

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a public hearing on Monday, August 28, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall to hear testimony and possibly take action on a request from Chatty Cathy, LLC to vacate and abandon a paper alley.

The hearing started at 6:38 p.m. In attendance were Council members Justin Hummel, Nick McGaw, Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Solicitor Matt Turowski, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Alex Dubil, Corey Kreischer, MJ Mahon, John Bressler, Jack Devine, Debra Devine, Frans Verstraeten, Larry Zsido, 4 citizens and Lynn Zsido. Ervin Blank Associates, Inc. was present as the stenographer of record. Council members Toni Bell and James Huber were absent.

Chatty Cathy has requested the Town vacate/abandon a 7 ½ foot portion of two unnamed alleys located in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, running along the southerly and easterly lines of lands of Chatty Cathy, LLC (pin no.: 05e13 04400). John Bressler a neighbor of Larry Zsido spoke in favor of the request. On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved vacating and abandoning that section of unnamed alleys. The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, August 28, 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>. In attendance were Justin Hummel, Nick McGaw, Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, Vince DeMelfi, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Solicitor Matt Turowski, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Director of Finance Kim Pogash, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Alex Dubil, Corey Kreischer, MJ Mahon, John Bressler, Jack DeVine and his wife, Frans Verstraeten, Rona Anderson, David Hill, Stacy Wagner, Jim Dutt, Andrew Barton, Barbara Coladonato, Dennis, Larry Zsido, 29 citizens and Lynn Zsido. Absent were Council members Toni Bell and James Huber.

Michelle Diltz spoke to Council regarding the Market Street bike lane safety issues, appearance and inconvenience for residents and people using the street. She presented Council with a petition of 200 signatures opposed to the bike lane.

Jack Devine stated the bike lane would be a benefit for young families, bikers and hikers.

Rona Anderson stated she supports the bike lane but clearer rules must be put in place for the safety of everyone.

Scott Koch is concerned about parking on Market Street.

James Wallace also spoke regarding the bike lane on Market Street.

Leticia Webber voiced her concerns with safety and encourages the Town to listen and think creatively.

Ms. Hess questioned why the bike lane is next to the curb and stated bikes don't obey the traffic laws.

Sharon Babb lives on South Market Street. She is retired and has counted very few bikes using the bike path and stated that more walkers use it. She suggests the Town spend the money on sidewalks in Town.

Lynda Cromley spoke regarding the bike lane.

Julie Scholls spoke regarding the bike lane.

Austin Appel is a 12 years resident of the Town and stated about the crossing guard at 5<sup>th</sup> and Market Street. Safer bike/walk infrastructure is needed. There are safety concerns with kids out on their own traveling the street on bikes and on foot.

Gail Zecker spoke about the bike lane.

**ENACT AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG VACATING A PORTION OF TWO UNNAMED ALLEYS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, RUNNING ALONG THE SOUTHERLY AND EASTERLY LINES OF LANDS OF CHATTY CATHY, LLC (PIN NO.: 05E13 04400).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the enactment of an ordinance of the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, running along the southerly and easterly lines of lands of Chatty Cathy, LLC (pin 05E13-04400).

**PULMONARY FIBROSIS PROCLAMATION- SEPTEMBER 2023.**

Mayor Hummel read a proclamation designating the month of September Pulmonary Fibrosis month to increase awareness of pulmonary disease.

**RESOLUTION 08-28-2023.01- KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES GRANT.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 08-28-2023.01 for the Keystone Communities Grant.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 8/14/2023 MEETING.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the August 14, 2023 meeting.

**APPROVAL TO BE A PART OF THE 2023 EXCHANGE AUTUMN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST. NOTE: IF ENTERTAINING A MOTION, IT WILL NEED TO INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF WINDOWS. THE COST IS \$20 PER PAINTING.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to take part in the 2023 Exchange window painting contest with two windows being included at a cost of \$20 per painting.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DIANE LEVAN'S RESIGNATION FROM THE CODE APPEAL BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2025.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the resignation of Diane Levan from the Code Appeal Board with a term expiring 12/30/2025.

**APPROVAL TO APPOINT DIANE LEVAN TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2025.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Diane Levan to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiring 12/31/2025.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM DEBORAH & TERRY SNYDER OF CATAWISSA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 FOR THE TOWN POOL IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN GREEN.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept a donation from Deborah & Terry Snyder of Catawissa in the amount of \$50 for the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool in memory of John Green.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE A TOWN MECHANIC AT THE CONTRACT RATE WITH AN EFFECTIVE START DATE OF 9/5/2023.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Robert Moyer to the position of Town Mechanic at the contract rate with an effective start date of 9/5/2023.

**APPROVAL OF ALLOCATING UP TO \$200 FOR THE VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL PARADE.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allocating up to \$200 for the Veteran's Day Parade.

**APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR THE VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PERMIT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council denied the request to waive the permit fee for the Veteran's Day Memorial Parade.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A \$25 DONATION FROM NICK MCGAW, ENDLESS RECORDS TO COVER THE COST OF THE PERMIT FEE FOR THE VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL PARADE.**

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept a \$25 donation from Nick McGaw, Endless Records to cover the cost of the Veteran's Day Memorial Parade.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3.00 FOR THE TOWN PARK FROM TERESA KARCHNER AS A DONATION.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept a check in the amount of \$3.00 for the Town Park from Teresa Karchner as a donation.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160.00 FROM FIRST COLUMBIA'S CASUAL FOR A CAUSE DRESS DOWN DAY TO GO TOWARDS TOWN PARK EXPENSES.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept a check in the amount of \$160 from First Columbia's casual for a cause dress down day to go towards the Town Park expenses.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM SUNBURY MOTORS FOR A 2024 F-600 CHASSIS 4X4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,840. NOTE, THIS WAS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST BUDGET MEETING AND THE CONSENSUS WAS TO MOVE THIS FORWARD IN THE 2024 LIQUID FUELS BUDGET. PRODUCTION TIME WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS ONCE THE ORDER IS PLACED.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Sunbury Motors for a 2024 F-600 Ford chassis 4x4 in the amount of \$64,840.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM BRADCO SUPPLY COMPANY TO NOT EXCEED \$42,625. THIS WOULD BE FOR THE ATTACHMENTS FOR ITEM 2A TO COMPLETE THE PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE. NOTE: THERE ARE TWO QUOTES PROVIDED. THE HIGHER ONE IS AN ALUMINUM BODY.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Bradco Supply Company not to exceed \$42,625 for the attachments for agenda item 2A, 2024 F-600, Ford chassis.

**APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE PARKING LOT PROJECT. NOTE: THE INVOICE HAS YET TO BE RECEIVED BY LIVIC CIVIL AND WILL BE PRESENTED FOR MONDAY NIGHT.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, council approved a change order for the parking lot project of a decrease of \$90,374.

**APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE BART PROJECT. NOTE: THE INVOICE HAS YET TO BE RECEIVED BY LIVIC CIVIL AND WILL BE PRESENTED FOR MONDAY NIGHT.**

No action was taken on this item due to Andrew Barton from LIVIC Civil not having the documentation.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM ERDMAN'S TREE NURSERY FOR LANDSCAPING FOR THE PINE, E. PINE AND W. PINE LOTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,786.25.**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Erdman tree nursery for landscaping for the Pine, E. Pine and W. Pine parking lots in the amount of \$10,786.25.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO EXTEND THE GEISINGER-BLOOMSBURG HOSPITAL – MINOR SUBDIVISION AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE VARIANCE PROCESS THROUGH THE ZONING HEARING BOARD (11/26/2023).**

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 90 day extension to the Geisinger-Bloom Hospital minor subdivision plan to complete the variance request process.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE PLANS AS SUBMITTED FOR THE DILLON CENTER, LLC – MINOR SUBDIVISION. ALL SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED, NOTARIZED AND ALL COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED AS REQUIRED BY THE TOWN ENGINEER.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council granted approval for the Dillon Center, LLC minor subdivision plan.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss two legal matters: 2018-CV-1438 and 4:20-CV-02090. The executive session ended at 8:57 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer