

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, May 22, 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, Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Nick McGaw. Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Scott Price, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Interim Public Works Director Wayne Creasy, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor (7:16 p.m.), Director of Finance Kim Pogash, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were John Fritz (7:16 p.m.), MJ Mahon, Corey Kreischer, David Hill, Andrew Barton, Dennis, Stacy Wagner, Lyza Klein, Jewel Newbern, Deborah Erdman, Carolyn Yagle, Matthew Auker, Dawn Moore, John Deitrickson, Linda Deitrickson, LuAnn Keller, Ed Solenberger, Josh Bradley, Susan Webster, Ginny Mazzei, Mr. Mazzei, Patti Zawalkuski, Betts Cassidy, Michael Harding, Dawn Moore, Tim Wagner and Jenevive Dorang. Absent was Jim Huber.

#### **Council remarks.**

An executive session was held on May 8, 2023 from 9:04 p.m.- 9:37 p.m. regarding a pool litigation matter.

J. Garman thanked everyone that was involved in the Town Park clean-up day. Scout Troop 20 from Lightstreet Road were present to lend a hand and Dunkin Donuts donated coffee for the event.

J. Hummel commented on the line-up of bands for the Town Park Concert series this year. A group from as far away as Buffalo New York are slated to perform. There is also a citizen setting up a fundraiser for St. Jude's at the bandshell that is appreciated.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.**

Matthew Aucker, Facility Assistant at Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern PA., and Josh Bradley were present to request support for a USDA grant for the HVAC replacement project at the Ben Franklin Center.

#### **2023 EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION- MAY 21- 27, 2023.**

Mayor Hummel introduced a proclamation declaring May 21 thru May 27, 2023 EMS Week. Bloomsburg Police Chief Scott Price, Bloomsburg Fire Chief Scott McBride and Bloomsburg Volunteer Ambulance Association member Tim Wagner were present.

#### **POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION FOR MAY 26, 2023.**

Mayor Hummel introduced a proclamation designating May 26, 2023 to be National Poppy Day.

#### **PROCLAMATION FOR JUNE 2, 2023 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY.**

Mayor Hummel introduced a proclamation declaring June 2, 2023 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 5/8/2023 MEETING.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 5/8/2023 meeting.

#### **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BRADLEY SHARROW EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2023 AS A PART TIME POLICE OFFICER.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the

resignation of Bradley Sharrow as a part-time police officer effective June 30, 2023. Council thanked Officer Sharrow for his years of service to the town.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE RON PRATT AS A POOL SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR FOR THE 2023 SEASON AT THE RATE OF \$20 PER HOUR.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Ron Pratt as the pool social media coordinator for the 2023 season at a rate of \$20 per hour.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE JANELLE SURKIN AS A POOL CONSULTANT.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Janelle Surkin as a pool consultant for the 2023 season at a rate of \$20 per hour.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATIE KOSCHOFF AS THE POOL COORDINATOR FOR THE 2023 SEASON.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of Katie Koschoff as the pool coordinator for the 2023 season.

**APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE FIRE ESCROW FOR 52 LINCOLN AVENUE FOR JEFFREY EICHNER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$669.10.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to release the fire escrow for 52 Lincoln Avenue for Jeffery Eichner in the amount of \$669.10.

**AWARD OF THE BLOOMSBURG AREA RECREATIONAL TRAIL (BART) PENDING DCNR APPROVAL.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award the Bloomsburg Area Recreational Trail (BART) project to Mitchell Knorr in the amount of \$1,410,997.13 pending DCNR approval.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP REMOVAL FOR THE BLOOMSBURG AREA RECREATIONAL TRAIL (BART). PLEASE NOTE: THIS TASK WAS REMOVED FROM THE SECOND BIDDING OF THE BART PACKAGE.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award tree removal and stump removal to Northeast Tree Service in the amount of \$16,000 for the Bloomsburg Area Recreational Trail project.

**AWARD OF THE PINE LOT, E. PINE LOT AND W. PINE LOT PARKING LOT PROJECT (BID RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING- BID OPENING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5/22 AT 10 A.M.). CONTINGENT UPON SEDA-COG AND USDA FINAL APPROVAL.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award the Pine Avenue, East Pine Avenue and West Pine Avenue parking lot project to Robert C. Young in the amount of \$1,708,234.30 contingent upon SEDA-COG and USDA final approval.

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BLOOMSBURG FIESTA CHECKS AS A COMBINED SUBMITTED PACKAGE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 EVENT AT THE TOWN PARK.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept the Bloomsburg Fiesta checks as a combined submitted package for the September 16, 2023 event at the Town Park.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and vote on unanimously, Council adjourned into an

executive session at 8:04 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

**MOTION TO HIRE AN EMPLOYEE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER FOR THE RECYCLING DRIVER POSITION AT THE CONTRACT RATE EFFECTIVE 6/12/2023.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire James Letterman for the position of recycling driver at the contract rate effective June 12, 2023.

**MOTION TO HIRE EMPLOYEES FOR POOL MANAGEMENT FOR THE 2023 NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL SEASON.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire the list of pool employees for the 2023 season at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool. B. Crawford abstained from the discussion. B. Crawford also mentioned that she did not participate in the discussion due to Noah Crawford being her son.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SETTING POOL PARTY RATES.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved pool parties at a rate of \$225 and \$300 for one hour and two hours, respectively.

A motion to adjourn was made by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer