

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 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 (7:09 p.m.), Bonnie Crawford, and James Huber (7:14 p.m. via Zoom), Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Chief of Police Scott Price, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Director of Finance Kim Pogash (Zoom), Director of Code Enforcement Michael Reffeor (7:05 p.m. via Zoom and 7:12 p.m. in person), Fire Chief Scott McBride, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Christine Meeker (Zoom). Also present were MJ Mahon, Corey Kreisler, Dawn Moore, Barbara Coladonato, Dennis, Stacy Wagner, David Hill, Andrew Barton, Alex Dubil, Galaxy S10e, Orlando, Lane, Theresa Huff, Thomas Person, Randy Yeager, Eve Ralston, Brian (7:25 p.m.), Amanda Person (8:06 p.m.), PJ Steiner, and University Students.

Council remarks.

-An executive session was held on March 27, 2023 from 8:40 p.m.- 9:36 p.m. regarding two litigation matters: Tort Claim regarding Eric Stair and Bloomsburg Fair Association litigation matter (2022-CV-1061).

-An executive session was held on April 5, 2023 from 12:16 p.m. regarding a pool personnel matter. Council also met alone on an administrative personnel matter. The executive session ended at 1:18 p.m.

Theresa Huff representing DBI was present to discuss the upcoming Chili Cook Off to be held in October 2023. Ms. Huff requested to have East 2nd Street from Town Hall north to Carver Hall be closed 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The question of the open container ordinance was discussed, as per the Town Solicitor, the open container ordinance would require an amendment in order to allow open consumption of alcohol at such an event.

Tom Person was present to voice his concerns regarding the spread of blight throughout Town. Mr. Person had dropped off a list of suggestions for the code office and council members to review.

Randy Yeager representing the Bloomsburg Little League came before Council to express concerns over the lack of available parking in the area of the little league fields and access to the concession stand by volunteers and delivery people. Staff will discuss options and get back in touch with the Little League representatives.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04.10.2023.01- CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution 04.10.2023.01, Civil Service Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 3/27/2023 MEETING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 3/27/2023 meeting with no corrections or additions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF MARCH BILLS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$340,733.95, Recycling Fund \$24,222.94, Street Lighting Fund \$2,793.79, Fire Fund \$3,537.95, Commercial Loan Repayment \$11,000.00, Pool Fund \$1,754.86, Liquid Fuels Fund \$1,178.25, Airport Fund \$130,562.90, CDBG-DR/FMA Fund \$3,570.000 and the March Payroll

Authorization \$240,302.00.

APPROVAL OF A BLOCK PARTY FOR THE MAIN STREET FIRE BUSINESSES.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposed Block Party for the Main Street businesses that suffered damages from the fire. Note: As per the Town Solicitor, the open container ordinance would require an amendment in order to allow open consumption of alcohol at such an event.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN INVOICE FROM ATLANTIC TACTICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,634.51. NOTE: THIS APPROVAL IS CONTINGENT ON 100% APPROVAL FROM FEMA.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$11,634.51. Note: This approval is contingent on 100% approval from FEMA.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PLACING OUT TO BID THE POOL CONCESSION STAND VENDOR. NOTE: TOWN COUNCIL CAN SET A MINIMUM SEASON RATE IN THE ADVERTISEMENT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a pool concession stand vendor. A motion was amended to set a minimum seasonal rate of \$300. The motion was voted on unanimously to approve.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE POOL ADMISSION PRICING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposed single day pool admission price as follows: ages 1 and younger are free, ages 2 and up is \$6.00 and admission after 4:00 p.m. is \$3.00.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE POOL MEMBERSHIP AND GROUP CARE PRICING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the pool membership and group care pricing.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AGE ENTRANCE AT THE POOL. NOTE: TOWN MANAGER RECEIVED A CALL ON 4/6/2023 REGARDING A CHILDREN AND YOUTH CALL. COLUMBIA COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL WEIGH IN ON THIS PRIOR TO THE VOTE MONDAY NIGHT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the following age requirement at the town pool: Anyone 9 years of age and under must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PJ STEINER TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2026. NOTE: MR. STEINER WOULD SERVE AS A PERSON OF INTEREST ON THE BOARD.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved PJ Steiner to the Historic Architecture Review Board with a term expiring 12/31/2026. Mr. Steiner would serve as a person of interest on the board.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE HIRING AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT A RANGE OF \$50,000-\$60,000. NOTE: ONLY \$20,000 WAS BUDGETED IN 2023 FOR THIS POSITION.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, Council discussed the hiring of an administrative assistant with a salary range of \$50,000-\$60,000. Following discussion, B. Crawford amended her motion to send this topic to the Administrative/ Finance Committee for further discussion, motion was

voted on unanimously to do so.

APPROVAL OF A REPAIR QUOTE FROM MEDICO CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,246.61 TO REPLACE WATER PUMPS ON THE 2019 TORNADO SCHWARZE STREET SWEEPER.

NOTE: THE TOWN MECHANIC VERIFIED THIS IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a repair quote from Medico Construction Equipment in the amount of \$5,246.61 to replace water pumps on the 2019 Tornado Schwarze Street sweeper.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A DOG DONATION BOX AT THE DOG PARK. THERE IS A VOLUNTEER GROUP THAT WOULD LIKE TO PAY AND INSTALL THIS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the installation of a dog donation box at the dog park. Note: A volunteer group will be paying for the box and the installation.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE UP TO \$2,000 ON ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT PLACEMENT PER THE DIRECTION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. THIS WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE STREET LIGHTING FUND.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved up to \$2,000 on additional street light placement throughout the Town at the direction of the Public Works Director.

REVIEW OF THE QUOTE FROM BOYER SWIMMING POOLS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,909.44.

NOTE: TOWN MANAGER REQUESTED AN ITEMIZED INVOICE AND BAY TEAM WILL PROVIDE INPUT PRIOR TO MONDAY NIGHTS MEETING IF THEY WISH TO SWIM AT THE POOL FOR THE 2023 SEASON. COSTAR NUMBER IS BEING VERIFIED. IF NOT VERIFIED, TOWN COUNCIL CAN MOVE TO PLACE THIS ITEM OUT FOR PUBLIC BID.

Following discussion, this item was tabled.

APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM VALLEY SEEDING COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,531 FOR THE REMAINING TREES AND SHRUBS FOR PARKING LOT C (WHERE THE DINER IS LOCATED).

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council denied approval of a quote from Valley Seeding Company, Inc. for the remaining trees and shrubs for parking lot C (Diner Lot).

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND BLOOMSBURG INDUSTRIAL VENTURES, LLC SUBJECT TO THE FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE TOWN SOLICITOR, MATTHEW E. TUROWSKI, ESQUIRE. NOTE: THERE WILL BE EDITS THAT MATTHEW TUROWSKI, ESQUIRE WILL ANNOUNCE AT THE MEETING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the first amendment to the developer's agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and Bloomsburg Industrial Ventures, LLC subject to the final approval from the Town Solicitor, Matthew E. Turowski, Esquire.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR 416 FORT MCCLURE BOULEVARD IN BLOOMSBURG. NOTE: DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, WATER, SEWER AND LIENS WERE VERIFIED. THE TOWN WILL NEED TO SUBMIT THE 2023 TAXES AND REQUEST THE EXEMPTION IN THE FALL AT THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT LEVEL.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the agreement of sale for the real estate located at 416 Fort McClure Boulevard, Bloomsburg. Note: delinquent real estate taxes, water, sewer and liens were verified. The Town will need to submit the

2023 taxes and request the exemption in the fall at the county tax assessment level.

APPROVAL OF THE DEMOLITION QUOTE FROM G & M CRAWFORD, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,600 PENDING THE FINAL SALE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 416 FT. MCCLURE BOULEVARD. NOTE: A SECOND BID WAS OBTAINED FOR A HIGHER AMOUNT. PER DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, GOODS OR SERVICES REQUIRE THREE QUOTES IF THE PRICE IS WITHIN \$12,199-\$22,500.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by V. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the demolition quote from G & M Crawford, Inc. in the amount of \$9,600 pending the final sale of the property located at 416 Ft. McClure Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE A COMMUNITY TROPHY PROGRAM CALLED “BLOOMY’S” WITH COUNCIL MEMBER NICHOLAS MCGAW ORGANIZING THE EFFORTS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved having a Community Trophy Program called “Bloomy’s” with council member Nicholas McGaw organizing the efforts.

RECOMMENDATION TO REQUEST SKETCHES FOR THE TOWN HALL MURAL ON THE HALF WALL ON THE E. 2ND STREET SIDE. NOTE: PLANNING COMMISSION LIKED THE IDEA AND SUGGESTED TO HAVE SEASONAL CHANGING ARTWORK. HARB DID NOT WEIGH IN GENERAL, AND MENTIONED THAT MURALS DETRACT FROM THE HISTORICAL CHARACTER OF A BUILDING AND IT’S NOT IN THE ORDINANCE FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 5 to 2 (Huber and Garman voting no), Council approved requesting sketches for the Town Hall mural on the half wall on the E. 2nd Street side of the building.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer