

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, November 14, 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, Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Director of Finance Kim Pogash, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Chief of Police Scott Price, Director of Code Enforcement Michael Reffeor and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were Corey Kreisler, MJ Mahon, Dawn Moore, Tori Fitzwater, Nick Szkodny, Brendan Lucas, Leo Keen, Fred Gaffney, AJ Johnston, Jim Walsh, Trevor Poremba, David's I-Pad, and Ralph Knelly.

Council remarks.

Executive Sessions:

October 24, 2022 from 3:00 p.m.- 4:02 p.m. regarding a potential litigation matter regarding the noise ordinance.

October 24, 2022 from 8:42 p.m.- 9:10 p.m. regarding the pool litigation matter and discussion of Town owned land.

November 9, 2022 from 10:47 a.m.- 11:03 a.m. regarding a new hire in the Administrative Finance department.

Council approved bagging the parking meters for the holiday season from November 25, 2022 through January 2, 2023 on Main Street and North Market Street, and December 12, 2022 through January 2, 2023 in the municipal lots.

A moment of silence was held to reflect on the tragedy at the University of Virginia.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.

Patrol Officer Tori Fitzwater introduced herself to Council as one of the two latest police officers hired recently. Council wished her the best and said thanks for her service.

Ralph Knelly came before Council to voice his concerns with the East Street & 4th Street intersection. Mr. Knelly reported that East Street is six inches lower than it was previously, thus creating a drop off from the sidewalk. He also questioned the loss of parking spaces in the area of his business. Mayor Hummel suggested Mr. Knelly take his concerns to the Public Works & Environmental Committee.

Stacey Wagner was introduced to Council as the new Vice-President at Bloomsburg University. Ms. Wagner will oversee the police, custodial and maintenance departments.

Fred Gaffney from the Columbia/ Montour Chamber of Commerce read a statement in opposition of the adoption of the noise ordinance as it relates to the business community and the fair association. Mr. Gaffney urged Council to table the current version of the ordinance and revise the noise limit to one that is scientifically based. Mr. Gaffney's statement will be included in the minutes as a matter of record.

Jim Walsh voiced his support of the noise ordinance stating it is not just a health issue, but also an issue of property value reduction.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, PART 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF EXCESSIVE NOISE.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 to 2 (Garman and McGaw voting no), Council approved adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Part 2, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg relating to the regulation of excessive noise.

APPROVAL OF FEE RESOLUTION 11-14-2022.01.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved fee resolution 11-14-2022.01.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 10/24/2022 MEETING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the October 24, 2022 meeting with no corrections or additions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER LIST OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,629,300.19.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$1,299,957.40, Recycling Fund \$30,999.98, Street Lighting Fund \$3,187.80, Fire Fund \$581,228.26, Pool Fund \$247,356.58, Liquid Fuels Fund \$9,713.17, Airport Fund \$14,700.00, CDBG Entitlement \$160,357.27, CDBG-DR/FMA \$42,671.50 and October Payroll Authorization \$239,128.23.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED LIVIC CIVIL FEE SCHEDULE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the updated LIVIC Civil fee schedule.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR GREG ASH EFFECTIVE 11/16/2022.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the probationary period for Greg Ash effective 11/16/2022.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REIMBURSING THE BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL STEPS ON THE ENGINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved reimbursing the Bloomsburg Fire Department for the additional steps on the engine in the amount of \$1,500.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REIMBURSING THE BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDER FOR THE ENGINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,826.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved reimbursing the Bloomsburg Fire Department for the additional change order for the engine in the amount of \$1,826.

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN HOURLY FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCE RECEPTIONIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16.40 PER HOUR WITH A SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD WITH THE START DATE OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022.

Years of Full-Time Service	Days of Vacation
First Year	Five days pro-rated based off of hire date in that calendar year (Jan.- Dec.)
Second Year	Ten Days
Third Year	Eleven Days

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Kyleigh Bilger as an hourly full time Administrative Finance Receptionist at the rate of \$16.40 per hour with a six-month probationary period and a start date of November 15, 2022.

APPROVAL OF REIMBURSING THE POLLARD’S UP TO \$100 FOR THE VETERAN’S PARADE.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved reimbursing the Pollard’s up to \$100 for the Veteran’s Parade.

APPROVAL OF SPENDING UP TO \$500 FOR THE PARADE OF LIGHTS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved spending up to \$500 for the Parade of Lights.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM NORTHEASTERN FOR AN ADDITIONAL KEY FOB CONTROL PAD FOR THE LOBBY AREA GOING INTO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468.48.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Northeastern for an additional key fob control pad for the lobby area going into the code enforcement department in the amount of \$468.48.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SWISHER DISPOSAL FOR 2023. NOTE: THE 2022 CONTRACT IS INCLUDED FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

Department	2022 Monthly Rate	2023 Monthly Rate	Difference
Recycling Center	\$ 400.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 20.00
Public Works Building	\$ 250.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 20.00
Town Pool	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00
Monthly grand total	\$ 690.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 60.00
Annual grand total	\$ 8,280.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 720.00

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Swisher Disposal Service for waste removal at the above Town buildings for the 2023 year.

APPROVAL TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FUEL FARM TO CHARLES W. GRIMM CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$717,905 PENDING SEDA-COG’S AND BOA’S REVIEW AND APPROVAL. ALSO, CONTINGENT UPON BID REVIEW COMMENTS BEING SATISFIED WITH DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. AND RECEIPT OF FUNDING BEING 100% COVERED INCLUDING UTILIZING THE \$100,000 EARMARKED AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS. NOTE: TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,000 FOR DESIGN

**THROUGH BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION ON THIS PROJECT. TOTAL PROJECT COST:
\$934,905.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 6 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved to award the contract for the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport fuel farm project to Charles W. Grimm Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$717,905 pending SEDA-COG's and BOA's review and approval. Also, contingent upon bid review comments being satisfied with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. and receipt of funding being 100% covered including utilizing the \$100,000 earmarked American Rescue Funds. Note: Town Council approved Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. contract in the amount of \$217,000 for design through bidding and construction on this project. Total project cost: \$934,905.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE MEMORANDUM THAT CHARLES FRITZ COMPILED.

Council hereby acknowledges receipt of the Community Resilience Memorandum that Charles Fritz has compiled with all requirements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC CREATION INITIATIVE (EDCDI) GRANT SUBMISSION FOR THE RIVERBANK ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FT. MCCLURE BLVD. TO COLUMBIA COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.

Council hereby acknowledges the Economic Development, Economic Creation Initiative (EDCDI) grant submission for the riverbank on the South side of Ft. McClure Blvd. to Columbia County in the amount of \$50,000.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:09 p.m. in regards to pool litigation and did not reconvene. The executive session ended at 8:44 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer