committee.

**APPROVAL OF 1 YEAR CONTRACT WITH SWISHER DISPOSAL FOR DISPOSAL SERVICES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND RECYCLING BUILDING**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 1 Year Contract with Swisher Disposal in the amount of \$8,406.00 for disposal services at the Public Works Building and Recycling Building.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON ENGINEERING INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2017 TO NOVEMBER 24, 2017**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approves payment to Borton Lawson Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$80,218.93 for Professional Services from October 9, 2017 to November 24, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF 2017 CDBG AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,837**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, Council approves the 2017 CDBG Agreement in the amount of \$237,837.

**APPROVAL OF THE FOUR FACTOR ANALYSIS**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by C. Howell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Four Factor Analysis.

**APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by S. Costa, and voted unanimously, Council approved of the Language Access Plan.

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM INCOME REUTILIZATION PLAN**

On a motion by B. Kreisher, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, Council approves the program income reutilization plan.

**APPROVAL OF ACT 13 CFA GRANT FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by S. Costa, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approves the Act 13 CFA Grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

**APPROVAL OF 2016 CAPER**

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously, Council approves of 2016 Caper.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO REILLY MECHANICAL & CONSTRUCTION FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-43**

On a motion by J. Martarano, seconded by S. Costa, and voted on unanimously Council approves Payment to Reilly Mechanical & Construction in the amount of \$9,975 for HOME Program Application TB-T-43.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SQUARE ONE HOME IMPROVMENTS INC. FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-24**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, Council approves

payment to Square One Home Improvement Inc. in the amount of \$4,558 for HOME Program Application TB-T-24.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-53**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, the Council approves Payment to Lendenmann's Construction & Remodeling in the amount of \$4,845 for HOME Program Application TB-T-53.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO LENDENMANN'S CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-46**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, the Council approves Payment to Lendenmann's Construction & Remodeling in the amount of \$16,712 for HOME Program Application TB-T-46.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO REILLY MECHANICAL & CONSTRUCTION FOR HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION TB-T-43**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by J. Martarano, and voted on unanimously, the Council approves Payment to Reilly Mechanical & Construction in the Amount of \$4,560 for HOME Program Application TB-T-43.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm

Lauren Martz  
Town Manager/Secretary