

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, September 11, 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, and Nick McGaw. Town Manager / Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Director of Finance Kim Pogash (Zoom), Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman (Zoom) and Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker (Zoom). Also present were Drew Mumich, Andrew Barton, Dennis, David Hill, Stacy Wagner and Elizabeth Hazzard.

Council remarks.

Mayor Hummel requested a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

October Domestic Violence Proclamation.

Mayor Hummel read a proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Elizabeth Hazzard representing the Women’s Center gave an update on events that are planned throughout the month of October.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 8/28/2023 MEETING.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 8/28/2023 meeting with one correction. The spelling of a name was incorrect.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE LIST OF AUGUST BILLS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$543,462.31, Recycling Fund \$19,148.07, Street Lighting Fund \$2,482.35, Airport Fund \$48,001.51, Home Fund \$9,802.00, Fire Fund \$1,319,042.83, Pool Fund \$14,302.67, Liquid Fuels Fund \$4,845.92, CDBG Entitlement Fund \$16,549.78, Debt Service Fund \$20,700.51 and the August Payroll Authorization \$258,167.11.

APPROVAL TO FURTHER WORK THROUGH COMPILING A BID PACKET AND PLACE A SOLAR PROJECT OUT TO BID. NOTE: COUNCIL WOULD NEED THE INITIAL INVESTMENT DOLLARS FOR THIS PROJECT. IS THERE A MOTION TO RE-ALLOCATE ANY AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS FOR THIS?

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving forward with a solar project. A meeting with APPI energy consultants will be scheduled.

APPROVAL OF AN INVOICE FROM ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS TO HAVE SOLAR PANELS ATTACHED TO THE TWO SPEED SIGNS FOR 5TH STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,474.54.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an invoice from All Traffic Solutions in the amount of \$1,474.54 to have solar panels attached to the two speed signs for 5th Street.

APPROVAL TO SIGN FOR AN EXTENSION ON THE FIRST COLUMBIA CONSTRUCTION LOAN FOR THE PARKING LOT PROJECT AND HAVE THE DATE EXTENDED FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 15, 2023. NOTE: SEDA-COG, USDA, AND ECKERT SEAMANS ARE ALL AWARE OF THE FINAL INVOICE DRAW NEEDING TO OCCUR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. THE APPROVAL WILL ALLOW THE TOWN MANAGER OR MAYOR TO SIGN OFF ON THE DOCUMENT WITH FIRST COLUMBIA.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to sign for an extension on the First Columbia construction loan for the parking lot project and have the date extended from September 30, 2023 to November 15, 2023.

APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER FROM GRIMM CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,135.97 REGARDING THE FUEL FARM AT THE BLOOMSBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a change order from Grimm Construction Inc. in the amount of \$4,135.97 regarding the fuel farm at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING 24 GINGKO SENTRY TREES FROM ERDMAN'S TREE NURSERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,330.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of 24 Gingko Sentry trees from Erdman's Tree Nursery in the amount of \$10,330. These trees are designated for the parking lot project with any remaining trees to be planted at the dog park area or pool area.

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE BART TRAIL TO INCLUDE THE POOL/ DOG AREA PARKING LOT- LIVIC CIVIL.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a contract amendment for the BART Trail project to include the pool/dog park area parking lot.

APPROVAL OF THE PUNCHLIST COMPLETION AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER POOL RENOVATIONS, INC. REGARDING THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by b. Crawford, and voted in unanimously, Council approved the punch list completion agreement with Premier Pool Renovations, Inc. regarding the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO LIVIC CIVIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$917.50 FOR CRS MAPPING WORK. NOTE: COUNCIL APPROVED UP TO \$2,500 ON 6/12/2023 AND THE INVOICE TOTAL OF \$2,888.75 ON 8/14/2023.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approve the payment to LIVIC Civil in the amount of \$917.50 for CRS mapping work.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ONE-WAY STREET FOR FT. MCCLURE BLVD. NOTE: L. DOOLEY SENT OUT AN E-MAIL ON 8/25/2023 TO STAFF, AREA CONTACTS, EMA, FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE, COUNTY, PENNDOT REGARDING THE NEAR FUTURE CHANGE TO ONE-WAY. AT THIS TIME A DATE FOR THAT ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE IS NOT KNOWN.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 5 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved to advertise an ordinance regarding the one-way street for Ft. McClure Boulevard. No date has been set yet for this change to take place.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 IN RELATION TO FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR INTERCONNECTED SMOKE DETECTORS. NOTE: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THIS TO COUNCIL ON 7/25/2023 AND SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE ORDINANCE.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 7 in relation to fire prevention and fire protection for interconnected smoke detectors.

APPROVAL TO MODIFY THE AGENDA TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to modify the agenda to accept the resignation of a public official.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned to an executive session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss the resignation of a public official, a police personnel issue and a real estate matter. Council reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVAL TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to hire Evan Lingousky and Philip Petrus as police officers at the union rate. Starting dates have not been established at this time.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JAMES HUBER FROM TOWN COUNCIL.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council accepted the resignation of James Huber from Town Council. Mr. Huber's resignation was accepted with regret and thanks for the many years of service to the Town.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE VACANCY ON TOWN COUNCIL.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise the vacancy on Town Council.

A motion to adjourn was made by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer