

The Bloomsburg Civil Service Commission and Town Council held a meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022 beginning at 3:00 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>.

Members present were Council Members James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Bonnie Crawford, Nick McGaw and James Huber, Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Director of Finance Kathy Smith, Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, and Chief of Police Scott Price. Also present were MJ Mahon and Civil Service Commission members: Bob Barton, Don Pursel and Todd Davis. Absent were Mayor Justin Hummel and Council member Toni Bell.

The Civil Service Commission met to discuss reinstating Officer Lukas Stiver on the police force. There are currently three vacancies that were left by Officer Matthew Golla, Officer Lukas Stiver along with Officer Bradley Sharrow. Under Section 1184 the Civil Service Commission voted to bring Officer Stiver back on the police force.

On a motion by D. Pursel, seconded by T. Davis, and voted on unanimously, the Civil Service Commission voted to bring Officer Stiver back under Section 1184 the eligibility list and manner of filling appointments, provides: (c) Vacancies in existing positions.-- (1) Any vacancy in an existing position in the police force or as a paid fire apparatus operator which occurs as a result of retirement, resignation, disability or death may be filled by council by the reappointment or reinstatement of a former employee of the police force or fire department who had previously complied with this section. (2) No examination, other than a physical examination as directed by the Civil Service Commission, shall be required in any case of reappointment or reinstatement.

On a motion by T. Davis, seconded by B. Barton, and voted on unanimously, the Civil Service Commission ended their meeting with no further business at 3:01 p.m.

Council member Bonnie Crawford called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Council remarks.

Executive sessions- Bonnie Crawford.

August 8, 2022 from 9:28 p.m.- 9:51 p.m. regarding a recycling personnel matter for increased wages along with a police personnel matter for a potential rehire.

There were no citizens to be heard.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously (5-0), Council approved hiring Officer Lukas Stiver back per Section 1184 and also from the Civil Service Commission recommendation.

C. Fritz provided an update on a competitive grant under the USDA called the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge. It was discussed that the Town is submitting their own application and just yesterday the Town received a request for a support letter for Hailstone Economics for a multi project submittal for Columbia County. It was discussed that Council was okay providing support as long as the Town was included on their application as well.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously (5-0), Council approved submitting a support letter for Hailstone Economics submittal under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously (5-0), Council adjourned the

meeting to go into an executive session at 3:25 p.m. to discuss a police personnel health care matter until 3:35 p.m. and did not reconvene the meeting.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer