

The Bloomsburg Town Council held their regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 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, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, Jaclyn Kressler, Nick McGaw and Jessica Jordan. Town Manager / Secretary/ Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Town Solicitor Matt Turowski, Chief of Police Scott Price, Public Works Director John Fritz, Director of Governmental Services Charles Fritz, Director of Code Enforcement Mike Reffeor, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Also present were MJ Mahon, Steve & Barbara Coladonato, Stacy Wagner (Zoom), David Hill (Zoom), Dennis (Zoom), Patti Zwalkuski, Sandra Hare, Georgie-Ann Joline, Mr. Joline, Jamie Shrawder, Vince DeMelfi, Kate Holdren, Doug Levan, Alex Dubil, Dawn Moore, Fox 56 News, Joe Bleznuck, Jared Harris, and William Stewart.

COUNCIL REMARKS.

An executive session was held to discuss the Martz legal matter at 6:45 p.m.

The zoning rehaul is scheduled for a special Council meeting on June 3, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2024 MEETING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the April 22, 2024 meeting with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 25, 2024 EMERGENCY MEETING.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the minutes from the April 25, 2024 emergency meeting with no corrections or additions.

POPPY DAY PROCLAMATION- MAY 24, 2024.

Mayor Hummel proclaimed Friday, May 24, 2024 Poppy Day in the Town of Bloomsburg and asks that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

EMS PROCLAMATION- MAY 19- 25, 2024.

Mayor Hummel designated by proclamation the week of May 19-25, 2024 is Emergency Medical Services week. This is the 50th Anniversary of EMS week.

GUN AWARENESS PROCLAMATION- JUNE 7, 2024.

Mayor Hummel proclaimed June 7, 2024 as Gun Violence Awareness Day and asks that our resident wear orange on the that day as a symbol of awareness of gun violence.

APPROVAL OF THE FEE RESOLUTION 05.13.2024.01.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved fee resolution 05.13.2024.01.

APPROVAL OF A GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION 05.13.2024.02.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a Greenways, Trail's and Recreation program resolution 05.13.2024.02.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24, PART 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG ENTITLED "AMUSEMENT TAX".

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 24, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Bloomsburg entitled "Amusement Tax".

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS OF EXISTING ORDINANCE CONCERNING OPEN ALCOHOL CONTAINERS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, SPECIFICALLY THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG, AS AMENDED, PART V: CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND OPEN CONTAINERS.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an ordinance repealing open alcohol containers within the Town of Bloomsburg, specifically the Code of the Town of Bloomsburg, as amended, Part V: consumption of alcohol and open containers.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG ENTITLED "ANIMALS".

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Bloomsburg entitled "Animals".

APPROVAL TO REMOVE KIMBERLY POGASH FROM ALL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS WITH JOURNEY BANK. THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS APRIL 26, 2024. NOTE: ALL SIGNED PAPERWORK HAS BEEN TURNED INTO THE BANK ON 5/10/2024.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to remove Kimberly Pogash from all financial accounts with Journey Bank. The effective date is April 26, 2024. Note: all signed paperwork has been turned into the bank as of 5/10/2024.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE APRIL LIST OF BILLS.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$386,381.35, Recycling Fund \$39,141.99, Street Lighting Fund \$7,524.34, Fire Fund \$4,085.35, Pool Fund \$11,657.28, Liquid Fuels Fund \$9,747.31, CDBG Entitlement \$43,533.47, Home Fund \$37,046.00, and the April Payroll Authorization \$264,209.99.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RELEASING \$63,010.34 OF FIRE ESCROW FUNDS TO GLOBAL SPACE FOR THE ONGOING REPAIRS LOCATED AT 10 WEST MAIN STREET.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the release of \$63,010.34 of fire escrow funds to Global Space for the ongoing repairs located at 10 West Main Street.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO COLUMBIA MONTOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460 FOR THE 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DUES.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$460 for the 2024 general membership dues.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING CROSSING GUARDS AT THE RATE OF \$10.50.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for crossing guards at the rate of \$10.50 per hour.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ALLOWING THREE SEASON PASSES (INDIVIDUAL RATES) TO BE GIVEN OUT FOR THE JUNE 8TH GRAND OPENING OF THE POOL. DONORS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE POOL WILL HAVE FREE ADMISSION ON JUNE 8TH TO THE NORRIS E. ROCK MEMORIAL POOL.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved allowing three season passes (individual rates) to be given out for the June 8th grand opening of pool. Donors to the Friends of the Pool will have free admission on June 8th at the Norris E. Rock Memorial Pool.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING THE SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,105 AND THE TOWN SPENDING \$4,105 OF AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting the Susquehanna Greenway Grant in the amount of \$4,105 and the Town spending \$4,105 of American rescue funds.

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE LAUREN MARTZ VS. TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG LAWSUIT IN THE UNITED STATES COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, DOCKET NUMBER 4:22-CV-01490.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to table this item for further review.

APPROVAL OF THE 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS.

Allocation	\$226,674 (reduced by \$21,145)
Admin	\$36,900.00
	\$189,774
E Pine	\$63,258
W Pine	\$63,258
Pine	\$63,258

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 CDBG PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,900.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the professional and administrative services agreement with SEDA-COG for federal fiscal year 2024 CDBG program in the amount of \$36,900.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE TENNIS LIGHT PROPOSAL FROM THE BLOOMSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH FULL COUNCIL.

Town Council engaged in conversation with the Tennis Coach at Bloomsburg School District during the meeting. Council discussed that the lights are projected to be more than the school's contribution in the amount of \$30,000. Council wishes to have the lights remain as a bid alternative. If the School District wishes to have lights on the courts, they can have the option to pay for the full bid alternative price in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FROM HARRELL AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO. INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,178.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the quote from Harrell Automatic Sprinkler Co. Inc. in the amount of \$2,178.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH QUOTE 3 & 4 UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$21,480 (TWO OTHER QUOTES PENDING). NOTE: THIS IS 100% COVERED WITH DEP GRANT.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved moving forward with quotes 3 & 4 up to the amount of \$21,480 (two other quotes are pending).

APPROVAL TO PAY UP TO \$8,590 FOR ELECTRICAL WORK DONE AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. NOTE: TWO OTHER QUOTES WILL NEED TO BE RECEIVED. THIS IS 100% COVERED WITH DEP GRANT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to pay up to \$8,590 for electrical work done at the recycling center.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SELLING STREET LIGHT POLES AND A POOL LIFT ON MUNICIBID. NOTE: THE CITY OF SUNBURY REQUESTED THE POOL LIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500. IF THEY ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN THIS ASSET, IT WILL BE LISTED ON MUNICIBID.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to sell street light poles and a pool lift on Municibid.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BE EQUIPMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,682 FOR THE RECYCLING BAILER.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Jordan, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to BE Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$2,682 for the recycling bailer.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE APPLYING FOR THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.

On a motion by J. Kressler, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved applying for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation program grant in the amount of \$100.

APPROVAL OF THE 15% LOCAL MATCH FOR THE GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,500.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved 15% local match for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation program grant in the amount of \$37,500.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING BENCHES FROM KEN BARRICK COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,408. JOHN FRITZ WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved purchasing benches for Ken Barrick Company in the amount of \$3,408.

REVIEW OF THE LETTER FROM PLANNING COMMISSION.

Motion was made by J. Kressler to move the zoning district map lines back to their location on the previous map version, motion was seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 1 to 6 (Kressler voting yes, Hummel, Crawford, Bell, Garman, Jordan and McGaw voting no). Motion did not carry.

A POTENTIAL MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF SITE PLAN PREPARED BY LAND DESIGN SERVICES ENTITLED "SHANGRI-LA AT THE MILLS (PARCEL C)", DATED 10/31/23, LAST REVISED 3/19/24. THE PLAN PROPOSES TO MODIFY THE SHANGRILA AT THE MILLS PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AND LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN RECORDED AT COLUMBIA COUNTY INSTRUMENT NO. 2016606654.

On a motion by N. McGaw, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the proposed modification of site plan prepared by Land Design Services entitled "Shangri-La at the Mills (Parcel

C)", dated 10/31/23, last revised 3/19/24. The plan proposes to modify the Shangrila at the Mills Preliminary/Final Land Development and Lot Consolidation Plan recorded at Columbia County Instrument No. 2016606654.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE UP TO \$450 TO BE SPENT TOWARDS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH FROM 5 P.M.- 8 P.M. AT THE BLOOMSBURG FAIRGROUNDS.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by N. McGaw, and voted on unanimously, Council approved up to \$450 to be spent towards National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Kressler, and voted on unanimously, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer