

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a public hearing on Monday, October 23, 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 Nicole Morucci and Frank Robbins to vacate/abandon a paper alley.

Mayor Hummel opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m., in attendance were Toni Bell (6:33 p.m.), Bonnie Crawford, Vince DeMelfi, Jim Garman, Nick McGaw and Jaclyn Kressler. Ervin Blank Associates, Inc. was present as the stenographer of record. Others present were: Town Solicitor Matthew Turowski, Town Manager/ Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Administrative Secretary Christine Meeker, Director of Public Works John Fritz, MJ Mahon and Corey Kreisler. Nicole Morucci and Frank Robbins were present to give testimony on the request for the Town to vacate sections of paper alleys that abut two parcels located at 80 Franklin Avenue. Hearing no objections to the request, a motion to grant the petition to vacate was made by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously in favor of the petitioner. On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, the public hearing ended at 6:47 p.m.

The Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, October 23, 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 Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., present were all of Council along with the members listed above. Chief of Police Scott Price and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman were present. Also present were David Hill, Chris Bennett, Alexis Zanini, Ann McHugo, Mike Rossi, Oren Helbok, Dave Shaffer, Dennis, James Dutt, Betts Cassady, Michelle Diltz, Katie Yelink, Tanner Dilg, Lisa McGinty, Brian, Mike Wallace, Brian, and Jennifer Colna.

#### **Council remarks.**

An executive session was held on October 9, 2023 from 9:17 p.m. to 9:42 p.m. regarding a legal matter.

#### **OREN HELBOK, DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. – APPROVAL OF BAGGING THE PARKING METERS FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2023 ON MAIN STREET. DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2023 IN THE MUNICIPAL LOTS.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the request from DBI, Inc. to bag the parking meters from November 22, 2023 through December 28, 2023 on Main Street and December 10-11, 2023 through December 28, 2023 in the municipal lots.

Michelle Diltz presented a petition to Council with 200 plus signatures requesting the removal of the current Market Street bike lane. Ms. Diltz noted the bike lane is not used and poses a safety hazard.

Katie Yelinek came before Council to request the street light that was recently installed in front of her residence be removed. The LED light is too bright and shines in her windows.

Tanner Dilg came before Council to question the process of obtaining a distillery/liquor license in Bloomsburg. Mr. Dilg indicated that he has obtained a distillery license through the Pennsylvania liquor licensing agency but the code office has not approved his application. Solicitor Turowski stated the town most likely has 45 days to review the application and he is

checking the state code.

Lisa McGinty was present to voice her concerns regarding the Market Street bike lane. Ms. McGinty questioned who has the right of way in the bike/vehicle situation. She stated that the bike lane gives the cyclist a false sense of security.

Jennifer Colna invited Council members and the community to the Beyond the Fountain event to be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The event is sponsored by the Community Government Association at Bloomsburg University.

**APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 10/9/2023 MEETING.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the 10/09/2023 meeting with no corrections or additions.

**RESOLUTION 10.23.2023.01- LSA GRINDER.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 10.23.23.01 for the LSA Grinder.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VACATED PAPER ALLEY FOR NICHOLE MORUCCI AND FRANK ROBBINS.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise an ordinance for the vacated paper alley for Nichole Morucci and Frank Robbins.

**ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, 15-2023 ENTITLED "ONE-WAY STREETS ESTABLISHED".**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Bloomsburg, 15-2023 entitled "one-way street established" regarding Oyer Avenue.

**APPROVAL TO DONATE A FOUR-MEMBER POOL PASS FOR THE 2024 SEASON TO THE FRIENDS OF THE BLOOMSBURG TOWN POOL FOR FUNDRAISING/PROMOTION PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to donate a four-member pool pass for the 2024 season to the friends of the Bloomsburg Town pool for fundraising/ promotion purposes in the amount of \$230.

**APPROVAL TO KEEP RUNNING THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. PAYBACK OF FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS THAT ARE UNDER OBLIGATION AMOUNT TO \$7,747,747 PER THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MANAGER FROM BUREAU OF AVIATION ON 10/20/2023.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 to 1 (DeMelfi voting no), Council approved to keep running the municipal airport.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA-COG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,630 FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION WORK THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT. PLEASE NOTE: THIS HONEYSUCKLE STORMWATER PROJECT WAS ABLE TO MEET MS4 REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A 100% COST TO THE TOWN. A MOTION TO INCLUDE PAYMENT OUT OF THE MS4 EARMARKED FUNDS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to SEDA-COG in the amount of \$2,630 for the grant administration work that is not included on the grant reimbursement. Payment will be out the MS4 funds from the American Rescue Funds.

**APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA)- SWIFT CURRENT GRANT PROGRAM TO NOT EXCEED \$15,755. ALL SERVICES WOULD BE 100% GRANT FUNDED.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the professional and administrative services agreement with SEDA-COG for the federal fiscal year 2023 flood mitigation assistance (FMA)-Swift Current grant program to not exceed \$15,755. All services would be 100% grant funded.

**APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG FOR THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 246 EAST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET UNDER THE HOME PROGRAM.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a first amendment to the professional and technical serviced agreement with SEDA-COG for the structure located at 246 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street under the HOME program.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned into an executive session regarding an applied license legal matter and a Public Works personnel matter at 8:20 p.m. and did not reconvene. The executive session lasted until 8:46 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer