

The Bloomsburg Town Council held their reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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, Jaclyn Kressler, Nick McGaw and Jessica Jordan. Town Manager / Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski (Zoom), Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor (Zoom), Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman (Zoom), Director of Finance Kim Pogash and Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker (Zoom). Also present were MJ Mahon, Andrew Barton, David Hill, Dan Knorr, Kylie Shoemaker, and a citizen on Zoom.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OR RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor Hummel administered the oath of office to Toni Bell.

Jaclyn Kressler and Jessica Jordan were sworn in at the Court House earlier in the day.

COUNCIL REMARKS.

An executive session was held on 12/18/2023 from 9:11 p.m.- 9:54 p.m. regarding the pool ongoing legal matter.

An executive session was held on 12/20/2023 from 8:30 a.m.- 9:25 a.m. regarding 2022-cv-1061 matter.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

A motion was made by B. Crawford, to nominate Toni Bell as Vice President, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF COUNCIL.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to nominate Bonnie Crawford as President Pro Tem, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

NOMINATION FOR THE VACANCY BOARD.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to nominate Richard Bogar to the Vacancy Board, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to appoint Lisa Dooley to the position of Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY THE MAYOR- TOWN MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER.

Mayor Hummel administered the oath of office to Lisa Dooley as the Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer.

MAYOR'S ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Mayor's organization of Committees with the amended change of the Community & Economic Development Committee to include the Safety Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Justin Hummel, Chair

Toni Bell
Bonnie Crawford
Jaclyn Kressler

PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE.

James Garman, Chair
Nicholas McGaw
Jessica Jordan

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Toni Bell, Chair
James Garman
Jessica Jordan

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.

Justin Hummel, Chair
Bonnie Crawford
Nicholas McGaw
Jaclyn Kressler

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

CODE APPEAL BOARD.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointments of the boards, commissions and other appointments to include Deborah Booker to the Shade Tree Commission.

CODE APPEAL BOARD.

Ed Sabo	Term Exp.	12/31/26
VACANCY	Term Exp.	12/31/25
2 Alternate VACANCY	Term Exp.	12/31/25 (Two positions open)

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Robert Barton	Term Exp.	12/31/26
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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.

Nicholas McGaw	Term Exp.	12/31/28
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SHADE TREE COMMISSION.

Deborah Booker	Term Exp.	12/31/28
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HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD.

Ed Sabo	Term Exp.	12/31/27
Michael Reffeor	Term Exp.	12/31/27

PLANNING COMMISSION.

Ed Sabo	Term Exp.	12/31/27
Steve Boughter	Term Exp.	12/31/27

PLANNING ENGINEER.

Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. 12/31/24

ZONING HEARING BOARD.

Ralph Magill	Term Exp.	12/31/26
Alternate VACANCY	Term Exp.	12/31/24

ZONING OFFICERS.

A motion was made by T. Bell to appoint Michael Reffeor as the Zoning Officer, term expiring 12/31/2024, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to appoint Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as the alternate Zoning Officer, term expiring 12/31/2024, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as the Floodplain Administrator.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING MICHAEL REFFEOR AS THE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Michael Reffeor as the Building Code Official. In that same motion, Council also approved Barry Isett & Associates as the alternate Building Code Official.

It was noted that the Zoning Hearing Board retained Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP.

TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

A motion was made by N. McGaw, to appoint Bloomsburg Fire Department- Scott McBride, Fire Chief elected at the department level with a term expiring 12/31/24, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

A motion was made by B. Crawford, to appoint Toni Bell to the Columbia Child Development Program term expiring 12/31/24, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE CONTACT.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to appoint Michael Reffeor as Emergency Management Assistance (EMA) Contact term expiring 12/31/2024, and Charles Fritz as Deputy EMA contact with the term expiring 12/31/24, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to appoint John Grabusky and Joan Mosier to the Bloomsburg Human Relations Commission with terms expiring 12/31/2026, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

A motion was made by T. Bell, to appoint Justin Hummel to the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee, with the term expiring 12/31/2024, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

DOWNTOWN BLOOMSBURG, INC. BOARD.

A motion was made by J. Garman, to appoint Justin Hummel to the Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. Board, term expiring 12/31/2024, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

A motion was made by J. Garman, to appoint Toni Bell, (alternate) to the Downtown Bloomsburg, Inc. Board, term expiring 12/31/2024, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously to confirm.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Columbia County Sanitary Inspection Office (James McDeavitt and staff).

GENERAL FUND DEPOSITORY – JOURNEY BANK-A MUNCY COLUMBIA FINANCIAL COMPANY.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Journey Bank – A Muncy Columbia Financial Company as the general fund depository.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Boyer & Ritter LLC. as the external auditors.

AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNORS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Justin Hummel, Toni Bell, Bonnie Crawford, Lisa Dooley and Kim Pogash as authorized check signors.

TOWN SOLICITOR.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Hill, Turowski, James and Lehman, LLP. as the Town Solicitor.

**OTHER LEGAL- McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall.
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC.
Smigel, Anderson & Sacks, LLP.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of McNerney, Page, Vanderlin & Hall; Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC and Smigel, Anderson & Sacks, LLP. as additional legal counsel.

APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THE TOWN/ GOWN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of the following persons to the Town/Gown Relations Committee.

Justin Hummel
Toni Bell
Kim Shetler
Scott Price
Lisa Dooley

BLOOMSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD- JUSTIN HUMMEL TERM EXP. 12/31/24.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Justin Hummel to the Bloomsburg Public Library Board term expiring 12/31/24.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING BONNIE CRAWFORD TO BE THE SOCIAL EQUITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2024.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Bonnie Crawford to be the representative on the Association for Inclusion, Respect & Equity (AIRE) for 2024.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING BONNIE CRAWFORD TO THE COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND FOR 2024.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Bonnie Crawford to the Community Impact Fund for 2024.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING BJ TEICHMAN TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR 2024.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of BJ Teichman to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2024.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING BJ TEICHMAN TO THE PA GOVERNOR'S AVIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of BJ Teichman to the PA Governor's Aviation Board of Directors for 2024.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING LISA DOOLEY TO THE SEDA-COG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR 2024.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Lisa Dooley to the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization for 2024.

TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION- JAMES GARMAN.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of James Garman to the Town Park Improvement Association.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE SPECIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS- SCOTT PRICE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Chief Scott Price to the Justice Special Technical Committee in Law Enforcement Firearms.

TREASURER FOR THE PA ASSOCIATION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Michael Reffeor as Treasurer of the PA Association of Floodplain Managers.

APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN ENGINEER.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved LIVIC Civil as the Town Engineer.

APPOINTMENT OF A SECONDARY ENGINEER.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as a secondary engineer.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING LISA DOOLEY AS THE PUBLIC RECORD RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST CONTACT FOR NON-POLICE MATTERS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Lisa Dooley as the public Right-to-Know Request contact for non-police matters.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING LEWIS CARL AS THE PUBLIC RECORD RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST CONTACT FOR POLICE MATTERS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the appointment of Lewis Carl as the Public Right-to-Know Request contact for police matters.

A MOTION FOR PRE-APPROVALS FOR ALL HARB APPLICATION PASSED BY THE HARB BOARD THROUGH 12/31/2024.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the pre-approvals process for all HARB applications passed by the HARB board through 12/31/2024.

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

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg, entitled "One Way Street Established".

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-2024.01 DRUG TASK FORCE AGREEMENT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 01.02.2024.01 the Drug Task Force Agreement.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-2024.02 SETTING OF VARIOUS FEES.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 01.02.2024.02 setting of various fees.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-2024.03 CODE BLUE EMERGENCY POLICY (UPDATED FROM THE 12/18/2022 VERSION).

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved resolution 01.02.2024.03 Code Blue Emergency Policy.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the December 18, 2023 meeting.

APPROVAL OF ENDING THE SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF RACHEL HAGER IN THE ADMINISTRATION/ FINANCE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE 1/5/2024.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved ending the six-month probationary period of Rachel Hager on the administration/finance department effective 1/5/2024.

A motion to adjourn into an executive session was made by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously to confirm. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. and did not reconvene. The executive session started at 7:32 p.m. The Lauren Martz legal matter was discussed until 7:35 p.m. The Weis Markets Inc. tax appeal was discussed until 7:48 p.m. A Public Works personnel matter was discussed until 8:02 p.m.