

A regular meeting of Bloomsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 22, 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 Lanzafame; Administrative Assistant Bobbi Erlston; Director of Public Works John Fritz; Acting Chief of Police Leonard Rogutski; Director of Code Enforcement Ken Roberts; Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Magill, and Airport Coordinator BJ Teichman. Absent was Director of Governmental Services/Recycling Coordinator Charles Fritz.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Bloomsburg University Director of External and Government Relations Dan Knorr thanked the Town of Bloomsburg and the Bloomsburg Police Department for all the help and support during the 2019 Block Party.

D. Knorr informed Town Council that the pedestrian bridge project will begin on April 29, 2019. A detour that will direct traffic from Lightstreet Road to Central Road to Route 11 will be in effect from April 29, 2019 to May 15, 2019. If weather conditions effect the construction of said project the detour schedule will be extended to May 17, 2019.

D. Knorr noted that Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. has been working with SEDA-Cog regarding the Miller Avenue Project which is being funded by the Town of Bloomsburg's CDBG Annual Entitlement Funds. Larson Design Group was chosen as the project engineer out of seven submitted proposals.

D. Knorr informed Town Council and the public that Bloomsburg University's Philanthropy Program will be spearheading the fundraising process for the Town of Bloomsburg July 4th event. Donations are being accepted via www.TakeActionBU.org/fireworks and checks made out to Bloomsburg University Foundation. D. Knorr noted that there is an estimated \$550 left from last year's event that will be contributed to this year's celebration.

L. Rogutski informed Town Council that during this year's Block Party there were an additional 19 officers that were assisting the Bloomsburg Police Department. The number of officers that monitored Block Party was lower this year than in previous years. L. Rogutski noted that he felt they were understaffed this year.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

W. Kreisher informed the public that an executive session of the Admin/Finance Committee was held on April 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to review the Town Manager's self-evaluation report with L. Martz. W. Kreisher noted that the review went well.

W. Kreisher noted that the fire alarm went off over the weekend due to the basement being wet from the recent rain showers. A Knox Box will be installed to allow the Bloomsburg Fire Department to have access to inside of the building going forward.

W. Kreisher noted that the Town of Bloomsburg has been recognized as a Tree City USA city for 24 years due to the hard work and dedication of the Town of Bloomsburg Shade Tree Commission.

W. Kreisher informed the public that on May 18, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will be clean-up day at the Town Park, and the annual Cake and Ice Cream Festival will be the first Thursday in August.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

W. Kreisher read a proclamation for Arbor Day to Shade Tree Commission member Sylvia Costa.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-22-19.01 EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on 6 'yes' votes and 1 'no' vote (J. Huber), Council approved Resolution No. 04-22-19.01 Emergency Operation Plan.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 8, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by F. Trump, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved the April 8, 2019 Town Council minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A FIRE ESCROW CHECK FROM ANTOINETTE KESTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 290 W. 11TH STREET

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by T. Bell, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to accept a fire escrow check from Antoinette Kester in the amount of \$26,226.00 for the property located at 290 W. 11th street.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A CHAPTER 27 ZONING AMENDMENT FOR HALFWAY HOUSES FOR PERSONS ON PAROLE OR PROBATION

On a motion by F. Trump seconded by T. Bell and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise a Chapter 27 Zoning Amendment for halfway houses for persons on parole or probation.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A CHAPTER 27 ZONING AMENDMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES

On a motion by T. Bell, seconded by J. Huber, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise a Chapter 27 Zoning Amendment for substance abuse treatment facilities.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE A CHAPTER 27 ZONING AMENDMENT FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, Council approved to advertise a Chapter 27 Zoning Amendment for homeless shelters.

APPROVAL OF A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 414 E. 4TH STREET

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by F. Trump, and voted on unanimously, Council approved a handicap parking space at 414 E. 4th street.

On a motion by J. Huber, seconded by V. DeMelfi, and voted on unanimously, Council approved extending L. Rogutski's position as Acting Chief of Police for 30 days.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Lauren Martz
Town Manager/Secretary