

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, April 24, 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>.

Toni Bell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., present were Council Members Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi (7:02 p.m.), Nick McGaw (Zoom) and James Huber (Zoom), Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor (7:02 p.m.), Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were David Heath, MJ Mahon, Corey Kreisler, Barbara Coladonato, David Hill, Andrew Barton, Carolyn Yagle, Jason Huff, Ernesto Perez, Dennis, Courtney LoPiccolo, Stacy Wagner, Lindsay Sykes, and Ed Sabo. Absent was Justin Hummel.

**Citizen to be heard.**

Carolyn Yagle was present to update Council on the rezoning project. Approximately 200 comments have been received and are being reviewed. Public hearings will likely start around Memorial Day.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04.24.2023.01- GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution 04.24.2023.01 for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program ( GTRP).

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04.24.2023.02- FEE RESOLUTION.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Resolution 04.24.2023.02 the Fee Resolution.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 4/10/2023 MEETING MINUTES.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 4/10/2023 meeting with no corrections or additions.

L. Dooley announced that the Town received a grant award from the PA Fish and Boat in the amount of \$118,900 for the boat launch at the confluence of the Susquehanna River and Fishing Creek.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR THE BLOOMSBURG AREA RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROJECT CONDITIONAL ON DCNR APPROVAL. BID OPENING WAS ON 4/21/2023 AT 9 A.M. BID RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY LIVIC CIVIL.**

A motion was made by B. Crawford to rebid the project, motion died for lack of a second. On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to rebid the Bloomsburg Area Recreational Trail project with the alternate's as outlined by Andrew Barton.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR THE 2023 PAVING PROJECT. BID OPENING WAS ON 4/20/2023 AT 10 A.M. BID RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY LIVIC CIVIL.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award the bid for the 2023 paving project to H & K Construction in the amount of \$980,593.58.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE JEFFREY PARCELL AS A SEASONAL GRASS CUTTER AT THE RATE OF \$15 PER HOUR. NOTE: MR. PARCELL WORKED FOR THE TOWN IN 2022.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Jeffrey Parcell as a seasonal grass cutter at the rate of \$15 per hour.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFICER MATTHEW ZAWATSKI'S RESIGNATION WITH HIS LAST DAY BEING SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023 IN THE BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept the resignation of Officer Matthew Zawatski from the Bloomsburg Police Department with his last day being Sunday, April 23, 2023.

**APPROVAL TO HAVE BJ TEICHMAN SERVE AS THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE PA STATE AVIATION COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA (ACP) CONTINGENT ON ACP NOMINATION /CONFIRMATION EFFECTIVE FALL OF 2023. NOTE: DAVID HEATH FROM ACP WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved BJ Teichman to serve as the Vice President on the PA State Aviation Council of Pennsylvania (ACP) contingent on ACP nomination/confirmation effective fall of 2023.

**APPROVAL OF UP TO \$1,300,000 IN A COMMERCIAL TIME NOTE WITH FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. NOTE: THIS WILL BE A 4.9% INTEREST ON DRAWS ONLY. THIS IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD OF THE THREE PARKING LOTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN 2023: PINE LOT, E. PINE LOT AND W. PINE LOT. LAURA KURTZ FROM ECKERT SEAMANS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE FOR BOTH INTERIM FINANCING WITH FIRST COLUMBIA AND ALSO THE USDA LOAN.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a commercial time note up to \$1,300,000 with First Columbia Bank and Trust Company.

**APPROVAL OF AN AMOUNT UP TO \$18,171.02 FOR EQUIPMENT TO CLEAN THE POOL. NOTE: IF ONE OTHER PHONE QUOTE IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE MEETING, THIS ITEM WILL HAVE TO BE PLACED OUT FOR BID.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved the purchase of cleaning equipment at a cost of up to \$8,000 for the Norris E. Rock Pool.

**APPROVAL OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER FOR THE GREENWAY TRAIL AND RECREATIONAL GRANT.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the letter for the Greenway Trail and Recreational Grant.

**APPROVAL OF A SIDE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO-CLC ON BEHALF OF LOCAL UNION 1928-06. NOTE: THIS WILL TENTATIVELY GO INTO PLACE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30 P.M. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a side agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CIC on behalf of local union 1928-06.

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE WITH JOSEPH A. MARTARANO AND SHEREE U. MARTARANO. NOTE: TOWN SOLICITOR RECOMMENDS THIS PURCHASE DUE TO FUTURE ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS AND ONSITE ACCESS ISSUES.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved entering into an agreement for the sale of unimproved real estate with Joseph A. Martarano and Sheree U. Martarano.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM ARKADIEN TREE CARE LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,850 FOR TREE REMOVAL LOCATED ON MARTARANO PROPERTY ON TAX PARCEL ID. NO. 05E01 09802, DESCRIBED IN COLUMBIA COUNTY INSTRUMENT NO. 201707600. NOTE: IF ITEM 3D IS PASSED, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CAN REMOVE THE TREES.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council denied the quote from Arkadien Tree Care, LLC in the amount of \$2,850 for tree removal located on Martarano property tax parcel ID. NO. 05E01 09802.

**APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR HARSHIDA, LLC LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660. NOTE: THIS AMOUNT IS BEING HELD BY FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved release of the financial security for Harshida, LLC land development in the amount of \$660.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE CHATTY CATHY LLC-MINOR SUBDIVISION AT 715 OAK STREET. NOTE: ALL COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED FROM THE PLANNING ENGINEER AND COUNTY.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council granted approval for the Chatty Cathy, LLC. Minor subdivision at 715 Oak Street.

Citizen to be heard, Dawn Moore inquired if Public Works was going to place the string along the riverbank for the geese.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously to approve. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer