

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022 beginning at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m., present were Council Members Toni Bell, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Bonnie Crawford, Nick McGaw (7:00 p.m.) and James Huber (via Zoom), Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Director of Finance Kathy Smith (via Zoom), Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Chief of Police Scott Price, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Code Enforcement Michael Reffeor and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were Corey Kreisler, MJ Mahon, Dawn Moore, Andrew Barton, Kristen Thorpe, Alex Dubil, Russel Karshick, Barbara Coladonato, David's I-Pad, Mary Osborne, Geralee Zeigler, Rev. Mark Reisinger and Dennis.

Andrew Barton, LIVIC Civil presented an overview of ArcGIS at 6:00 p.m. that would enable the Town to track pertinent information on each parcel. Data would track property valuations, tax revenue, gross receipts, etc. Mayor Hummel mentioned that this would help moving forward make more economical decisions and know where the return on investment is. This quote from LIVIC Civil is on the Council agenda for consideration.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG VACATING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF FRANKLIN STREET LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 0 (N. McGaw was not present yet), Council approved adoption of an Ordinance vacating and abandoning a portion of Franklin Street located in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

Council remarks.

Executive sessions – Justin Hummel

July 13, 2022 from 12:13 p.m.- 12:19 p.m. regarding a parking enforcement personnel new hire.

Citizens to be heard.

Russell Karshick came before Council to discuss a zoning issue in regards to an Airbnb. He currently owns a structure on W. Main Street that he intended to use as an Airbnb but has been informed that zoning does not allow for short-term transient uses. Mr. Karshick was instructed to apply for a variance through the Zoning Hearing Board.

Rev. Mark F. Reisinger from Wesley United Methodist Church came before Council to request a waiver of the food truck regulation for one night, Thursday, August 4th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to facilitate a food truck night in conjunction with vacation bible school. Mayor Hummel suggested blocking off four parking spots on Market Street in front of the church to allow the trucks to park and have the service be on the sidewalk side of the trucks.

Motion was made by N. McGaw to waive the food truck fee and close off four parking spots in front of the church for food truck parking. Motion was seconded by V. DeMelfi and was unanimously approved.

Alex Dubil was present to request an item be placed on the Town website requesting help for the clean-up and maintenance of the old Rosemont cemetery. L. Dooley will look into this and post accordingly.

Dawn Moore was present to report what she feels are recurrent issues happening at the pool in regards to the

construction. She also reported that the skate park lights are not working and she feels there is a perceived lack of caring for the skaters.

PROCLAMATION- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 2, 2022 FROM 6 P.M.- 8 P.M. AT THE BLOOMSBURG FAIR GROUNDS.

Mayor Hummel read a proclamation for the 2022 National Night Out. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds. The police department along with the fire department, state police and first responders will be on site to promote community partnership, neighborhood safety, awareness and corporation with law enforcement agencies.

RESOLUTION 07.18.2022 MULTI-MODAL GRANT APPLICATION.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 07.18.2022 for the Multi-Modal grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Town of Bloomsburg walk/bike path.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 6/27/2022 MEETING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from June 27, 2022 meeting with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 7/7/2022 MEETING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the July 7, 2022 special meeting with no corrections or additions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE JUNE LIST OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$658,990.83.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$163,628.71, Recycling Fund \$15,729.03, Library Fund \$21,100.00, Street Lighting Fund \$8,194.34, Fire Fund \$9,238.83, Pool Fund \$2,619.01, Liquid Fuels Fund \$2,179.02, Airport Fund \$90,900.00, CDBG Entitlement \$35,283.10, CDBG+ Program \$11,000.00 and the June Payroll Authorization \$299,118.79.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE LOPICCOLO FAMILY FOR THE DOG PARK FROM THE PROJECT PIZZA COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73.65.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a donation from the Lopiccolo family for the dog park from the Project Pizza Company in the amount of \$73.65. T. Bell added that the donation was greatly appreciated.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM LIVIC CIVIL REGARDING PARCELS FOR THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG (THE QUOTE WAS PRESENTED AT 6:00 P.M.).

Motion to approve was made by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, following discussion, the motion to approve was withdrawn by T. Bell and seconded by J. Garman. The item will be placed on the Administration Finance Committee agenda for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION TO UNAPPOINT DAVID GALLIGUEZ FROM THE BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2024 (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION).

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the recommendation to unappoint David Galliguez from the Bloomsburg Human Relations Commission with a term ending 12/31/2024. This recommendation came from the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT STEVE HUMMEL TO THE BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/2024 (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION).

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6 to 0 (J. Hummel abstained), Council approved the appointment of Steve Hummel to the Bloomsburg Human Relations Commission with a term ending 12-31-2024. This recommendation came from the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENDING THE SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR CHIEF SCOTT PRICE EFFECTIVE 7/10/2022.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the six-month probationary period from Chief Scott Price effective 7/10/2022.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR A POOL COORDINATOR FOR THE 2023 SEASON.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a pool coordinator for the 2023 season.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM STEPH SEVERN FOR THE DOG PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting a donation in the amount of \$500 for the dog park from Steph Severn.

RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE THE TOWN MANAGER SEND PERTINENT INFORMATION TO FULL COUNCIL FOR NEW HIRES AND NOT HAVE COUNCIL PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW FOR SAID HIRES.

NOTE: COUNCIL WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALL DEPARTMENT LEADER HIRES/ PROMOTIONS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (V. DeMelfi voting no), Council approved the recommendation to have the Town Manager send pertinent information to full council for new hires and not have council participate in the interview for said hires. Note, Council will participate in all department leader hires/ promotions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM HARRELL AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,289 FOR TWO SPRINKLER LINES AT THE BLOOMSBURG RECYCLING CENTER.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Harrell Automatic Sprinkler Co, in the amount of \$2,289 for two sprinkler lines at the Bloomsburg Recycling Center.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM SCOTT ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,877.50 FOR 275 LED LIGHTS. COUNCIL DID EARMARK \$250,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT ON 8/23/2021.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Scott Electric in the amount of \$36,877.50 for 275 LED lights. Council did earmark \$250,000 of American Rescue Funds for this project on 8/23/2021.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LISTING THE OLD STREET LIGHTS ON MUNCIBID.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved listing the old street lights on Muncibid.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 2, PART 4, SECTION 2- REGULATIONS OF ANIMALS IN TOWN PARK.

Following discussion, this item will be placed on the Public Works agenda for action after the solicitor provides feedback.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FOR THE FIRST RACE THE NORTH EVENT THAT WAS HELD AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford , and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to the Bloomsburg Fire Department in the amount of \$500 for the first Race the North Event that was held at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF THE BLOOMSBURG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 (SENT WITH THE AGENDA AND IS NOT PART OF THE PACKET).

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Annual Action Plan for federal fiscal year 2022.

REVIEW OF THE BID RESULTS FOR THE FURNACE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (BID OPENING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18TH AT 9 A.M.).

No bids were received and no action was taken. It was discussed to place it out to bid again.

REVIEW OF THE BID RESULTS FOR THE TRI PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$474,512.30 FROM ROBERT C. YOUNG, INC. AND JAMES T. O'HARA, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475,000.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council awarded the Tri Parking Lot project to Robert C. Young. Council also approved the change order from Robert C. Young to decrease the project by \$149,755 with a new award contract amount of \$330,607.90.

APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO DB CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ELEVATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 122 EAST 12TH STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,000 REGARDING THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA) GRANT, CONTINGENT UPON FEMA'S CONCURRENCE WITH NEW BENEFIT-COST RATIO AND THE FUNDING AGENCY'S (PEMA) APPROVAL. BIDS WERE OPENED ON 6/21/2022 AND MUST BE CONSIDERED WITHIN 60 DAYS (8/19/2022).

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award bid to DB Construction for the elevation project located at 122 East 12th Street in the amount of \$188,000 regarding the flood mitigation assistance (FMA) grant, contingent upon FEMA'S concurrence with new benefit-cost ratio and the funding agency's (PEMA) approval. Bids were opened on 6/21/2022 and must be considered within 60 days (8/19/2022).

APPROVAL TO DENY THE BID FROM DB CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ELEVATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 334 EAST 9TH STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$262,000 REGARDING THE FMA GRANT. SEDA-COG IS PURSUING OTHER FUNDING STREAMS UNDER HMGP-COVID OR SWIFT CURRENT (IIJA) FUNDS FOR THIS PROPERTY OWNER.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to deny the bid from DB Construction for the elevation project located at 334 East 9th Street in the amount of \$262,000 regarding the FMA grant. SEDA-COG is pursuing other funding streams under HMGP-Covid or SWIFT current (IIJA) funds for this property owner.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,814.95 FOR THE FMA ELEVATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 334 EAST 9TH STREET.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peter's Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$6,814.95 for the FMA elevation project located at 334 East 9th Street.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,966.30 FOR THE FMA ELEVATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 122 EAST 12TH STREET.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Peter's Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$5,966.30 for the FMA elevation project located at 122 East 12th Street.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:33 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

MOTION TO HIRE A PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH A SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the hiring of Wade Verchimak as a parking enforcement officer at the hourly rate of \$15.00, a six-month probationary period, and a start date of August 1, 2022.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer