

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, March 11, 2019, 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 Fred Trump, James Huber, James Garman, Bonnie Crawford, and Vince DeMelfi; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanzafame; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Acting Chief of Police Leonard Rogutski; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman; and Fire Chief Scott McBride. Absent was Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher informed the public that Governor Wolf announced a new program called Restore Pennsylvania which is funded by a severance tax. Restore Pennsylvania will assist towns within Columbia County with past and future flood damages. W. Kreisher noted that this funding could be used to help protect the west end of Bloomsburg from future flooding.

W. Kreisher thanked the Bloomsburg Fire Department for their heroic rescue of a woman who jumped into the Susquehanna River.

W. Kreisher informed the public that the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Floodwall Expansion Project will be on March 29th at 10:30 a.m.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

Rich Kisner, Matt Hess, and Josh Nespoli of the Community Strategies Group discussed with Council the possibility of building a pocket park in downtown Bloomsburg on the south side of Market Square at 110 W. Main St. The vacant lot would be turned into an “arts” attraction, something in a style similar to the old Moose Exchange.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by, F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the February 25, 2019 Town Council minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND FEBRUARY 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, \$314,739.77; Recycling Fund, \$17,990.55; Street Lighting Fund, \$6,903.47; Fire Fund, \$7,711.73; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$5,085.76; CDBG Fund, \$37,883.00; CDBG-DR Fund, \$51,086.41 and the February payroll authorization in the amount of \$226,989.88

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for Arnold Roberts for a porch floor replacement at 239 Iron Street.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, and on the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board, Council denied a Certificate of Appropriateness for Elnashar Nasser to install a door on the front of the building at 134 E. Main Street.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 (CHANGE ORDER NO. 3) TO BORTON LAWSON FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL STORM WATER PUMP STATION AT MARKET STREET (NO. 4) FOR THE PHASE III ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Amendment No. 3 (change order No. 3) to Borton Lawson in the amount of \$40,620.00 for additional design services for an additional storm water pump station on Market Street (No. 4) for the Phase III Engineering Agreement for the Floodwall Expansion Project.

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LIVIC CIVIL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TASK 1: DESIGN OF CURB CUTS AND LIAISON WORK WITH UTILITIES AND TASK 2: CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT FOR THE 2019 STREET PAVING

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an Agreement with Livic Civil in an amount not to exceed \$6,250 for professional services for task 1:

design of curb cuts and liaison work with utilities and task 2: construction oversight for the 2019 street paving.

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LIVIC CIVIL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TASK 1: TOWN DESIGN REVIEW LIAISON WORK WITH PENNDOT (2019) AND TASK 2: DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE TA SET ASIDE GRANT (2019) REGARDING THE EAST STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET LIGHTING PROJECT (SR11/487)

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an agreement with Livic Civil in an amount not to exceed \$98,500 for professional services for task 1: town design review liaison work with PennDOT (2019) and task 2: design services for the TA Set Aside Grant (2019) regarding the East Street Pedestrian Improvements and Street Lighting Project (SR11/487). (Additional monies will be needed in future years as well.)

APPROVAL OF SELLING THE GAS AND DIESEL FUEL TANKS AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUILDING ON MUNICIBID.

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on 6 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote (F. Trump), Council approved selling the gas and diesel fuel tanks at the Public Works Department Building on Municibid.

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved an agreement for professional services with Delta Airport Consultants.

APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THE TOWN WITH APPI ENERGY FOR 24 MONTHS AT A RATE OF \$0.04671 (DAILY RATE CHANGE)

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council tabled this item until further information is provided.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

John Lewis requested an additional one way street sign be placed at the intersection of 3rd Street and Spruce St. He noted that every day he sees cars driving the wrong direction on that road. L. Rogutski noted that he will have officers patrolling that road more closely.

John Lewis asked Council if the Parking Enforcement Officers could lower the amount of tickets they write for the vehicles parked on 3rd Street when it is not a day when the street sweeper or snow plows have to drive through. College students constantly park in his parking space to avoid getting a parking ticket.

W. Kreisher read to Council a draft letter of support for Bloomsburg University for a grant application. The University wants to use those grant funds towards a program which would help regulate off campus student parties and drinking. W. Kreisher asked for the approval from Council to send this letter of support. L. Rogutski noted that the grant the University is applying for is the same grant that the Bloomsburg Police Department applied for and he hoped that the University’s application would not interfere with the Police Department’s ability to receive the grant.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on 6 ‘yes’ votes and 1 ‘no’ vote (J. Huber), Council approved W. Kreisher signing and sending the letter of support for Bloomsburg University’s grant application.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Tracy Lanzafame
Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary