

Bloomsburg Town Council held a meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference. Public joined by dialing: +1 646 558 8656 US and included the meeting ID: 456-920-3798. Public could also join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4569203798>.

Present were Mayor William Kreisher, Council Vice President Toni Bell, Council Members: James Huber, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, Justin Hummel, and Vince DeMelfi, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Roger Van Loan, Director of Public Works John Fritz, Director of Finance Kathy Smith, Fire Chief Scott McBride, Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts, Director of Governmental Services/ Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Public citizens present were Jylve Wemple, Steve Coladonato, Barbara Coladonato, James Goode, Ralph Magill, Dan Knorr, Rebecca Bonomo, Dennis, David Hill, Emme Reiser, Hilary Escobar, Eric Ness, Art V., Sarah and Laura Kurtz.

COUNCIL REMARKS.

Mayor Kreisher announced an executive session that occurred.
2/3/2021- Legal matters, 2:00 p.m.- 3:11 p.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.

James Goode presented three public service announcements regarding COVID-19 awareness from the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble. The three current announcements along with the previous one will be posted on the Town's website and social media pages. Council thanked James Goode along with the rest of the staff at Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 02.08.2021.01 TO APPLY AND ADMINISTER A USDA GRANT FOR PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved adopting a resolution to apply and administer a USDA Grant for parking lot renovations.

ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TWO SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,371,000.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved enactment of an ordinance relating to two series of general obligation notes, in the principal amount of \$2,371,000.

AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CHAPTER 8, PART 9 TO RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO THE FLOODWALL, INCLUDING DEFINITIONS.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amending an ordinance relating to Chapter 8, Part 9 to rules and regulations regarding access to the floodwall, including definitions.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FROM THE 1/25/2021 MEETING.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Council minutes from the 1/25/2021 meeting, with no corrections or additions.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,700 FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY PRISON PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to release the financial security in the amount of \$52,700 for the Columbia County Prison parking lot expansion project.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND JANUARY PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund \$233,014.87, Recycling Fund \$15,443.14, Street Lighting Fund \$8,805.34, Fire Fund \$21,803.38, Commercial Loan Repayment Fund \$11,000, Pool Fund \$5,585, Liquid Fuels Fund \$13,731.37, CDBG-Annual Entitlement Fund \$5,200, CDBG-DR Fund \$346,924.92 and January Payroll Authorization \$254,953.55.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN GRABUSKY FROM THE ZONING HEARING BOARD AS AN ALTERNATE.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept the resignation of John Grabusky from the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT RALPH MAGILL TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING ON 12/31/2023.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on 6-1 (J. Hummel voting against), Council approved appointing Ralph Magill to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiring on 12/31/2023.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT DAVID HILL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRING ON 12/31/2021.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to appoint David Hill to the Planning Commission with a term expiring on 12/31/2021.

APPROVAL TO USE BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES, INC. REGARDING FORENSIC AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE AT THE RATE OF \$155 PER HOUR.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved using Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. regarding forensic and structural engineering assistance at the rate of \$155 per hour.

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO THE FIRST COLUMBIA LOCKBOX AGREEMENT FOR RECYCLING PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the First Columbia lockbox agreement for recycling payments in the amount of \$2,000.00.

APPROVAL TO SELL A LIGHT TOWER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON MUNICIBID.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to sell a light tower from the Police Department on Municibid.

APPROVAL TO END THE SIX-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF MICHAEL SPAGNUOLO ON 2/10/2021.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to end the six-month probationary period of Michael Spagnuolo on 2/10/2021.

APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR THE 2021 PAVILION RENTALS AND HAVE A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE BASIS POLICY.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 6-1 (J. Huber voting against), Council approved to waive the fee for the 2021 pavilion rentals and have a first-come-first-serve basis policy.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE \$1,444,000.00 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISASTER GRANT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$601,300.00.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept the \$1,444,000.00 United States Department of Agriculture Community Facilities Disaster Grant and Community

Facilities direct loan in the amount of \$601,300.00.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO BUCHANAN, INGERSOLL & ROONEY, PC TO REVIEW AND MAKE THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on 6-1 (with V. DeMelfi voting against), Council approved payment to Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, PC to review and make the appropriate changes to the employee handbook not to exceed \$3,000.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER I POSITION WITH AN EXPECTED HIRE DATE OF MAY 3, 2021.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise for a Code Enforcement Officer I position, with an expected hire date of May 3, 2021.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES FROM BUCHANAN, INGERSOLL & ROONEY, PC FOR CODE LEGAL MATTERS.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept an engagement letter from Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, PC for code legal matters.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SEDA-COG.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved amendment #1 to the professional administrative services agreement with SEDA-COG.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,788 IN REGARDS TO THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. in the amount of \$9,788 in regards to the floodwall expansion project.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW 2021 CATERPILLAR IT FORKS CARRIAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400 TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (UNBUDGETED).

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the purchase of a new 2021 Caterpillar IT Forks Carriage in the amount of \$3,400 to be used by the Public Works Department (unbudgeted).

APPROVAL OF THE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD 2021 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Historic Architecture Review Board 2021 standard operating procedures.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT CRAIG SEAMANS AS THE ZONING HEARING BOARD ALTERNATE WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2022.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved appointing Craig Seamans to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate with a term expiring 12/31/2022.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT JOHN GRABUSKY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BLOOMSBURG HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION).

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved appointing John Grabusky as the Chairperson of the Bloomsburg Human Relations Commission (recommendation from

the Commission).

APPROVAL OF THE FIRE APPARATUS PROPOSAL.

On a motion by J. Hummel, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the First-Choice fire apparatus proposal in the amount of \$1,889,988.

APPROVAL OF A SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH P3 TOBC-1, LLC IN REGARDS TO A CELL TOWER LOCATED AT THE RECYCLING CENTER PENDING CODE ENFORCEMENT APPROVAL (ZONING).

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a site lease agreement with P3 TOBC-1, LLC in regards to a cell tower located at the Recycling Center pending Zoning Hearing Board approval.

A motion was made to adjourn into executive session by T. Bell, seconded by J. Hummel, and voted on unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. into executive session and ended at 9:14 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer