

The Bloomsburg Town Council held their regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 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 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., present were Council Members Toni Bell, James Garman, Jaclyn Kressler, Nick McGaw and Jessica Jordan (Zoom). Town Manager / Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Code Officer Kyle Bauman, Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman (Zoom), Director of Finance Kim Pogash (Zoom) and Administrative Assistant Christine Meeker (Zoom). Also present were MJ Mahon, Brian Trombly, William Stewart, Kate Magni, Jesse Smith, Liz Clammer ( Zoom), Steve & Barbara Coladonato (Zoom), Jacki Trombly (Zoom), John Klinger (Zoom), Felipe Quezada (Zoom), Corey Johnson from LIVIC Civil, Stacy Wagner (Zoom), David Hill (Zoom), Dennis (Zoom) and three public citizens. Absent was Bonnie Crawford.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS.**

An executive session was held on February 12, 2024 from 8:52 p.m.- 9:09 p.m. regarding a code legal matter.

It was announced that the March 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will not have a set time of 7 p.m. The meeting will follow the public hearing for the zoning rehaul set for 6 p.m. that evening.

Kate Magni was present to request support from the Town for a small group of local individuals and residents in their effort to raise funds to launch a TNR program within the Town. Ms. Magni stated this group has set a goal to complete 25 TNR's within the town limits for 2024. She also requested the Town to consider including \$4,000 in the 2025 budget to cover the cost of 100 vouchers. Ms. Magni is scheduled to attend the Community & Economic Development/ Public Safety Committee meeting on February 27, 2024 and will provide additional information at that time.

### **APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 12, 2024 MEETING.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the January 2, 2024 meeting. Note: Steve Coladonato questioned why Marianne Kreisher's prepared statement to Council was not included in the minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting. L. Dooley stated that she e-mailed Council previously and said the document will be added to the minutes following approval.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND FORESTRY, RUBBER MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO-CLC ON BEHALF OF LOCAL UNION 1928-06 2024-2026. NOTE: EXHIBIT A & B WILL BE ADDED TO THE SIGNED VERSION.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the agreement between the Town of Bloomsburg and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC on behalf of local union 1928-06 2024-2026. Note: exhibit A & B will be added to the signed version.

### **APPROVAL OF RETAINING THE FOLLOWING POOL EMPLOYEES.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved retaining the following pool employees for the 2024 season.

1. Colleen Tarantino- pool coordinator- \$18 per hour
2. Rachel Heggenstaller- headguard- \$16 per hour

3. Nicholas Madey-headguard- \$16 per hour
4. Nora Fritz- headguard- \$16 per hour
5. Janelle Surkin- pool consultant- \$20 per hour
6. Ronald Pratt- pool consultant- \$20 per hour

**APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF ROBERT MOYER FOR ONE MONTH FROM 3/5/2024 TO 4/5/2024.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending the probationary period of Robert Moyer for one month from 3/5/24 to 4/5/24.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM ATLANTIC TACTICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,742.80 FOR WEAPONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. NOTE: COUNCIL PRE-APPROVED \$18,407.20 ON 11/13/2023 LESS THE TRADE IN VALUE. PER CHIEF PRICE WE ARE ANTICIPATING 20 QUANTITY GLOCK MODEL 21 GENERATION 4 AT \$294= \$5,880. ONE ADDITIONAL PISTOL WILL BE REIMBURSED BY BPBA AT \$469 FOR A RETIREMENT.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$18,742.80 for weapons for the police department.

**APPROVAL TO SELL 20 QUANTITY GLOCK MODEL 21 GENERATION 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$294.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to sell 20 Glock Model 21, Generation 4 guns for the amount of \$294 each.

**APPROVAL OF VOIDING THE CIVIL SERVICE LIST PENDING THE OUTCOME OF ANDERSON (MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> BY 10 A.M. REQUEST).**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved voiding the civil service list pending the outcome of Anderson's decision by March 1<sup>st</sup> by 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MOVING FORWARD WITH A NEW CIVIL SERVICE SEARCH PENDING THE OUTCOME OF ANDERSON (MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> BY 10 A.M. REQUEST).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving forward with a new civil service search pending the outcome of Anderson (March 1<sup>st</sup> by 10:00 a.m.).

**APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO TWO TERMINATION AGREEMENTS WITH JOURNEY BANK FOR THE SWEEP ACCOUNTS (GENERAL AND RECYCLING).**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into two termination agreements with Journey Bank for the sweep accounts (General and Recycling).

**APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC DEPOSITS WITH JOURNEY BANK.**

On motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved entering into an agreement regarding public deposits with Journey Bank.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSING THE TWO SWEEP ACCOUNTS (GENERAL AND RECYCLING) WITH JOURNEY BANK.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved closing two sweep accounts (General and Recycling) with Journey Bank.

**APPROVAL OF ADJUSTING EIGHT BANK ACCOUNTS TO PLATINUM PRIME.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, second by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved adjusting eight bank accounts to platinum prime.

**APPROVAL OF CONVERTING ALL ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE SWEEP ACCOUNTS TO PLATINUM PRIME. CREATING TWO NEW ACCOUNTS DUE TO THE TRANSITION OF ACT 72.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved converting all accounts within the sweep accounts to platinum prime. Creating two new accounts due to the transition of Act 72.

**RECOMMENDATION TO NOT HAVE LIGHTS AT THE TENNIS COURT FROM THE FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. NOTE: IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT IT CAN BE ADDED TO THE BID AS AN ALTERNATE IF THERE IS FUNDING REMAINING.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved not to have lights at the tennis courts. Note: This item was discussed at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, but a formal vote was not taken. This option can be added to the bid specifications as an alternate if there is funding available.

**APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LIVIC CIVIL.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a professional service agreement with LIVIC Civil.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD BID TO PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,790 FOR THE ELEVATION FMA-SWIFT PROJECT LOCATED AT 334 E. 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET. NOTE: GERALEE ZEIGLER HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE EXCESS OF \$490 WILL NOW BE COVERED UNDER THE GRANT. IF ANY ADDITIONAL WORK IS NEEDED DUE TO ERRORS, THE TOWN WILL NOT BE PAYING THOSE BILLABLE HOURS. PROJECT TIMELINE: INTENTION TO ADVERTISE CONSTRUCTION BY MAY/ JUNE OF 2024 AND CONSTRUCTION BY THE END OF DECEMBER 2024.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to award bid to Peters Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$13,790 for the elevation FMA-Swift project located at 334 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

**UPDATE ON THE CODE BLUE ALERT.**

S. Price reported that for the time being the Code Blue shelter at AGAPE will not be operating on a set schedule. A notice and contact information will be posted on the door in the event someone needs assistance. AGAPE is working with the code department and the police department on a policy for future need.

**UPDATE ON THE CONDEMNED PROPERTIES IN TOWN.**

M. Reffeor updated Council on the status of condemned/abandoned properties in Town.

**APPROVAL TO APPOINT ANDREW AUGUSTINE TO THE FLOOD TASK FORCE.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to appoint Andrew Augustine to the Flood Task Force.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT A 90-DAY EXTENSION FOR THE GILLESPIE PARK LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO ALLOW AMPLE TIME TO RESUBMIT PHASE I OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR REVIEW.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council granted a ninety (90) day extension for the Gillespie Park Land development to allow ample time to resubmit phase I of the land development project for review.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR PHASE I OF THE GILLESPIE PARK LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, CONTINGENT ON REVISIONS AND THE PLANS BEING REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY GREG HAAS OF KEYSTONE CONSULTING ENGINEERS.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on 1 to 5, (Hummel, Bell, Garman, Kressler and Jordan voting no and McGaw voting yes), Council denied the request to waive the financial security for phase I of the Gillespie Park project.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT THE FOLLOWING WAIVER REQUESTS FOR THE STEVE SHANNON WAREHOUSE ADDITION LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved granting the following waivers for the Steve Shannon Warehouse project.

1. A waiver is being requested to allow preliminary/final land development plans to be submitted, (22-404(A) – Preliminary Plan).
2. A waiver is being requested to allow expansion joint material to be 3/8” instead of 1.5” in thickness, (22-706(E) – Expansion Joint Thickness.).
3. A waiver is being requested to allow the proposed basins bottom to be flat in order to promote natural ground infiltration, (22-803.3.(J) – Basin Bottom Slope)

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,725.60 FOR THE TOWN PARK BATHROOMS LOCATED BY THE BALL FIELDS.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$ 1,725.60 for the Town Park bathroom located by the ball fields.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,555.68 FOR THE TOWN PARK BATHROOMS LOCATED AT THE BANDSHELL.**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$ 1,555.68 for the Town Park bathroom located by the bandshell.

**APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FROM NORTHEASTERN AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,939.17 FOR THE TOWN POOL. NOTE: THIS OPTION WILL ALLOW 4 ADDITIONAL CAMERAS IN THE FUTURE.**

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a quote from Northeastern Automated Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$ 4,939.17 for the Town Pool. Note: This option will allow for the addition of 4 cameras to be added in the future.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Lisa Dooley  
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer