

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall and via teleconference. The public joined by dialing: +1 646 558 8656 U.S. and included the meeting ID: 456-920-3798. The public could also join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4569203798>.

Mayor Justin Hummel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., present were Council Members Toni Bell, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, James Huber (Zoom) and Nick McGaw (Zoom), Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Finance Director Kathy Smith, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Also present were Corey Kreischer, Jason Huff, Don Esler, Earl Mordan, Jesse Smith, Alex Dubil, Dennis, Barbara Coladonato, Julye Wemple, David's I-Pad, Nicole Scardigli, Kate Magni and Eve.

Council remarks.

Executive sessions- Justin Hummel.

February 14, 2022 from 8:35 p.m.- 9:03 p.m. regarding the pool legal matter, Kawneer tax appeal, Miller Avenue project and a finance personnel matter.

February 18, 2022 from 1:00 p.m.- 2:01 p.m. regarding a federal lawsuit.

February 25, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. 3:23 p.m. regarding the pool legal matter.

The Big Event will be held on April 2, 2022. There will be a box placed in the Town Hall lobby in the near future by Bloomsburg University students for citizens to sign up for assistance. There are three other locations in the Town for residents to also sign up: First Columbia Bank & Trust Inc., Bloomsburg Library and the Bloomsburg YMCA.

PennDOT's East Street construction project will start roughly March 28th per HRI. A public meeting will be held by PennDOT leading up to the start date and will be advertised by PennDOT.

Citizens to be heard.

Kate Magni was present to discuss the feral cat problem in Bloomsburg. Currently, there are no county/municipal run programs. The community itself should start a trap, neuter and release program. Healthy cats are released back into the area that would help control the rodent population.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02.28.2022.01 REQUESTING STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT FOR A COMPOST GRINDER.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 02.28.2022.01 requesting Statewide Local Share Assessment grant for compost grinder.

ENACTING A NEW PART 4 OF CHAPTER 10, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO PROVIDE FOR THE REASONABLE REGULATION OF FUGITIVE DUST EMISSIONS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved enacting a new Part 4 of Chapter 10, Health and Safety, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg to provide for the reasonable regulation of fugitive dust emissions.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 2/14/2022 MEETING.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Council minutes from February 14, 2022 with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL TO AWARD THE TOWN HALL FRAMING REPAIR PROJECT TO RICHARD E. ANGELO CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,658.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the Town Hall framing repair project to Richard E. Angelo Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,658.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,233 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM JANUARY 2, 2022 TO JANUARY 29, 2022 REGARDING THE TOWN HALL FRAMING REPAIR PROJECT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Barry Isett & Associates in the amount of \$1,233 for professional services from January 2, 2022 to January 29, 2022 regarding the Town Hall framing repair project.

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT MARTZ (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE) AND THE USW LOCAL UNION.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a side letter of agreement with Scott Martz (Public Works Department Employee) and the USW Local Union.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT KEYSTONE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. AS THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG LAND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER FOR 2022.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. as the Town of Bloomsburg land development engineer for 2022.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into a memorandum of understanding with Columbia County Conservation District.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PLANNING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,000 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & DESIGN REGARDING OVERHAULING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 5 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved planning services in an amount not to exceed \$64,000 with Environmental Planning & Design regarding overhauling the zoning ordinance of the Town of Bloomsburg.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT JASON HUFF TO SERVE ON THE CODES APPEAL BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2024.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Jason Huff to serve on the Code Appeals Board with a term expiring 12/31/2024.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE UP TO \$10,000 OF ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE FOR RE-TIMING OPTIONS IN THE 2022 ARLE BID PROCESS TO POTENTIALLY CLOSE A SECTION OF NORTH MARKET STREET.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman to approve the motion for engineering services. Fire Chief Scott McBride questioned Council on the potential safety issues that would arise from the closing of North

Market Street. Fire apparatus would have a difficult, if not impossible time accessing the north end of town in that quadrant. Earl Mordan stated that the closure of the street would be detrimental to the Caldwell Consistory venue rental business. Delivery of supplies and products for special events would be comprised.

The vote was taken, Council unanimously approved up to \$10,000 of engineering services to prepare for re-timing options in the 2022 ARLE bid process to potentially close a section of North Market Street.

REVIEW OF ENGINEER SUBMISSIONS FOR THE BLOOMSBURG RIVER TRAIL (DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WAS FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AT 2 P.M.).

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council awarded LIVIC Civil for the Bloomsburg River Trail project engineer services.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE LOCATED AT 279 EAST 7TH STREET.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicap parking space located at 279 East 7th Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM THE KAPLAN GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,251.60 FOR TRAINING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from the Kaplan Group, Inc. in the amount of \$7,251.60 for training.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer