

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 24, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present were Mayor William Kreisher; Council Vice President Toni Bell; Council Members James Huber, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Chief of Police Roger Van Loan; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Bauman; Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman, Director of Finance Kathy Smith and Volunteer Fire Chief Scott McBride. Absent from Town Council was Council Member Justin Hummel.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher announced that the Bloomsburg High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams are competing at districts for the first time since 1998.

W. Kreisher announced that the Good Shepperd United Methodist Church in Town is selling donuts at their location of 5th and Iron Streets.

W. Kreisher announced that Town Staff has organized a Wendy's Fundraiser for the July 4th Event through the Bloomsburg University Student Philanthropy Council to be held on April 19, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ten percent of all purchases during this time will be donated to the Town.

W. Kreisher informed the public that a proposed Burning Ordinance has not been publicly advertised and will be discussed at March's Community and Economic Development Committee meeting. It was noted that the solicitor needs to update the language for private bon fires.

W. Kreisher noted that an executive session was held on February 13, 2020 from 5:36 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Citizen to be heard: Krystal Garcia Vice President of Community Government Association (CGA) informed Council that University students will be participating in the annual Big Event. Ms. Garcia explained that the purpose of the event is to assign students to projects that are submitted by Town residents. CGA takes pride with their relationship with the Town and Greek Life Support through the University. Greek Life Support is undergoing reformation to make philanthropy a goal. Applications can be submitted at any of the drop off sites throughout town. The drop off sites are located at United Way, Library and the Town Hall lobby. The application deadline is March 13, 2020. All items needed to complete the project will be supplied. There is a requirement that when work is being performed that someone must be at the house.

Citizen to be heard: Rich Kisner, Josh Nespoli, and Matt Hess proposed to Council a housing development plan on Donald Camplese's lot which is around 15 acres. The project includes building 40 to 50 single family homes that would be for rent for mixed income citizens. After fifteen years, the homes would convert to a first-time home ownership option. After 30-40 years the restrictions on the properties would covert to market rate. It was explained that the roadways to Franklin Court would need to be reconstructed. The Community Strategies Group has an active property management team that would perform the maintenance on the developed lot. In previous estimates that have been completed, this could cost and estimated amount of \$750,000 to \$900,000. Mr. Kisner noted that it is still very early in the planning process, however, if the Town would be unable to help financially, the project would not be able to be completed. L. Dooley noted

that SEDA-COG has Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds available that could potentially be used. Council suggested that this discussion be moved onto the Community and Economic Development Committee for further discussion about grant opportunities.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 10, 2020 Town Council minutes with the following correction: Change the tense of the word withdrawn to withdrew regarding the July 4th Event rain date for 2021.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SKYSHOOTERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00 FOR FIREWORKS AT THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION FOR 2020

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council denied payment to Skyshooters in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for fireworks at the July 4th Celebration for 2020.

APPROVAL OF THE ST. COLUMBA CHURCH – LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the plan with the following waiver:

1. The expansion joint material listed on sheet no. C801 shall be proposed to be 1.5” in width. [Sec. 22-706.E. and Sec. 22-706.F.]

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell and voted on 4 ‘yes’ votes and 2 ‘no’ votes (J. Huber and W. Kreisher), Council approved the plan with the following waiver:

2. The proposed access drive shall be paved with bituminous materials. [Sec. 22-502.10.H. and Sec. 22-703.]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the plan with the following waiver:

3. A recommendation to grant a waiver allowing the developer to add two ADA handicap parking spaces on the St. Columba lot in exchange for ADA handicap parking on site. [Sec. 22-501.7. and Sec. 22-607.4.]

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote (J. Huber), Council approved the plan with the following waiver:

4. Curbs and sidewalks shall be provided along Hartman Avenue. [Sec. 21-205.1.]

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote (J. Huber), Council approved the plan with the following waiver:

5. The proposed access drive intersection at Hartman Avenue shall be defined by the use of curbing. A curb detail shall be provided on the Plan. [Sec. 22-502.10.D.(1) and Sec. 22-705.]

APPROVAL OF THE GARCIA INCORPORATION – SUBDIVISION

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the plan with the following conditional item:

1. The 'Certificate of Ownership' statement provided shall be signed by the owner and notarized. [Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(s) and Sec. 22-403.1.A.(2)(t)]

APPROVAL OF A 90 DAY EXTENSION FOR THE BLOOMSBURG FAIRGROUNDS ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS LAND DEVELOPMENT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman and voted on unanimously, Council approved a 90 day extension for the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds Entrance Improvements Land Development.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTING CARBON ENGINEERING AS THE REVIEW ENGINEER FOR ALL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR 2020

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on 5 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved appointing Carbon Engineering as the review engineer for all land development plans for 2020.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A 2013 FORD EXPLORER FROM THE BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council denied purchasing a 2013 Ford Explorer from the Bloomsburg University Police Department in the amount of \$8,000.00

APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A 2013 FORD EXPLORER FROM BONNER CHEVROLET

On a motion T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved purchasing a 2013 Ford Explorer from Bonner Chevrolet in the amount of \$8,250.00.

With no further business, the meeting was motioned to be adjourned by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford at 8:07 p.m.

Lisa Dooley
Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer