

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, May 8, 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, Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Nick McGaw and James Huber (Zoom 7:24 p.m.), Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Chief of Police Scott Price, Interim Director of Public Works Wayne Creasy, Public Works Director John Fritz (Zoom 7:09 p.m.), Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were MJ Mahon, David Hill, Andrew Barton, Laurie McCants, Ginny Mazzei, Carl Chimi, Tahneea Beers, Nick Beers, Joan Lentzner, James Dutt, Bill Stewart, Betts Cassidy, Karen Anselm, Tim Wagner, Josh Nespoli, Mark Resinger, Dennis, Rich Kisner, Alex Dubil, Sylvia Costa, Ginny Thorne, Laura Kurtz, Corey Kreisler and Elizabeth Dowd.

Council remarks.

An executive session was held on April 27, 2023 from 3:00 p.m.- 3:58 p.m. regarding a litigation matter for the Miller Avenue project.

There are vacancies on the following boards.

- (2) Code Appeal Board Alternates. Terms expires 12/31/2025.
- (1) Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. Term expires 12/31/2024.

ACCEPTANCE OF A DOG PARK DONATION.

Tahneea Beers and Nicholas Beers with Family Care Home Health Agency LLC, presented a check in the amount of \$100 as a donation to the Dog Park.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.

Jamie Harding presented the 2023 Town Park Summer Concert Series lineup.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION- SHADE TREE COMMISSION.

Mayor Hummel presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to the Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission members Sylvia Costa, Ginny Thorne and Andrew Barton. This year the Town recognized April 28th 2023 as Arbor Day in Bloomsburg.

ENACT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES OF 2023, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,216,200- LAURA KURTZ, ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC. NOTE THIS IS THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN THAT WILL BE PAID OFF ANNUALLY BY CDBG FUNDS. TIME OF THE OFFICIAL CLOSING WILL BE AT THE END OF CONSTRUCTING THE PINE LOT, E. PINE LOT AND W. PINE LOT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council enacted an Ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance of a general obligation bond, series of 2023, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,216,200- Laura Kurtz, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC.

-Note this is the USDA Rural Development loan that will be paid off annually by CDBG funds. Time of the official closing will be at the end of constructing the Pine lot, E. Pine lot and W. Pine lot.

ENACT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES OF 2023, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000- LAURA KURTZ,

ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC. -NOTE THIS IS FOR THE PINE LOT, E. PINE LOT AND THE W. PINE LOT CONSTRUCTION TIME PERIOD.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council enacted an Ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance of a general obligation note, series of 2023, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000- Laura Kurtz, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC.

Note this is for the Pine lot, E. Pine lot and the W. Pine lot construction time period.

Citizen to be heard.

Deborah Erdman, from Geisinger was present to request the Town proclaim June 2nd, 2023 as Firearm Safety Awareness Wear Orange Day. Council agreed to proceed with the proclamation at their next meeting.

Georgi-Ann Joline was present to request a proclamation for May 26th for Poppy Day. She went on to further explain that the red poppy is designated as a symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in all wars.

Tim Wagner was present to voice his disappointment with Councils decision to end the Miller Avenue project. DBI is appreciative of the time and effort that was put forth by the many entities involved.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 4/24/2023 MEETING.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 4/24/2023 meeting with no corrections or additions.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF APRIL BILLS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$261,492.31, Recycling Fund \$32,467.57, Street Lighting Fund \$3,068.85, Fire Fund \$7,885.98, Pool Fund \$1,722.29, Liquid Fuels Fund \$6,920.60, Airport Fund \$19,005.27, CDBG-DR/FMA Fund \$7,257.50 and the April Payroll Authorization \$237,022.00.

APPROVAL TO OPEN A NEW INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT AT FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. FOR THE SWIFT GRANT STREAM. NOTE: THIS IS IN RELATION TO THE UPDATE THAT SEDA-COG PROVIDED AT THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN APRIL.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to open a new interest-bearing account at First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. for the SWIFT grant stream. Note: this is in relation to the update that SEDA-COG provided at the Community and Economic Development Committee in April.

APPROVAL TO END THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF KYLEIGH BILGER IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE 5/15/2023.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to end the probationary period of Kyleigh Bilger in the Finance Department effective 5/15/2023.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CODIFYING NEW LEGISLATION THROUGH GENERAL CODE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,565- \$2,005.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved to codify new legislation through General Code in the amount of \$1,565-\$2,005.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADDING WI-FI AT THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL ON A SEASONAL BASIS. INSTALLATION FROM PENTELEDATA TO BE \$1,200 ALONG WITH A RECURRING MONTHLY COST OF SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125.95.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved adding WI-FI at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool on a seasonal basis. Installation from PenTeleData to be \$1,200 along with a recurring monthly cost of service in the amount of \$125.95.

APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO HAVE ELECTRICAL WORK DONE AROUND THE FOUNTAIN ALONG WITH PLACING LIGHTS TO SHINE ON THE FLAG. NOTE: RESIDENT WILL REIMBURSE THE TOWN 100% OF THE COST. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/PICTURES WERE SENT WITH THE AGENDA.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a request to have electrical work done around the fountain along with placing lights to shine on the flag. Note: resident will reimburse the Town 100% of the cost. Additional information/pictures were sent with the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROJECTS FOR

2023: SEDA-COG ADMINISTRATION:	\$34,544.00
EAST PINE STREET PARKING LOT:	\$71,091.67
PINE STREET PARKING LOT:	\$71,091.67
WEST PINE STREET PARKING LOT:	<u>\$71,091.66</u>
TOTAL OF	\$247,819.00

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the CDBG Annual Action plan projects for 2023.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYING BACK FUNDS ON THE MILLER AVENUE PROJECT AND NOT MOVING FORWARD.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 5 to 2 (Hummel and Crawford voting no), Council approved paying back funds on the Miller Avenue project and not moving forward.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SEDA-COG PREPARING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR THE 2018 CDBG FUNDS.

A motion was made by J. Hummel to table this recommendation, motion was seconded by V. DeMelfi and voted on unanimously. This item is tabled for further discussion to be held at the Community & Economic Development Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE NADIA CAMBLIN FOR A HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Nadia Camblin for a high school internship at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE HAVING COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PREPARE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AS AN EVACUATION SITE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved having Columbia County Child Development prepare an agreement with the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport as an evacuation site in the event of an emergency.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ELIMINATING THE PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE AIRPORT FROM THE BART PROJECT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 to 1 (Garman voting no), Council approved eliminating the parking lot across from the airport from the BART project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE EAA AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT EXPLORE COSTS OF RUNNING WATER AND PROPANE LINES TO THE HOCK HANGAR WITH THE NON-PROFIT GROUP BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR PERMITTING, INSTALLATION AND UTILIZATION COSTS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (Huber voting no), Council approved the EAA at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport explore costs of running water and propane lines to the Hock Hangar with the non-profit group being responsible for permitting, installation and utilization costs.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE PLAN.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved implementing a traffic signal maintenance plan.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,580 FROM VALLEY SEEDING COMPANY, INC. FOR RESEEDING AT THE DOG PARK.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council voted not to approve a quote in the amount of \$2,580 from Valley Seeding Company, Inc. for reseeding the Dog Park.

THE COMMITTEE APPROVED HOLDING AN AIRPORT WORK SESSION ON MAY 15TH AT 10 A.M. VIA ZOOM WITH DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS FOR FUTURE BUDGETING AND PLANNING OF THE AIRPORT.

A work session will be held on May 15th at 10 a.m. via Zoom with Delta Airport Consultants for future budgeting and planning of the airport. All of Council is urged to attend.

It was announced that the Town received \$50,000 for the Kinney Run extension of the culvert to the Susquehanna River through Columbia County EDCDI funding.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 9:04 p.m. and did not reconvene. Council met regarding pool litigation and legal matters and ended the session at 9:37 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer