

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a public meeting on Monday, September 12, 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 or online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4569203798>.

Andrew Barton, P.E. Principal of LIVIC Civil engineering presented information on the proposed Bloomsburg River Trail that extends from the Covered Bridge on the West end along Ft. McClure Boulevard and ending across from the Bloomsburg Airport on Ferry Road. The proposal would change the flow of traffic on Ft. McClure Boulevard to one way in a westerly direction from the Bloomsburg School District entrance way to the covered bridge, thus allowing for a walk/bike lane to be established in the area South of Ft. McClure Boulevard. This project will also include the establishment of a pollinator field and parking areas at three different places. The Town received a \$750,000 grant to help cover the cost of the project.

Mayor Justin Hummel called the regular council 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 (6:39 via Zoom), Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Director of Finance Kathy Smith (Zoom), Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Chief of Police Scott Price, Director of Code Enforcement Michael Reffeor and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman (6:43 via Zoom). Also present were Andrew Barton, Jesse Smith, Scott Seneca, Corey Kreisler, MJ Mahon, Dawn Moore, Barbara Coladonato, Daniel, Fred Gaffney, Dennis, an I-Phone, Michael Harding, Alan Cawley, Tim Wagner and John Berger.

Council remarks.

Executive sessions- Justin Hummel.

August 22, 2022 from 7:50 p.m.- 8:04 p.m. regarding a pool litigation matter.

August 7, 2022 from 12:18 p.m.- 12:54 p.m. regarding a side letter for the new contract period along with hiring new police officers.

The Mayor outlined two traffic detours that will take place during fair week. Orchard Street will be turned into a temporary one way going Northbound between W. 3rd Street and W. Pine Avenue during the Bloomsburg Fair. Fort McClure Blvd. will be turned into a one way from Route 11 to Railroad Street during the Bloomsburg Fair. No vehicles will be permitted to travel Westbound beyond Railroad Street.

Mayor Hummel also mentioned that the Town was awarded "Best Town" last Friday night at Pride Night.

Citizens to be heard.

Alan Cawley was present to request the use of an area along Ft. McClure Blvd. for a Civil War encampment and re-enactment on April 15-16, 2023. On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the use of 200 feet of space along Ft. McClure Blvd. for a Civil War re-enactment subject to the \$75.00 event fee and liability insurance being provided.

Dawn Moore spoke in support of the Bloomsburg River Trail stating that it is a fantastic idea. She would also like to see signage for the bocce ball and basketball courts installed to make people more aware.

Dustin Hamilton was present to request permission to film a commercial for Wild for Salmon on Main Street. He will be handing out free samples of new products and interviewing people for their reaction. Mike Reffeor referred Mr. Hamilton to the code office for further information.

Matt Lohenitz was present to discuss a proposal to review/overhaul the current parking regulations with an

emphasis on the collection of outstanding fines. Mr. Lohenitz has 27 years of experience as a police officer and has initiated this program in other communities.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 8/22/2022 MEETING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the August 22, 2022 meeting with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$100 FOR THE DOG PARK FROM MJ MOSS IRON VALLEY REALTY.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the donation with thanks for \$100 towards the Dog Park from MJ Moss Iron Valley Realty.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST LIST OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,405,318.50.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$590,953.86, Recycling Fund \$93,289.37, Street Lighting Fund \$746.08, Fire Fund \$44,642.55, Pool Fund \$21,121.15, Liquid Fuels Fund \$13,217.24, Airport Fund \$12,264.93, Debt Service Fund \$325,019.23, CDBG Entitlement Fund \$50,091.36, CDBG-DR Fund \$24,487.75 and the August Payroll Authorization \$229,484.98.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE APPOINTING MICHAEL REFFEOR AS THE PRIMARY ZONING OFFICER.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Mike Reffeor as the primary zoning officer for the Town of Bloomsburg.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE APPOINTING BARRY ISETT AS THE SECONDARY ZONING OFFICER/ PHILLIP PROUT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Barry Isett/ Phillip Prout as the secondary zoning officer for the Town of Bloomsburg.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LISTING THE 2011 JOHN DEERE GATOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE XUV 4X4 FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON MUNICIBID.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved listing the 2011 John Deere Gator All-Terrain vehicle XUV 4X4 from the police department on Municibid.

RECOMMENDATION TO UTILIZE AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

- AXON \$12,917.69 (TASERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT).
- REKOR- \$12,500 (PORTABLE LICENSE PLATE READER).
- UP TO \$300,000 FOR ROAD PAVING FOR 2023-2024.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to utilize American Rescue Funds for the following items: Axon \$12,917.69 (tasers for the police department), Rekor \$12,500 (portable license plate reader) and up to \$300,000 for road paving for 2023-2024.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM LOHI CONSULTING FOR PARKING AS OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 OUT OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal from LOHI Consulting for parking as outlined in the proposal in the amount of \$15,000 out of the American Recuse Funds.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A MUNICIBID PURCHASE UP TO \$27,500 FOR A USED BACKHOE TO BE USED AT THE BLOOMSBURG RECYCLING CENTER.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Municibid purchase up to \$27,500 for a used backhoe to be used at the Bloomsburg Recycling Center.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO AQUATIC FACILITY DESIGN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,826.25 FOR THE AUGUST 2022 PARTIAL OVERSIGHT FOR THE NORRIS E. ROCK POOL PROJECT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Aquatic Facility Design, Inc. in the amount of \$21,826.25 for the August 2022 partial oversight for the Norris E. Rock Memorial pool project.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE ORDER 3 FROM DON E. BOWER FOR THE TOWN PARK RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,178.25. PLEASE NOTE, TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED UP TO \$100,000 AT THE AUGUST 22, 2022 MEETING. BREAKDOWN: \$11,079 AND OPTION TWO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,099.25.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved acceptance of change order 3 from Don E. Bower for the Town Park Restoration project in the amount of \$67,178.25.

APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRILON CORPORATION REGARDING THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RESEAL RUNWAY 9-27 (CRACK SEAL & REMARK) PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS 100% GRANT FUNDED.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved entering into a contract with Crilon Corporation regarding the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport Reseal runway 9-27 (crack seal & remark). Note, this is 100 % grant funded.

RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD BID TO LEIBOLD INC. FOR THE AIRPORT HEATING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,000.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved to award the bid to Leibold Inc. for the airport heating project in the amount of \$170,000.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE FROM SOKOL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,970 FOR CURB CUTS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$10,970 for curb cuts.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE (PROPOSAL #2) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,332 FROM DENT PLUMBING AND HEATING, INC. FOR A/C REPLACEMENT & GAS FURNACE FOR THE DUI BOOKING CENTER/ DRUG TASK FORCE STRUCTURE. DUI FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000 AND \$2,332 FROM THE POLICE GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote (proposal #2) in the amount of \$8,332 from Dent Plumbing and Heating, Inc. for A/C replacement and gas furnace for the DUI booking center/drug task force structure. DUI funds will be allocated in the amount of \$6,000 and \$2,332 from the police general fund budget.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING AN ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION APPLICATION FOR THE STRUCTURE AT 102 LEONARD STREET.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted unanimously, Council approved submitting an acquisition and demolition application for the structure at 102 Leonard Street.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted unanimously, Council approved amendment #1 to the flood mitigation assistance grant with Peters Consultants, Inc.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved adjourning the meeting into an executive session at 8:28 p.m. Council reconvened the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the hiring of Tori Fitzwater as a Probationary Patrol Officer 1 at the contract rate, contingent upon passing the medical examination and with a 1-year probationary period.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the hiring of Matthew Zawatski as a Probationary Patrol Officer 1 at the contract rate, contingent upon passing the medical examination and with a 1-year probationary period.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a side letter for the time period covering 2023-2026 for Officer Lukas Stiver.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer