

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 8, 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; Town Manager/Secretary Lauren Martz; Director of Human Resources/Assistant Secretary Tracy Lanza fame; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Administrative Assistant/Receptionist Jessica Graham; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz; Acting Chief of Police Leonard Rogutski; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman; and Chief of the Bloomsburg Fire Department Scott McBride.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher informed the public that Colonel Charles Bechtel was amazed at the positive activity and productivity of the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport under the care of Airport Coordinator B.J. Teichman.

W. Kreisher officially proclaimed May 17-18, 2019 'Relay for Life Day'. Members of Relay for Life Brenda Bennet, Donna Kimberling, and Amanda Waldron were present to receive the official proclamation in honor of their continued efforts together with the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD

Bloomsburg Middle School teacher Alex Oliver was accompanied by two sixth grade students, Mya Coyne and Ilyana Reuther, to request usage of the grassy area in front of the band shell at Bloomsburg Town Park for a kickball tournament fundraiser. A. Oliver explained that the tournament would be organized by the Bloomsburg Middle School's Builder's Club. The club is a student-led, Kiwanis sponsored group in which students seek opportunities to serve their school, local community and globally.

Mya Coyne then detailed the work accomplished by the club during the school year. The students travelled to Bloomsburg Towers and decorated cookies together with over 20 residents. The students also raised over \$500 in a school wide fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Ilyana explained that the Kick Ball Fundraiser was to benefit Smile Train International, an organization that provides free surgeries for impoverished children born with cleft lips. To raise money for this organization, all participants in the tournament will donate \$4 upon signing up, making the total cost for each 8 person team \$32. Mya and Ilyana affirmed that the event would be of no cost to the town because it did not require anything other than field use and that a certificate of liability insurance would be provided to the Town by the school.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the Bloomsburg Middle School's Builder's Club to use the area in front of the band shell at Town Park for a kickball tournament fundraiser contingent upon proof of the school's certificate of insurance.

Fred Gaffney addressed Council regarding the proposed plan to close metered spaces in the municipal lots from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, April 13, 2019 in an attempt to eliminate Block Party attendees from out of town utilizing all the downtown parking. F. Gaffney noted that closing the municipal lots would not only reduce the amount of attendees from Block Party, but it would also restrict downtown customers, local residents, businesses, and employees from parking in the downtown. F. Gaffney expressed his concern that this plan for Block Party was not discussed earlier so as to allow time for citizens to adjust their schedules to coincide with the proposed parking restrictions.

Dan Knorr from Bloomsburg University stated that he is working with both the Town and the University to diminish problems with out-of-towners attending Block Party. For several years, the University has had issues with non-students being in the dorms and over the last couple of years they have increasingly limited the number of guests students are allowed in the dormitories. As always, they will have Bloomsburg University Police set up to give out citations; they handed out 288 citations in 2018. D. Knorr anticipates that the University sponsored on campus Spring Fest will help reduce the number of students attending Block Party. Last year's attendance for Spring Fest had increased and seemed to cap at 2,200 people. This year the event will be held at the Academic Quad to provide better accessibility and encourage more students to attend. University Police will be monitoring the parking lot by the Library to ensure that the people parking are attending spring fest and not just using it to park for the downtown block party.

Nick McGaw, owner of Endless Records, stated his concern for the proposed parking lot closure plan for Block Party on April 13, 2019, which is also coincidentally National Record Day. Mr. McGaw stated that this was his busiest day of the year and asked Council if they would consider changing the hours they propose to have the metered spaces in the municipal lots closed. Endless Records will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. that day and his customers will have no place to park. Council asked Mr. McGaw if the lots were closed from 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, if that would accommodate his business N. McGaw agreed that those hours would accommodate his customers parking needs.

Justin Hummel owner of The Study Bar stated that changing the proposed parking lot regulations to 12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. will adversely affect employees and the patrons that come to his business. He noted that he is allowed to serve his customers until 2:00 a.m.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by B. Crawford and voted on 1 'yes' vote (F. Trump) and 6 'no' votes, Council rejected the proposal to close the metered spaces in the municipal lots from 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed parking plan on the agenda, with attendees Oren Helbok, Gisele Whitmore, Eric Bower, John White-Spunner, Tiffany Polizzi, Susan McGarry, Kim Kus, and Cleve Hummel offering Council their opinion on how to handle parking in the downtown during Block Party.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a motion to table the discussion of parking in the downtown during Block Party.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 04-08-19.01 FEE RESOLUTION

On a motion by, T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (V. DeMelfi), Council approved resolution 04-08-19.01 Fee Resolution.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 25, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS AND MARCH PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment of the following monthly bills: General Fund, 198,863.25; Recycling Fund, \$15,724.29; Street Lighting Fund, \$7,491.25; Fire Fund, \$6,755.26; Liquid Fuels Fund, \$5,679.13; and the March payroll authorization in the amount of \$219,964.14

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYING DISPUTED 2018 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY SEWER INVOICES INCURRED FROM MARCH THROUGH JUNE 2018 TO AVOID LEGAL COSTS TO THE TOWN.

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

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING THE SALE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 215 E. 5TH STREET WHICH IS LEASED TO THE COLUMBIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

On a motion by, T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising the sale of the building located at 215 E. 5th street which is leased to the Columbia Child Development Program.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG AND UNITED WAY OF COLUMBIA AND MONTOUR COUNTIES REGARDING EXPANDING AND PROMOTING THE BLOOMSBURG FARMER'S MARKET TO HAVE AN ARTISAN COMPONENT ON SATURDAYS STARTING FROM JUNE 1, 2019 UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON.

On a motion by, J. Huber, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a partnership between the Town of Bloomsburg and the United Way of Columbia and Montour counties regarding expanding and promoting the Bloomsburg Farmer's Market to have an artisan component on Saturdays starting from June 1, 2019 until the end of the season.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A PART-TIME PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO WORK 20 HOURS PER WEEK.

On a motion by, B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising for a part-time Parking Enforcement Officer to work 20 hours per week.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved John Boyd of 346-348 Catherine Street to Replace Asphalt Shingles with Standing Seam Metal.

APPROVAL OF BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PHASE II – LOT INCORPORATION – LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Financial security shall be provided for the proposed site improvements. A construction cost estimate shall be provided. [Sec. 22-404. C.]

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, and upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Council approved the plan contingent upon the following conditional items being met:

1. The Certification of Ownership statement provided on sheet LD-CS shall be signed and notarized. [Sec. 22-404.D.(1)(a)7], Sec. 22-404.B.(1)(a)8 and Sec. 22-404.D.(1)(a)5.
2. Copies of the Reimbursement and Right-of-Way Agreements for the relocation of the underground fiber optics line between the School District and Verizon shall be provided. [Sec. 22-805. B.]
3. An Operation & Maintenance Agreement shall be prepared and executed between the Town and the School District for all proposed drainage and storm water management facilities on the site. [Sec. 22-805. B.]

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF A RECYCLING TRAILER FROM DANVILLE BOROUGH TO THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG RECYCLING CENTER

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved accepting the transfer of a recycling trailer from Danville Borough to the Town of Bloomsburg Recycling Center.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO PAUL AND DEBRA GILBERT FOR A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE PAID VIA CDBG-DR FUNDS.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$8,000.00 to Paul and Debra Gilbert for a temporary easement agreement regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project to be paid via CDBG-DR funds.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO PAUL AND DEBRA GILBERT FOR A PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE PAID VIA CDBG-DR FUNDS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$16,000.00 to Paul and Debra Gilbert for a permanent easement agreement regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project to be paid via CDBG-DR funds.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON ENGINEERING INC. FOR INVOICE #4 FOR PHASE II PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 28, 2018 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$2,708.89 to Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc. for invoice #4 for phase II professional services from December 1, 2018 to December 28, 2018 regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON ENGINEERING INC. FOR INVOICE #5 FOR PHASE II PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 29, 2018 TO MARCH 8, 2019 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$1,382.25 to Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc. for invoice #5 for phase II professional services from December 29, 2018 to March 8, 2019 regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO BORTON LAWSON ENGINEERING INC. FOR INVOICE #9 FOR PHASE III PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2018 TO MARCH 29, 2019 REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in the amount of \$81,306.16 to Borton Lawson Engineering, Inc. for invoice #9 for Phase III Professional Services from November 30, 2018 to March 29, 2019 regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT #1 TO SEDA-COG FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REGARDING THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment #1 in the amount of \$80,701.46 to SEDA-Cog for administrative services regarding the Floodwall Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR KREISHER ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG TO APPROVE ITEMS NEEDING IMMEDIATE REVIEW AND MODIFICATION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOODWALL EXPANSION PROJECT

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved Mayor Kreisher, on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg, be allowed to approve items needing

immediate review and modification with regard to the construction of the Floodwall Expansion Project. (All invoices and change orders will continue to be approved at regularly scheduled Public Works and Council meetings).

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by J. Garman and voted on unanimously, Council approved authorizing T. Bell, on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg, to approve items needing immediate review and modification regarding the construction of the Floodwall Expansion Project in the absence of Mayor Kreisher.

RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER A 24 MONTH CONTRACT WITH ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER APPI FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES AT A RATE OF \$0.04795 PER KWH.

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to enter a 24 month contract with electric service provider APPI for electrical services at a rate of \$0.04795 per kWh.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TO APPLY FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (HMGP) TO POTENTIALLY ELEVATE TWO SEVERE REPETITIVE LOSS PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) to potentially elevate two severe repetitive loss properties in the Town of Bloomsburg (Deadline to apply is May 25, 2019).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ENGAGING SEDA-COG TO PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE WORK FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) APPLICATION

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to engaging SEDA-Cog to perform administrative work for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PAYMET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,400.00 TO HAVE AN ENGINEER DETERMINE THE CAPABILITY OF A STRUCTURE TO BE ELEVATED AND PREPARE REQUIRED ENGINEER CERTIFIED DRAWINGS

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved payment in an amount not to exceed \$8,400.00 to have an engineer determine the capability of a structure to be elevated and prepare required engineer certified drawings. (If the grant is awarded, the cost is reimbursable, but if it is not awarded it is not reimbursed).

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADVERTISING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 11 PART 2, HOUSING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING NON-STUDENT RENTAL PROVISIONAL LICENSES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, Council approved advertising an amendment to Chapter 11 Part 2, housing, of the Code of Ordinances regarding non-student rental provisional licenses.

The Mayor informed the public that donations are being accepted via www.takeactionbu.org/fireworks for the fireworks display during this year's July 4th event.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary