

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, May 9, 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, Bonnie Crawford, Nick McGaw and James Huber (via Zoom), Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Director of Finance Kathy Smith, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Chief of Police Scott Price, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, and Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman (7:35 p.m.). Also present were Corey Kreisler, Bob's I-Pad, MJ Mahon, Cody, Laura, Donna, Alex Dubil, David Hill, Shannon Sutherland, Lynn Schaeffer, Dennis, Jim, Tanya Purcell, Whitney Robinholt, Linda Artley, Candi, Ashley (8:33 p.m.), Breanna Hauck, Conor Oberst (8:15 p.m.), Kris (8:05 p.m.), Andrea (7:45 p.m.), Lehman (7:41 p.m.), Carey Smith (7:39 p.m.), Alex Pasculle, Adam Fensch, Leah Watkins, Branden Gill, Delaney Elliot (7:28 p.m.), Jamie Shrawder, Breanna Bennett, Stan, Tim Wagner, Patricia Magda, Dawne Moore, a phone number, Tanya Nebroski, Kendall Mensch, Eric Ness, Bryson, Scott McBride and David Morgan.

Council remarks.

Executive sessions- Justin Hummel.

April 25, 2022 from 9:16 p.m. – 9:42 p.m. regarding a federal lawsuit: MDPA Civil Case No. 4:20-cv-02090.

May 4, 2022 from 11:03 a.m.- 12:12 p.m. regarding a Public Works personnel matter on vehicle usage and after hour calls, police contract negotiations, code enforcement new hire, pool legal matter and the Miller Avenue matter.

The mayor announced that May 14th is Shred-It Day at the Recycling Center from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

The July 4th event is scheduled to be held at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. Donations are welcome through the Bloomsburg Foundation.

<http://takeactionbu.org/fireworks>

Citizens to be heard.

Theresa Krasucki was not present along with Karl Schranz.

PROCLAMATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK- MAY 15TH- 21ST, 2022.

Mayor Hummel proclaimed May 15th thru 21st, 2022 Emergency Medical Services week and thanked all volunteers for their time and effort.

The following members of the public spoke in regards to the geese situation at the Town Park: Dawn Moore, Patricia Magda, Whitney Robenolt, Kendall Mensch, and Delaney Elliot.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 4/25/2022 MEETING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the

minutes from April 25, 2022 meeting with no corrections or additions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE APRIL LIST OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 716,317.14.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$301,605.51, Recycling Fund \$47,546.67, Street Lighting Fund \$5,827.44, Fire Fund \$5,705.79, Pool Fund \$58.58, Liquid Fuels Fund \$12,719.70, Airport Fund \$31,200.00, Debt Service Fund \$44,500.00, CDBG Entitlement \$43,746.70 and the April Payroll Authorization \$223,406.75.

APPROVAL OF REALLOCATING HOSE REPLACEMENT BUDGET FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,800 FOR THE FIRE FUND FOR OTHER PURPOSES CONSISTING OF NEW HELMETS, RESCUE GLOVES, STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GLOVES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved reallocating the hose replacement budget funds in the amount of \$16,800 for the fire fund for other purposes consisting of new helmets, rescue gloves, structural firefighting gloves and other miscellaneous items.

RECOGNITION OF THE DOG PARK DONATION FROM CLEVE & KATHY HUMMEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,067.40. THE DONOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AMOUNT PUT TOWARDS THE WATER SYSTEM.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council recognized Cleve and Kathy Hummel for their donation of \$1,067.40 to the Dog Park towards the installation of a water system.

RECOGNITION OF THE DONATION FOR THE CATAWISSA MILITARY BAND TO PLAY ON JULY 4, 2022 FROM THE BELL FAMILY.

Town Council recognized Toni Bell and her family for their donation to cover the cost of the Catawissa Military Band to play at the July 4th Celebration to be held at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds.

APPROVAL TO HAVE THE CALL OUT COMPENSATION TIME AT TWO HOURS FOR CALLS OCCURRING OUTSIDE OF THE HOURS OF 7 A.M.- 3:30 P.M. FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to have the call out compensation time at two hours for calls occurring outside of the hours of 7 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. for the Public Works Director.

APPROVAL OF THE QUOTE FROM ATLANTIC TACTICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,871.28 FOR FIRST RESPONDER KITS (WILL SEEK REIMBURSEMENT).

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$10,871.28 for first responder kits (will seek reimbursement).

APPROVAL OF THE ENCLOSED PROJECT SUMMARY LIST FOR THE 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously Council approved the project summary list for the 2022 Community Block Development Block grant funds. The project summary list included the Tri Lot, Pine Lot, East Pine Lot and the West Pine Lot renovation projects.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES TO LIVIC CIVIL FOR THE 2022 PAVING PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,495.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved engineering services from LIVIC Civil in the amount of \$1,495 for the 2022 paving projects.

RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW THE TOWN SOLICITOR CREATE A LEGAL DOCUMENT TO ALLOW ROAD ACCESS FROM BERGER CAMPGROUND TO SANDS STREET AND VICE VERSA ON TOWN OWNED PROPERTY.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council granted approval for the Town solicitor to create a legal document to allow road access from Berger campground to Sands Steet and vice versa on Town owned property.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER ONE WITH PRO MAX FENCE SYSTEMS, LLC REGARDING THE DOG PARK. PLEASE NOTE, THE TOWN WILL NOT SIGN THIS UNTIL THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CHANGE ORDER.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved change order one with Pro Max Fence Systems, LLC regarding the dog park. The Town will not sign until the original contract and documents are received in order to move forward with the change order.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION 7 TO HEPKO CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,900 FOR THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL BATHHOUSE PROJECT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment application 7 to Hepko Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$20,900 for the Norris E. Rock Memorial Bathhouse project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL DATES FOR THE RACE THE NORTH EVENT TO TAKE PLACE AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ON JUNE 25TH (RAIN DATE OF JUNE 26TH) AND OCTOBER 22ND (RAIN DATE OF OCTOBER 23RD) WITH THE EVENT FEE TO BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000 FOR EACH EVENT WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE EVENT ORGANIZER WORKS WITH BJ TEICHMAN ON NEW TIMES ALONG WITH ANY CONSTRUCTION CONFLICTS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the additional dates for the Race the North event to take place at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport on June 25th (rain date of June 26th) and October 22nd (rain date of October 23rd) with the event fee to be in the amount of \$7,000 for each event with the stipulation

that the event organizer works with BJ Teichman on new times along with any construction conflicts.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE RACE THE NORTH EVENTS AS SHOWN IN 4-F HAVING TO SOURCE THEIR OWN PRIVATE BATHROOM FACILITIES INSTEAD OF USING THE TERMINAL BUILDING FACILITIES.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Race the North events as shown in 4-F having to source their own private bathroom facilities instead of using the terminal building facilities.

JOHN FRITZ PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE FOUNTAIN LIGHTS.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE BLOOM HEIGHTS PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY STRATEGIES GROUP TO RESUBMIT FOR FUNDING REQUEST ROUND 2.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council tabled this item to gather additional information and have further discussion.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving hiring a Code Enforcement Officer.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVAL TO HIRE GREGORY ASH AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER I TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT AT A RATE TO \$18.00 PER HOUR, ONE WEEK VACATION, MEDICAL COVERAGE STARTING AT DAY 90 OF EMPLOYMENT, AND A SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the hiring of Gregory Ash as a Code Enforcement Officer I at the rate of \$18.00 per hour, with one week vacation, medical coverage starting on day 90 of his employment, and a six- month probationary period.

Motion to adjourn was made by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer