

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 25, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 301 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA. Present was Mayor William Kreisher; Council Vice President Toni Bell; Council Members Fred Trump, James Huber, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, and Vince DeMelfi; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanza fame; Administrative Assistant Jessica Graham; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Acting Chief of Police Leonard Rogutski, and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Absent was: Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill and Fire Chief Scott McBride.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Joar Dahn, Community Government Association President, addressed the public and Council about The Big Event that is taking place on March 30, 2019 starting at 8 a.m. where more than 3,000 students clean up and do odd jobs for residents around town. The request for services sheet is due March 20<sup>th</sup> and are available at six locations, including Town Hall. He noted that the services are free, but they are always looking for sponsors. Mr. Dahn also informed Council that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Beyond the Fountain event where they first talked about racism and civil discourse with students and residents. This year, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, they will have Martin Freeman as a guest speaker and while the public is certainly welcome, the talk will center on students.

#### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 11, 2019 Town Council minutes without any additions or corrections.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA COG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,875.00 FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OF THE FFY 2016 CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the payment of \$8,875.00 for administration services of the FFY 2016 CDBG Entitlement Program

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO SEDA COG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,008.00 FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OF THE FFY 2017 CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved releasing funds in the amount of \$29,008.00 for administration services of the FFY 2017 CDBG Entitlement Program

#### **APPROVAL OF THE RETIREMENT OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DOUG LEVAN EFFECTIVE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved, with regret, Doug Levan's retirement from the Parking Enforcement Office.

#### **APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBIA COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG FOR WYOMING VALLEY FUNDING (LUZERNE COUNTY FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,813,872.52 IN REGARD TO THE FLOOD WALL EXPANSION PROJECT**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the cooperative agreement between Columbia County and the Town of Bloomsburg For Wyoming Valley Funding.

#### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Public Safety Committee minutes without any additions or corrections.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 282 EAST 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

On a motion by, seconded by and voted on unanimously, Council approved the handicap parking space at 282 East 8<sup>th</sup> street.

Council announced they would recess into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the retirement of Doug Levan and that they would reconvene. The Council came back into session at 7:45.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE HIRING OF DOUG LEVAN AS A PART TIME PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved hiring Doug Levan as a part time Parking Enforcement Officer for no more than 29 hours per week, at the hourly rate of \$11.00.

#### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL BY SAFECITY SOLUTIONS LLC TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE**

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a proposal by Safecity Solutions, LLC. to provide professional services in relation to the search for a new Chief of Police.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.