

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Nick McGaw and James Huber via Zoom, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Scott Price, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Finance Kim Pogash (Zoom), Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Code Officer Kyle Bauman (Zoom), and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were MJ Mahon, Corey Kreischer, Barbara Coladonato, David Hill, Dennis, Stacy Gordner, Stacy Wagner, Amanda Person, Thomas Person, Andrew Lawton, Karen Cooper, Katy, Dennis, Nichole, Jocelyn Lear (7:49 p.m.), Jesse Smith, Andrew Barton, Lisa McGinty, and eight Bloomsburg University students. Absent was Bonnie Crawford.

Lisa McGinty was present to voice her concerns with the Market Street bike lane and had questions on who has the right of way when pulling out of streets and the parking lot at the Dollar General plaza. She also mentioned the increase in traffic when the school leaves out.

Thomas Person addressed Council with his concerns regarding the condition of a structure that is connected to his property on Columbia Avenue. Mr. Person stated that the roof of the structure at 131-133 Columbia Avenue is deteriorated and allowing moisture into the attic area that is an open area running the length of the building. Code enforcement reported they have been to the property and have started legal proceeding to get the structure up to code. A copy of Thomas Person's written document is enclosed.

Andrew Lawton addressed Council regarding the removal of the foot bridge at the Town Park. Mr. Lawton is a disc golf player and questioned what would be done to continue the course in that area.

**PROCLAMATION- APRIL PA SAFE DIGGING MONTH SPONSORED BY PA 811.**

Mayor Hummel read a proclamation designating the month of April PA Safe Digging Month which is sponsored by PA 811.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03.27.2023.01- COLUMBIA COUNTY 2022 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution No. 03.27.2023.01 – Columbia County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 3/13/2023 MEETING.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 3/13/23 meeting with updating "hazard's" to "hazards".

**APPROVAL TO END THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF KIMBERLY POGASH EFFECTIVE 3/30/2023.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the probationary period of Kimberly Pogash effective 3/30/23.

**APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED CIVIL SERVICE LANGUAGE.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the updated civil service language.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A NEW CIVIL SERVICE SEARCH FOR THE BLOOMSBURG POLICE**

**DEPARTMENT.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a new civil service search for the Bloomsburg Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM CARRS TRAILERS & SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,824 FOR A TRAILER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (THIS WAS IN THE BUDGET FOR \$5,217).**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from Carrs Trailers & Suppliers in the amount of \$4,824 for a trailer for the Public Works Department. (This was in the budget for \$5,217).

**APPROVAL OF HIRING ROSE STRAUSSER AS A CROSSING GUARD AT A RATE OF \$9.50 PER HOUR AND ALL CLEARANCES WERE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE (SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVED).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Rose Strausser as a crossing guard at a rate of \$9.50 per hour and all clearances were received by the Chief of Police (Bloomsburg School District approved).

**ANY COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED IN MAKING A MOTION TO PAY \$1,500- \$2,000 TO RUTH BRODER REGARDING A TOWN'S INSURANCE CLAIM WITH A FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS.**

A motion to pay \$1,500 was made by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 3 to 3, (Bell, Garman and DeMelfi voting yes, and Hummel, Huber and McGaw voting no). Due to the tie vote, there was no action on this item.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION TO APPOINT ANDREW BARTON TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2027.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved appointing Andrew Barton to the Shade Tree Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2027.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM DENT PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,078 FOR PROPOSAL #2 FOR AN OUTDOOR UNIT REPLACEMENT AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved a quote from Dent Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,078 for proposal #2 for an outdoor unit replacement at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

**DISCUSSION OF A QUOTE FROM FORTBRAND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$454,912.55. THE STATE INFORMED US THAT THERE IS A CURRENT STATE GRANT OFFERED FOR 90/10. THE QUOTE THAT IS INCLUDED SHOWS ALL OF THE ATTACHMENTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE EQUIPMENT.**

Following discussion, no motion was made on this item.

**APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM SEDA-COG FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020 HUD ENTITLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,700.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from SEDA-COG for federal fiscal year 2020 HUD entitlement in the amount of \$5,700.

**APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM SEDA-COG FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 HUD ENTITLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,800.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from SEDA-COG for federal fiscal year 2021 HUD entitlement in the amount of \$5,800.

**APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM SEDA-COG FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 HUD ENTITLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from SEDA-COG for federal fiscal year 2022 HUD entitlement in the amount of \$10,000.

**POTENTIAL AWARD FOR THE HONEYSUCKLE LANE STORMWATER MITIGATION PROJECT PENDING LIVIC CIVIL AND SEDA-COG'S APPROVAL (BID OPENING ON 3/24 AT NOON).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved awarding the Honeysuckle Lane stormwater mitigation project in the amount of \$239,752.00 pending SEDA-COG's approval.

**APPROVAL TO PLACE THE 2023 PAVING OUT TO BID.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved placing the 2023 paving project out to bid.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE A CODE ENFORCEMENT INTERN AT A RATE OF \$10 PER HOUR (PART OF THE 2023 BUDGET).**

On a motion T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the hiring of John Deissler as an intern for the Code Enforcement Office at the rate of \$10.00 per hour (2023 budgeted item).

**APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BRYCER, LLC REGARDING "THE COMPLIANCE ENGINE".**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an agreement with Brycer, LLC regarding "The Compliance Engine".

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE 13 METERS AT THE PINE AVENUE PARKING LOT AND 7 METERS AT THE W. PINE PARKING LOT (QUOTE HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED AS OF YET).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved 13 meters at the Pine Avenue parking lot and 7 meters at the W. Pine Avenue lot. (A quote has been requested and has not been received yet).

**APPROVAL TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$232.20 TO STEVE SHANNON TIRE & AUTO CENTER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. NOTE: ORIGINAL AMOUNT APPROVED BY COUNCIL WAS \$5,646.04 ON 10/24/2022.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to pay an additional \$232.20 to Steve Shannon Tire & Auto Center for the fire department. Note: original amount approved by Council was \$5,646.04 on 10/24/2022.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, the Council meeting adjourned into an executive session regarding litigation matters at 8:40 p.m. The executive session lasted until 9:36 p.m.

**POTENTIAL VOTE TO APPROVE ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,446.30 TO THE MARKET AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, PARK STREET & ROUTE 11 AND THE RETIMING ARLE PROJECTS.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 4 to 2 (DeMelfi and Huber voting no), Council approved allocating American Rescue Funds in the amount of \$166,446.30 to Market and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Park and Route 11 and the Retiming for all three ARLE projects.

**POTENTIAL AWARD TO KUHARCHIK CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$957,531.30 FOR THE THREE ARLE PROJECTS: MARKET AND 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, PARK STREET & ROUTE 11 AND THE RETIMING PROJECT. NOTE: PENNDOT PORTION: \$791,085 (JUST CONSTRUCTION) AND \$166,446.30 (TOWN).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 4 to 2 (DeMelfi and Huber voting no), Council approved the award to Kuharchik Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$957,531.30 for the three ARLE projects: Market and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Park Street and Route 11 and the retiming project. NOTE: PennDOT portion: \$791,085 (construction) and \$166,446.30 (Town) not including engineering.

A motion to adjourn was made by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer