

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 12, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor Daniel Knorr; Council Members Diane Levan, Paul Kinney, Sylvia Costa, Kathy Shepperson, W. Carey Howell and William Kreisher; Town Administrator Carol Mas; Finance Specialist Theresa Baylor; Code Enforcement/Zoning/Planning Officer Ed Fegley; Office Assistant Amy Seamans and Solicitor Jack Mihalik. Absent were Superintendent of Public Works John Barton; Recycling Administrator Charles Fritz; Chief of Police Leo Sokoloski and Fire Chief Hugh Gross.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DAVID SPIWAK

David Spiwak owns rental properties on North Iron Street. His tenants park on the south side of Eyer Street but recently residential permit parking only signs were installed on the south side causing a parking issue. He expressed that for the past fifteen years there has been permit parking on the north side but not on the south side. On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an ordinance amendment to Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances eliminating the permit parking on the south side of Eyer Street. In the interim, the parking enforcement officers would be asked not to enforce the signs on the south side of Eyer Street.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – DIANE WUKOVITZ, THE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

Diane Wukovitz, representing the Children’s Museum, asked Council to help facilitate the construction of a pergola on the already approved site for a garden. In April of 2007 Council approved them using the land for a garden and the pergola was on the concept drawing she submitted at the meeting. They assumed it had been approved when Council approved allowing the garden. The Code Office is asking for construction drawings for the pergola signed by an engineer. They have limited funds and cannot afford to pay an engineer. D. Levan suggested they find an engineer that could donate their time to draw the plans as Laura Davis did with the bocce ball courts. E. Fegley stated he would ask his state contact with the uniform construction code for his opinion on the pergola being a commercial structure.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-12-09.01 – 2009 STATE PENSION FUND ALLOCATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 10-12-09.01 allocating \$91,344.00 of the 2009 State Pension Fund to the Town Employees’ Retirement Fund and \$102,592.00 to the Police Pension Fund.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 14, 2009 Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the September 29, 2009 Special Council meeting minutes with no additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills and the September payroll authorization: General Fund, \$432,949.15; Recycling Fund, \$17,048.49; Street Lighting Fund, \$12,244.48; Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool, \$2,031.13; Capital Projects, \$4,192.37; Day Care Project, \$3,562.00; Airport Expansion Project, \$47,960.98; Liquid Fuels, \$3,230.03 and the September payroll authorization in the amount of \$168,921.21.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO TOWN VENDOR LIST

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding the following companies to the Town Vendor List: L & L Boiler Maintenance, Inc., Kress Auto, Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Luzerne County Community College (LCCC), Aflac, DiFebo Graphics and Weddle Tool Company.

REQUEST OF ERIC BOWER TO WAIVE ZONING HEARING BOARD FEE

Eric Bower of Bower Media, LLC came before Council to ask for the Zoning Hearing Board fee to be waived or reduced for his sign application. Mr. Bower was approved for a home occupation at the September 10, 2009 Zoning Hearing Board and was not aware the sign for the business was to be included in the application as well. Mr. Bower expressed he was under a time crunch to meet the September meeting deadline. E. Fegley stated Mr. Bower could have waited until the October meeting. Mr. Bower stated he would pay for the legal advertisement and would attend a hearing that was scheduled for other applicants so he wouldn't be burdening the board to hear just his application. D. Levan expressed that there are other costs involved such as the postage to mail the postcards, the stenographer and the zoning members are paid as well. K. Shepperson made a motion to waive the \$300 zoning hearing board fee with Mr. Bower paying for all associated costs. The motion died for a lack of a second. No additional action was taken by Council.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME DATA ENTRY CLERK NICOLE WEST

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Nicole West as a temporary part-time data entry clerk in the police department effective September 25, 2009.

APPROVAL OF HIRING AND RESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME DATA ENTRY CLERK ANNETTE HUNSINGER

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Annette Hunsinger as a temporary part-time data entry clerk in the police department at a wage of \$9.10 per hour effective September 29, 2009 and the subsequent resignation of Annette Hunsinger effective October 5, 2009.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TWO (2) LAP TOP COMPUTERS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

On a motion by D. Levan, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of two (2) lap top computers for the Code Enforcement Office in the amount of \$3,100.

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Robin Jacoby to make repairs to the chimney on the structure at 305 West Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Dennis and Nancy Hrinda to install vinyl siding, re-install the front porch railing and install a stone façade on the first floor front of the structure at 137 West Anthony Avenue.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by D. Levan and voted on Six (6) (P. Kinney, D. Levan, K. Shepperson, S. Costa, C. Howell and B. Kreisher voting "Yes") to One (1) (D. Knorr voting "No"), Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Russell Gilbert to install ½" styrofoam insulation, vinyl siding, and wrap windows with aluminum on the structure at 439 Jefferson Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Peters Consultants, Inc. to install an aluminum sign with vinyl coating attached with a wrought iron scroll bracket at 40 West Main Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Al Lenzini to demolish the garage at the rear of 49 East Main Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Drue Magee to have the masonry repaired on the south and west parapet walls on the structure at 203 West Main Street.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for the Caldwell Consistory to have the back portion of the structure at 150 Market Street acid washed, have all deteriorated and damaged bricks removed, replaced and repointed with stainless steel wall ties inserted in all areas where bricks have been replaced.

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by K. Shepperson and voted on unanimously, Council approved a certificate of appropriateness for Paul Thomson to have the brick front porch repaired at 450 Market Street.

APPROVAL OF RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH REMIT CORPORATION FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION OF 2010 RECYCLING FEE

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, Council approved renewing the agreement with Remit Corporation for the billing and collection of the 2010 recycling fee at a rate of \$5.95 per bill.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AT SUNVIEW TERRACE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by P. Kinney and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$8,200 for professional and design services for stormwater improvements at Sunview Terrace.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM L & L BOILER MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR BOILER TUBE AND WATER FEEDER REPLACEMENT IN THE BOILER AT THE AIRPORT

On a motion by P. Kinney, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from L & L Boiler Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,211 for the replacement of boiler tubes and water feeder in the boiler located at the airport.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALCOA FOUNDATION GRANT

On a motion by K. Shepperson, seconded by S. Costa and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the Alcoa Foundation Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for child safety and community policing programs.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. REPORT

Downtown Manager Megan Hummel updated everyone on the downtown events scheduled for October.

APPOINTMENT OF MIKE HICKEY TO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Knorr appointed Mike Hikey to the Airport Advisory Committee beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring on December 31, 2010.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

CAROL L. MAS
Town Administrator & Secretary